

"COMMERCIAL" CROOKS.

How Unwary Country Merchants Are Swindled Every Day.

Two respectable looking "commercial men" have been robbing country merchants by an old game. Reports from numerous villages tell of their visits. A victim says: Both entered the store together. One asked for a ten-cent plug of tobacco, which was handed him by the proprietor. Mr. Thief throws down a cent, and on being told of it by the storekeeper, excuses himself, saying he thought it was a dime, then produces a ten-dollar bill as the smallest he has. Storekeeper hands him a five-dollar bill in change and \$4.90 in silver. He folds up the bill, puts it in his pocket, and in doing so discovers the missing dime. He doesn't want all that \$4.90 in silver; would proprietor take the 10c. and give him another? Certainly he will. On second thought Mr. Thief would awfully like to keep the original ten dollar bill. Could he trouble, etc. Storekeeper bites, and the rascal then pushes the second five-dollar bill and the silver towards his victim, while the first bill is safe in his vest pocket. The confederate then chips in and draws the storekeeper's attention by asking for 10c. worth of candy, and between the two the unfortunate storekeeper gets bewildered and loses his head and his five dollars, and his two customers bid him "good day and glide out. As a general thing the discovery is not noticed until the cash is counted in the evening, and by that time the birds have flown. The description of the men is as follows: The taller is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, black moustache, wore square-topped black Derby hat, dark green coachman's overcoat and dark tweed suit. His converse is somewhat shorter, heavy moustache, black Derby hat, dark clothes and overcoat.

How to Lie When Asleep.

It would seem on the first blush of the matter—that the posture for—that is, to favor—sleep must be generally the same as that voluntarily or instinctively assumed during sleep; but a little consideration will make it apparent that this is not correct. It may be granted that, supposing a person to be sleeping lightly and uncomfortably, the posture will be changed half-consciously to one of comfort. It would be more correct to say that it is changed in the endeavor to avoid distress or discomfort; but even the fact that sleep is quieter in the new position will not suffice to prove that this is a better one, because the sleep may mean while have become deeper. It is, on the whole, impossible to ascertain, either by experience or observation, which is the posture most conducive to sleep, and attempts to lay down rules for the guidance of bad sleepers are always arbitrary, generally empirical, and rarely of any practical value.

Those who think "anæmia of the cerebrum" is the cause of sleep, and those who think that, though not the cause, a diminution in the quantity of blood in the vessels of the encephalon is a necessary concomitant of sleep, prefer and recommend that the head should be higher than the feet; while those who adopt the opposite view and think passive congestion causes or promotes somnolence, would have the feet raised and the head lowered. The confounding of stupor with sleep may and probably has something to do with these difference of opinion. Meanwhile, a common-sense view of the subject would conclude that, as there is evidently some change in the blood state when the brain falls asleep, the best plan must seem to be to place the body in such position that the flow of blood through the vessels of the head and neck may be especially easy and free. The way to secure this is to allow the head to lie in a posture and on a level that cannot offer any obstacle to the free return of blood through the veins of the neck, and does not tend to make the blood flow specially in any particular direction, but leaves nature at liberty to act as she will.

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Buttons Coming Out.

There is walling among the button-makers. The gorgeous buttons that have illuminated ladies dresses by the dozens and dozens are good out of fashion. The correct thing now is to conceal the fastenings. Boxes and boxes of buttons lie unloved on the shelves of the dealers. But—such are the compositions of trade—the hook and eye sellers are delighted.

"We Never Smiled Again"

No "hardly ever" about it. He had an attack of what people call "biliousness," and to smile was impossible. Yet a man may "smile and smile, and be a villain still, still he was no villain, but a plain, blunt, honest man, that needed a remedy such as Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets," which never fail to cure biliousness and diseased or torpid liver, dyspepsia and chronic constipation. Of druggists.

Earning a Fortune.

The following is absolutely true, though it sounds remarkably like fiction. In Nottingham there lived an old couple, Mr. and Mrs. C. They were exceedingly rich, and exceedingly close. Lately they both died, and the heirs hurried down to Nottingham to hunt up the good things which the miserly couple had been obliged to leave behind them in their journey to a better world, particularly the diamonds, a magnificent collection of which the late Mrs. C. had been known to possess. But, hunt as they could nothing could they find. In their search young Mrs. C., however, discovered in a lumber-room an old trunk, which on being opened, was found to be full of old stays, dirty old curl papers, and a quantity of old hair combs. So exceedingly nasty was it all that she immediately ordered the contents to be turned out in the court yard and burned, and even herself superintended the work of destruction, occasionally aided it by flicking in stray pieces with the point of her parasol. In so doing, however, she noticed one of the curl papers slowly, through the action of the heat, uncurl itself, and to her horror discovered that it was a £50 note. I hear £800 were saved but it is estimated that nearly £26,000 have been destroyed. However, the diamonds still remained, and a diligent search was instituted for these. In the meantime Mrs. C. jr., to remove from her husband's gaze the unpleasant heap of cinders that constantly reminded him of his loss, had called in the aid of the local dustman, who had carted them off without delay. At length an old woman in the neighboring workhouse was discovered who had formerly lived with Mr. and Mrs. C., and, on enquiring of her as to the diamonds, she immediately said: "Oh, certainly; Mrs. C. had some beautiful diamonds; but much good they were to her, for she showed them all up in her old stays!" Over £60,000 is said to have been thus burnt and thrown away.—Glasgow Herald.

Tone up the system and improve the appetite by taking Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It will make you feel like a new person. Thousands have found health, and relief from suffering, by the use of this great blood purifier, when all other means failed.

Woman's Sorrows and Cruelty.

No, the pathos of life is not exhausted in the sorrows of women; nor is its cruelty altogether the prerogative of men. It need not be told here how merciless are the exactions of social life in our great cities, with their inexorable "must be's" and "must have's," yet women, whose eyes will overflow as they talk of the burden of human sorrow and who honestly believe the law of love and mercy rules their lives will accept these killing sacrifices. They feel no compunction as they put on graceful costumes and wraps which express, perhaps, a month of toil, of anxiety, of heart-ache, and, alas! even under too great a pressure, a departure from a strict ideal of honesty. Do we not all know that life is full of wrecks made in this way—men each of whom, like Lydgate in George Eliot's story, starts with pure white sails on what is to be a triumphal voyage—no mistakes such as other men have made—but, she who should have been his inspiration, his star, is his ruin? With her inexorable needs she is the incessant rock upon which he wrecked, and his lofty aspiration and fair ideal go down fathoms deep in mud and slime.—Mary Parroels in American Magazine.

The best medical writers claim that the successful remedy for nasal catarrh must be non-irritating, easy of application, and one that will by its own action, reach all the remote sores and ulcerated surfaces. The history of the efforts to treat catarrh during the past few years obliges us to admit that only one remedy has completely met these conditions, and that is Ely's Cream Balm. This safe and pleasant remedy has mastered catarrh as nothing else has ever done, and both physicians and patients freely concede this fact. The more distressing symptoms quickly yield to it.

The Newspaper at Home.

In many families the newspaper has become a forbidden object to the hands and eyes of the younger members. Their parents have become unwilling that they should familiarize themselves with the records of crimes to be found there, with the fact of the frequently light and flippant ways of mentioning them, while in many cases the advertisements have become sources of apprehension. It is a pity, however, to deprive the growing children of all knowledge of what is going on in the world in different regions from those of crime, and households have always their safeguard in the provision of a weekly paper which, while keeping its readers abreast with the current of the world, is not bound as a matter of news to the daily consideration of the last theft or murder.—Harper's Bazar.

In Dreadful Condition.

Hattie E. Manthorn, of Mill Village, Ont., says, "My cough was dreadful, I could not sleep at nights on account of it, but when I used Hagyard's Pectoral Balm I had rest and was quickly cured. All druggists sell the invaluable cough remedy."

A Word to the Boys.

Are you attending school this winter? And if you are do you put in good time in the study of your lessons and in an earnest effort to learn? Do you study as hard during school as you play at recess? Are you aware of the fact that your parents are sending you for the good that may follow in after years. Do you go because you love to learn or because your parents demand your going. Are you so attentive to your books as you should be, or is it necessary for the teacher to keep you reminded of your studies. These are important questions, and we hope you can answer them in a truthful, unshy manner. We have noticed in our ramblings so many farm boys who seem to have no ambition to rise to a greater level than that of a common farmer—the kind that depends upon what he sees others do, and without any desire to elevate his calling. There is such a vast difference between the common and the cultivated farmer that all the young men should have no trouble in deciding where they will be classed. There are steps in all callings, and we should not be content to remain at the bottom when there is room at the top. While you are at school you should be learning that which will be of use to you in your life work. If you farm you should pay strict attention to land and cubic measure, and weights, together with simple interest. These you will find of use to you and you should be familiar with them. You should understand the divisions of geography relating to your own Province and country, and those countries with which we hold commercial relations. You may then understand more clearly the relations in respect to the productions and markets, and as you read the news contained in the papers, you may better understand the situation of affairs. There are so many things depending upon the proper training received at the country school that each and every parent should take special pains in seeing that their children are learning that which will be of use to them in after years. Do not go to school to keep from work at home, or to obtain amusement, but for the good you may receive, and rest assured you will never regret the effort it may have cost you.

Not a Book Agent

Mr. Goode, druggist, is not a book agent, but has the agency in Goderich for Johnston's Tonic Bitters, which he can heartily recommend for any complaint to which a tonic medicine is applicable. This valuable medicine has been with most astonishing good results in cases of general debility, weakness, irregularities peculiar to females, extreme paleness, impoverishment of the blood, stomach and liver troubles, loss of appetite, and for that general worn out feeling that nearly every one is troubled with at some part of the year. Don't forget the name Johnston's Tonic Bitters 50c. and \$1 per bottle at Goode's drug store, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

Daisy.

The sight of a mother and child who are quite inseparable, not merely through the mother's solicitude or the child's helplessness, but through genuine preference for each others society, is one of the most beautiful in the world. Motherhood, beautiful under all circumstances, takes an added embellishment from an affectionate companionship of this sort.

There is such an attachment between little Daisy and her mother, as if they were not merely mother and daughter nor woman and child, but jolly good friends as well. You will scarcely see one without the other. Not long ago, Daisy was induced by a lady who was on terms of intimate relationship to go and visit her for a few days. Daisy spent the time allotted, and then was brought back by her hostess, who remarked with a smile:

"I am afraid that Daisy didn't have the best time in the world. She wept slightly once or twice."

After the lady had gone, Daisy's mother asked her:

"Were you homesick, Daisy?"

"No, not homesick, you know, but I guess I was a little mother-sick, mamma?"

After the demonstration that followed, Daisy asked:

"Were you happy while I was away, mamma?"

"Not very happy, Daisy."

"Then I guess you must have been child-sick, weren't you, mamma?"

Nil Desperandum

"Never despair," is a good motto for all. If afflicted with any lingering disease, remember "while there is life there is hope." Never despair of relief until you have tried Burdock Blood Bitter. It cures disease of the stomach, liver and blood when all other medicines fail.

Relief for Hiccough.

If you should have hiccough try one of the following remedies, every one of which is vouched for by different authorities. Slightly refrigerate the lobe of the ear. Clasp the hands with arms above the head. Press the finger each side under the ear, near jawbone. Inhale chloroform until relieved.

About Lamps.

Don't have in every room a beautiful lamp, softened and shaded so that it is "just light enough to see how dark it is." The "dim religious light" is becoming and aesthetic, but somewhere—wherever the most reading is done—we want a good, strong light. I have in my mind a picture of a great six-foot man, whom I know, wandering helplessly around, from one shaded, lacustrimmed lamp to another, trying to find a lamp without a petticoat, by which to read his evening paper. Let the useful German student, or the Argand drop light, hold a place of honor especially if there are very young or old eyes to bend over the printed page. There are many lamps, beautiful to lighten a dark corner, that are useless on a centre table. There has been a species of carved brass shades invented lately, set here and there with great bulb-eyes of colored glass. Beware of it! It is fair to look on, but difficult to read by. First, the light through the red bulb's eyes will smite your long-suffering optic, and if you dodge that, it is only to fall into the more noxious blue. After prancing around one of these shades a whole evening, I went to bed and dreamed I was looking at fireworks all night.

Rose is the prettiest all-over color for a shade, and yellow next; blue is apt to make people look a little ghastly. There are all kinds of crocheted, silk, ribbon, lace and paper shades, but they all lose their color before long if put on next to glass shade, and then they look so scorched and forlorn, and show so plainly that they "have seen better days," that one regrets the time spent in making them. I saw some pretty shades lately made of pink and yellow crepe. They were just big circles of the crepe, with a hole cut in the middle for the chimney and top of the shade. The lower edge was trimmed with lace. They fell in soft folds, and shaded a lamp without extinguishing it.

Now a word as to the care of lamps, which few servants understand. They should be kept perfectly clean, and filled every day. The wick should be rubbed off, not cut, and the chimneys washed, whenever they are the least smoked, with a little ammonia and water, which clears them instantly. There is nothing that will reward your care more, for a pretty well-trimmed lamp lends beauty to a whole room, while a smoky, bad-smelling one will destroy an entire evening's pleasure.—Congregationalist.

The best regulators for the stomach and bowels, the best cure for biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, and all affections arising from a disordered liver, are without exception Johnston's Tonic Liver Pills. Small in size, sugar coated, mild, yet effective. 25 cts. per bottle sole by Goode, druggist, Albion block, Goderich, sole agent.

A New York paper publishes a pathetic story of two young girls in that city who attempted suicide. One of them had a situation in a cheap museum. The other could get no employment. The income from the museum was not sufficient for both, and so they calmly decided to die together rather than resort to a life of shame. How many poor and unfortunate creatures are there in all our great cities and towns standing close to the verge of self destruction, or about to enter upon a living death, because the world will not extend them a helping hand. And yet we have bread in plenty and to spare.

When the Modest Girl's Alone.

Most men like modest girls best. Modesty is discretion; that's all. The modest girl won't let you hold her hand when there's anybody to see; but she's whole-souled when there's nobody looking, and gives you both her hands. I have known young ladies who would squeeze your hands tenderly, look into your eyes and do everything that was agreeable in the most shameless manner before other people; but when they are alone with you they'll sit a half a mile off and talk primly about the weather. I don't think those girls would make good wives. At all events they don't seem to me to be very good at marrying it is much the same as with boys eating cherries. They lay aside the best to finish up with, but when they get to what they've laid aside they're so full of cherries that they can't enjoy any more. Of course there are other boys who eat all the good ones first. But it seems to me all rules work both ways anyway, and end in discomfiture of some kind. The only rule of life experience brings to is never to lose a chance for fun when we can get it.

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