

Fooled the Fortune-Seeker

THIEVES WHO THRIVE ON PHANTOM WINDFALLS.

Nearly every family cherishes a more or less circumstantial tradition that there is "money for it somewhere," and this circumstance is daily turned to account by a little-known class of swindlers.

These crooks start by writing to the head of an unusually expectant family, who one morning receives a notification that a long-lost uncle or more distant relative has left him a fortune, or that he is entitled to an estate then unclaimed. Sometimes the letter containing the glad news carries its own condemnation.

Recently, for instance, a communication of this kind stated that the testator worked a gold mine he had discovered in New South Wales, and "amassed (sic) a huge fortune." In a letter of the same nature occurred this sentence: "I hope to pay you a visit in the course of a few weeks, and hoping that you will try to appear as respectful as possible, because I may bring with me a few gentlemen friends."

If no such letter is sent to the fortune-seeker, one of the swindlers personally conveys to him the welcome news that his dream has come true.

In either case, an operator calls on the man, and the subsequent procedure depends upon his gullibility and financial resources. If he has no money, he hears little more about the mythical fortune. If, on the other hand, he possesses some means, and is willing to drop the substance for the shadow, he is bled mercilessly.

A common device is to extract money from him for certificates of births, marriages, and deaths, for searching records in London and elsewhere, and for innumerable forms. Affidavit-making also goes on apace. Some years ago a victim was taken to London three times to be sworn upon affidavits, which cost him in all more than \$60.

Occasionally, when money is running short, the "legatee" or claimant is provided with bonds for raising cash from friends. Many sanguine people are foolish enough to invest in these bonds, expecting, of course, a good return on their money when the fortune materializes.

This same man continue for a long period. One man was exploited for a whole year, then, becoming suspicious, he consulted a solicitor, who sent a clerk to interview the principal swindler. It happened that there was before the court a case hearing exactly the same name as that on which the swindler was ostensibly engaged, a remarkable coincidence, moreover, a notice relating to the genuine estate appeared in the current issue of "The Times."

Helped By Coincidence.

The swindler consequently picked up a copy of that newspaper, and attended to the notice, with the result that the clerk, completely deceived, reported to his principal that everything was in order. So the swindler advised his client accordingly, and the bleeding process went on.

While another dupe was being robbed a quarrel arose between him and one of the kinsmen, who in the end cast doubts upon his legitimacy. This suited the dispenser of fortunes, because it not only afforded him an excuse to cast off somebody whom he had nearly bled white, but enabled him to attach himself to a fresh victim. This man eventually called a family council, which was the means of putting £200 or £300 more into the swindler's pocket.

The moral is obvious. Beware of "legal" letters and still more of strangers with stories of windfalls.

New Age of Courtesy

"The satirists are having lots of fun with the new keen interest in good manners, but a more encouraging or pleasant sign of the times could hardly be discovered," says Collier's Weekly. "The truth is, Americans realised suddenly and regretfully that something very precious departed with the old-fashioned courtesy. To-day 'gentlemen of the old school' are no longer caricatured, but copied. Children have begun to curtsy and little boys gravely hold their mothers' chairs for them. People genuinely want manners now, and so manners will be acquired."

"Facts wrote wisely in that prayer for my daughter when he exclaimed: 'And may her bridegroom bring her to a house where all's accustomed, ceremonious!'"

Fiona Held in Port

The sailing of S. S. Fiona with a cargo of 200 tons of scrap iron for Sydney, has, we understand, been cancelled for the present. Before the ship is permitted to put to sea she has to undergo the necessary survey. The Fiona has been lying up for the last eight years, and has not been examined, since she was taken over by the North American Scrap and Metal Company and repaired.

THRIFT DAYS for Royal Stores Shoppers

FRIDAY and SATURDAY

The confidence with which the public is inspired by all Royal Stores announcements is the reason for the immediate response to the many advantages we offer. That is why so many people make this store their shopping headquarters.

The store is particularly attractive to all lovers of the new and beautiful, at this particular time of the year. The new fashions for Fall are here, and are very attractive, showing a wealth of style and color, befitting the new season, and a charm for which this store is famous.

Note the new styles and special values for this Friday and Saturday.

Smart Scarves

Angora Scarves.

A splendid assortment of all Angora Wool Scarves, in shades of Blue, Brown, Rose and Green. These are real good looking and very special value. Reg. \$1.35 each for **\$1.12**

Wool Scarves.

All Wool Scarves, shades of Turquoise, Coral, Saxe, Emerald, Tomato and Black, pretty striped ends of contrasting shades, with fringe. Reg. \$1.25 ea. for **\$1.15**

A Special Bargain in Face Powder

Royal Vinolia Face Powder.

Large size boxes, in Rose, White and Cream. This is a high grade powder, selling at a very low price to clear. Reg. 60c. box for **35c.**

Waneeta Face Powder.

Special quality Powder, in large size box, shades of Rose, White and Cream; wonderful value. Reg. 40c. box for **25c.**

Charming Blouses and Sweaters

Shirtwaists.

English Broadcloth Shirtwaists, tailored style, others with Peter Pan collars, and neat embroidered cuffs, finished with black ribbon bow. Reg. \$3.25 each for **\$2.69**

Fancy Crepe Overblouses.

These are real Chic looking Blouses and very stylish; with V neck and collar, long sleeves, fastened at cuff. Reg. \$4.69 each for **\$4.69**

Sweater Coats.

All Wool Sweaters, colors of Brown, Jade, Sand and Grey; Tuxedo collar, of fancy brushed wool, finished with belt and pockets. Reg. \$5.10 each for **\$4.50**

Wool Sweaters.

Colors of Emerald, Navy, Black, Tomato, Cardinal and Honeydew; Tuxedo collar, belt and pockets. Reg. \$5.65 each for **\$4.69**

New Skirts.

Fancy Wool and Plaid materials, newest styles in pleated and wrap over effects, some nicely trimmed with large buttons; sizes 34 to 38 length, 24 to 28 waist. Reg. \$3.50 each for **\$2.75**

Plaid and Striped Skirts.

A very special offer in women's plaid and striped Skirts, some plain wrap over style, others Accordion pleated, trimmed with fancy buttons and pockets; assorted sizes. Reg. \$3.50 each for **\$3.15**

New Coatings and Tweeds

Wool Coating.

A splendid opportunity to secure a good heavy Coating at a very low price. The material is all Wool, in Brown only; 54 inches wide. Special per yard **\$1.40**

Nap Coating.

54 inches wide, finely woven with a splendid pile; colors of Navy and Brown. Reg. \$3.00 yard **\$2.80**

Velour Coating.

Shades of Fawn, Grey and Slate; 54 inches wide. The season's most favored materials. Reg. \$4.05 yard for **\$4.05**

Costume Tweed.

All Wool Material; 54 inches wide, in pretty Grey and Brown mixtures. Would make an ideal Fall Costume. Reg. \$3.00 yard **\$2.80**

Dress Velvet.

With a beautiful silk finish; 35 inches wide. This is a new arrival, showing the very newest shades for Fall and Winter wear. Reg. \$3.25 yard for **\$3.00**

Costume Tweed.

A splendid selection of New Costume Tweeds, in Fawn and Brown mixtures; Grey, Fawn and Brown checks; 54 inches wide. Reg. \$2.45 yard for **\$2.20**

New Fall Footwear at Sale Prices

Women's Shoes.

Black Patent Leather Shoes, strap style, military rubber heels, extension sole, open work edging; sizes 2½ to 6; a very stylish model for Fall wear. Reg. \$6.40 pair for **\$5.76**

Patent Leather Shoes.

One of our new models, in Black Patent Leather, with Grey Suede fancy strap, rubber heels, receding toe; sizes 2½ to 6. Regular \$5.35 pair for **\$4.85**

Men's Boots.

Blucher style, English manufacture. Brown and Black Calf; guaranteed all leather; all sizes; ideal for Fall wear. Reg. \$7.50 pair for **\$6.75**

Boys' and Youths' Boots.

Sizes 10 to 5½; Black and Brown Calf, of a good wearing quality; just the Boot for school children. Reg. \$3.20 pair for **\$2.88**



New Fall MILLINERY

Chic Models.

In pretty Bonnet and Togue shapes, in assorted shades of Velvet and Silk; nicely trimmed with ribbon and velvet. Reg. \$4.80 each for **\$4.30**

Child's Plush Caps.

Black Plush Caps, round shape, can be turned up or down, finished with Black corded ribbon and bow. Reg. \$1.20 each for **\$1.20**

Women's Underwear

Stanfield's Vests.

Women's Wool Vests, round neck, form fitting, with shoulder straps; assorted sizes. Reg. \$1.40 each for **\$1.30**

Stanfield's Pants.

Women's All Wool Pants, ankle length; assorted sizes; very fine quality. Reg. \$2.64 pair for **\$2.64**

Women's Underskirts.

Made from good quality White Flette, with a wide frill and scalloped edge, wide shirring band at top, with tape string. Reg. \$1.20 each for **\$1.05**

Women's Nightgowns.

Made from Striped Flette, of a superior grade, high neck, Peter Pan collar, edge with Flette frill, long sleeves, buttoned front. Reg. \$2.30 each for **\$1.95**



New Fall GLOVES

Men's Gloves.

Grey Suede, Silk lined, for business and informal wear, dome fastened; all sizes. Reg. \$2.00 pair for **\$2.50**

Women's Kid Gloves.

Fine quality Kid, 2 dome fastened, all sizes; Don't make. These are exceptionally good value. Reg. \$1.30 pair for **\$1.30**

Women's Driving Gloves.

Made from real Nappa Kid, in a pretty Tan shade, 3 dome fastened; all sizes. Ideal for Fall wear. Reg. \$1.57 pair for **\$1.57**

Women's Suede Gloves.

Genuine Suede, shades of Grey and Brown, dome fastened; all sizes; dressy looking and will give satisfactory wear. Reg. \$2.25 pair for **\$1.89**

Fabric Gauntlets.

Colors of Grey, Brown, Chambray and White, special suede finish, wrist strap; all sizes; very stylish. Reg. \$1.66 pair for **\$1.66**

Seasonable HOSIERY

Cashmere Hose.

Women's all Wool Cashmere Hose; colors of Light and Dark Grey, Fawn, Mole, Champagne and Brown, seamless fashioned leg, double heels and toes; elastic tops; sizes 9 to 10. Regular 95c. pair for **85c.**

Women's Hose.

Colored Cashmere Hose, in shades of Light and Dark Grey, Brown, Mole and Fawn; plain and assorted ribs, seamless fashioned leg; garter tops; sizes 9 to 10. Reg. \$1.00 pair for **90c.**

Silk and Wool Hose.

Women's Silk and Wool Hose, shades of Grey, Fawn and Black; double heels and toes, suspender tops, improved shape; sizes 9 to 10. Reg. \$1.40 pair for **\$1.27**

Women's Cashmere Hose.

Grey only, neatly embroidered, seamless fashioned leg, double heels and toes, improved shape, wide garter tops; sizes 9 to 9½. Reg. \$1.85 pair for **\$1.67**



Beautiful Dresses

New Styles--Low Prices

Serge and Marocain Dresses for \$6.00

Serge and Marocain Dresses, straight line effect, round neck, elbow sleeves, nicely finished with silk braid and fancy ornament at belt; shades of Navy, Nigger, Light Brown, Mole, Saxe and Grey. Reg. \$6.75 each for **\$6.00**

Marocain Dresses Special for \$8.75

Wool Marocain and Fine Serge Dresses, long waist effect, with narrow girde, finished with metal buckle; long cross over collar, and vest of self material, three quarter length sleeve bound with silk braid; shades of Navy, Brown, Grey, Saxe, Mole and Black. Reg. \$9.50 each for **\$8.75**

Household Needs Lowly Priced



Ripple Bed Spreads.

White Bed Spreads, made of all pure cotton in neat rippled effect; sizes 72 x 90; hemmed; these require no ironing. Reg. \$3.35 each for **\$3.15**

Damask Table Covers.

Of a superior quality Damask, in pretty designs; splendid finish; sizes 72 x 72. Reg. \$4.00 each for **\$3.55**

Table Napkins.

Made from highly finished White Damask, in very neat designs; hemmed; of a generous size. Reg. 45c. each for **39c.**

Figured Flette.

Fruity designs, in shades of Pink, Hello, Peach and Cream; ideal for Kimonos and Dressing Jackets; 36 inches wide. Special per yard **52c.**

Winceyette.

36 inches wide; shades of Lemon, Pink, Sky, Cream, White and assorted pretty stripes, suitable for night or day wear. Special per yard **41c.**

Eden Cloth.

Suitable for pyjamas; 29 inches wide, in pretty stripe effects. A very special bargain. Special per yd. **21c.**



New Fall NECKWEAR

Men's Ties.

Wide flowing ends, in a beautiful selection of the newest Fall designs and colorings. Reg. 85c. each for **72c.**

Men's Underwear.

Stanfield's Underwear in heavy Winter weight, very soft finish; sizes 34 to 44; very special value. Reg. 90c. each for **\$1.75**

Men's Socks.

All Wool, in assorted Heather mixtures, wide ribs; all sizes. Splendid value. Reg. 65c. pair for **59c.**

Wool Socks.

Men's heavy ribbed Socks, in assorted Heather mixtures with fancy clocks. Just the thing for Fall and Winter wear; all sizes. Reg. 90c. pair for **81c.**



Beautiful New Ribbons

Silk Ribbon.

Corded Silk Ribbon; 6 inches wide, in pretty shaded effects; colors of Flame, Cerise, Green, Rose and Brown; suitable for millinery purposes. Reg. 60c. yard for **49c.**

Flowing Veils.

A wide selection of New Flowing Veils, 45 inches long, 18 inches wide; shades of Grey, Light Blue, Dark Blue, Red, Brown, Fawn, Cream and Black; silk finish. Reg. 95c. each for **90c.**

"Felix" The Film Cat.

Appearing exclusively in Pathes Eye and Everybody's Film Review. Made of Silver and Black Enamel, about one inch long, a novel and attractive brooch. Special each **23c.**

Collar and Cuff Sets.

White Linen Round Collar and Cuff Sets, neatly embroidered in pretty Oriental shades. Reg. 85c. set for **71c.**

Lacquered Ribbon.

A pretty assortment of new Lacquered Ribbons, 3 inches wide; shades of Cerise, Navy, Orange, Fawn, Blue and Jade; ideal for hat trimming. Reg. 65c. yard for **47c.**

Knitting Silk.

These are beautiful silks, ideal for knitting into sweaters, scarfs, etc. for Christmas gift giving; shades of Lavender, Orange, Champagne, Fuschia, Coral, Jade, Rose, Violet, Apricot, Emerald, etc.; 4 oz. **\$1.10**

Hat Coverings.

Very pretty Hat Coverings, 18 inches wide, showing the newest effects in Oriental shades, suitable for Fall and Winter. Reg. \$2.00 yard **\$1.79**

Special Value in Men's Overcoats



New Coats.

Men's Single Breasted heavy Winter Overcoats, all wool material, made in England; cut on the easy lines so smart for Fall and Winter. These Coats combine both style and comfort, lined across shoulders, with patch side pockets; assorted sizes. **\$27.30**

Boys' Suits.

Rugby, 3-piece Suits, in a selection of splendid looking Tweeds, suitable for school wear; 2 button Coat, Pants lined throughout; to fit ages 8 to 14 years, and extremely well tailored. Reg. \$9.10 ea. for **\$8.20**

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