

THE "WORLD" DENIES THE CHARGE.

Editor TRADER—SIR:

WHILE you grant me space in your columns to say that the statement in the *Jeweler's Catalogue* that I have said, at any time, or to any person, that S. F. Myers & Co. supplied the *World* with watches, is a libel as gross as was ever uttered. As the *World* never bought a watch from S. F. Myers & Co., either directly or indirectly, such a statement makes me out a silly libeller. The editor wrote this libel wilfully and maliciously after I had assured him in the strongest possible manner that I have no reason to believe, nor have reason even to surmise, that Myers had furnished watches to the brokers supplying *The World*.

Yours truly,

The World, New York, Sept. 4th, 1890. T. E. WILSON.

BARNUM'S OLD CLOCK.

Editor TRADER—SIR:

IN reading a notice copied from the *New York Sun*, I was reminded of the same kind of a clock I inspected in Barnum's museum in 1853. It was made in England, and run twelve months with one winding, so the Brooklyn jewelers are away behind the age. The mechanism is very simple, viz.: There is a graduated platform balanced on very fine lozenge knife pivots, and attached is a pair of pallets which elevate the platform when the scape wheel is loosened from two lever detents which hold the scape wheel while the ball is moving from one end to the other; the lever detents come above the platform one quarter of an inch, and the weight of the ball is just sufficient to unlock the escapement. There are two regulating balls, one at each end, to regulate the clock. The only difficulty to be surmounted is to get correct angles of the incline plane to occupy a given period of time. The one mentioned takes one minute.

Truro, N.S., Sept. 9, 1890.

W. N. MILLS.

MR. MOODY'S CONUNDRUM.

Editor TRADER—SIR:

IHAVE often admired the able editor of your paper for the fearless style of his composition and the general make up of his paper.

I want to know if you really don't think there is more real gas and puff than substance in this institute with the big word directing us to it.

I would like the editor to first tell us in English the meaning of *Horological*, for I

find a great number of people who use the word who don't know what it really does mean.

I will ask the gentleman running the *Horological Institute* and the watchmakers in Canada generally one question, which answer please send to the editor of *THE TRADER*. You will have a month to answer it in, and the gentleman who answers

it I am sure the public and the trade will stamp as a man who has had a first-class training from a first class man, for such knowledge is not stored in books but is only given or learned by experience, and is only known by first class men, strictly so classed.

QUESTION.—Give the exact rule to make the roller table and pallets fork of any lever watch when both have been lost or thrown away, and that when these parts are made they will fit exactly so that the watch will go right off without filing or tinkering at it?

I have heard the question started "what shall we do with the botch?" I now ask the question "what shall we do with the off scourings of the country towns and farms and the slums of the old country; people who in a city like Toronto get the approbation of good citizens and impose on the trade and the public generally?"

Respectfully yours,

Hamilton, Sept. 10, 1890.

CHRIS. MOODY.

[NOTE.—If Mr. Moody will look up his dictionary he will find that *Horological* means pertaining to the horologe or to horology. *Horologe* is a clock or watch, and *Horology* the art of constructing machines for the measurement of time. ED. TRADER.]

MR. MOSS EXPLAINS.

Editor TRADER—SIR:

WHILE you kindly give me space to reply to the item in your last issue, "*Going for Him*," I am sure you are not conducting this crusade against me out of a desire to injure me, which you have done unwittingly.

The last bill of goods I bought was on the 19th of June; I assigned on the 18th of July. Is that *only a few days*? I was not expecting to be sued and pushed at that time as I have been since. The party I bought from pressed me hard to take a dozen sets of fine gold jewelry, etc., and had I known, I might have been tempted to do so. These goods, of course, form part of my liabilities. They also appear in my assets. As to my having recognized the justice of the contention of my Toronto creditors to meet their demands in full by having paid some of them already, it is simply and utterly untrue. I have paid no one a cent. I candidly admit most of their demands are just, but I can't pay them. For the last eight years I have conducted my business under a baneful rumor that one of my Halifax creditors held a bill of sale on my stock, etc., and it appears by their own admittance that they connived by accepting a 10 per cent. commission for taking a risk on my purchases. This spring I ordered some silverware from Toronto, the order was rejected except for cash. One of these firms had the effrontery to tell me a few days ago that they knew of the refusal, and the reason was they would not take the risk as on former occasions. Since that time nearly all my creditors deserted me, showing clearly that a rumor was going round that was breaking up my credit. I appealed to the Mercantile Agency, and they did all they could in the premises. They elicited the fact, however, that neither of the Halifax wholesale firms held a bill of