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## THREE PENS TOO MUCH

A gentleman went into a shop not long since and asked for a dozen steel pens. "Be sure that you do not give me thirteen," he remarked to the boy who waited on him, "for I do not want the trouble of bringing one back."

The boy apparently did as he was bidden, but when the gentleman reached home he found that three extra pens hadl been slipped in. Several explanations were possible. The boy had been careless, or he intended to play a cheap kind of joke on the purchaser, or he took a notion to be liberal with his employer's property. In any case he did what he should not have done, showed himself unbusiness-like, and, judging from that one trivial action, will never in future attain great success.

Three pens too much, three pennies too much, or three dollars too much-the principle is the same in any case. The boy who, even when selling such trivial articles as steel pens, is careful to cheat neither employer nor the purchaser will make some day the kind of man whom the public will honor with high office and perhaps trust with the care of millions

