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SIMPLE RULES BY WHICH THEY MAY BE DETECTED.

Tests Which Are Used by the Experts in the Treasury Department, Who Never Fail to Recognize the Spurious Article.

"It is not always easy to detect counterfeit gold and silver coins," says the director of the mint, "especially where they are of good weight and extra fine finish and the peculiar slippery surface by which many counterfeiters may be detected is absent."

"The public, in their haste in the exchange of money, should find time to scrutinize with care each coin as it is handled. There is always much counterfeit coin in circulation."

"Our presses at the mints are extremely heavy, weighing 13,000 pounds. Naturally a piece of gold or silver struck from their dies is as nearly perfect as it is possible to make a coin. Yet counterfeiters, with their light presses and dies, manage to do some very clever work. The product of molds, a favorite method with the smaller fry of counterfeiters, is inferior to that of the dies. The absence of the clear cut appearance of the genuine coin, the defective weight, the imperfect lettering and milling and the indistinct ridges on the outer edge of the coin are the distinguishing characteristics which will guide the public in detecting coins thus made. Italians are the greatest offenders against the law with mold made counterfeiters. The most expert turners out of metal counterfeiters have been regular makers of dies who wanted to get rich quickly."

"The standard of gold made by our mints is 900 fine, or 21.19 carats. A new \$20 counterfeit is probably a composition of gold, copper and silver, the gold being of low grade. The facsimiles are often quite perfect, with a clear ring and sharp, well appearing lettering and milling, being well calculated to deceive those who are not used to the handling of coins."

"Platinum is a metal which gives the required weight and is extensively used in gold counterfeiting. Clear cut coins are made from this metal and heavily gold plated. They are comparatively easily passed, especially when first put into circulation. After a time the plating wears off about the edges and its spurious base is revealed. Lead, type metal, zinc and antimony are the metals principally used for silver counterfeiting, and copper, brass, silver and platinum for gold imitations. Counterfeits of lead and type metal are easily detected and are passed on ignorant persons or foreigners."

"Antimony and lead are the component parts of the most dangerous counterfeiters of silver coins, the antimony furnishing the bulk of the coin. When struck from good dies, with a heavy plating of silver, they give forth a good ring and present a pretty fair substitute for the genuine article. The dollar is the denomination most counterfeited."

"Counterfeit gold coins may be executed with such precision that they will pass muster under the eyes of bank tellers and others used to the handling of coins, though the average teller generally detects a spurious coin on sight. But none gets by our treasury experts. Their faculty, the result of years of study and handling of coins, in detecting a counterfeit is marvelous. They seem to know a spurious coin by instinct, though it is really the result of training. Yet even these men, as skillful as they are, occasionally have doubts raised in their minds as to whether a coin is genuine or not. If suspicious, the coin is cut in half, or it is assayed here in the building and its exact weight and fineness determined."

"Coins are now and then turned into the treasury upon the supposition that they are counterfeits, because they fail to give that peculiar clear ring of a genuine goldpiece, though they present otherwise the appearance of being genuine."

"This singular incongruity is accounted for by the fact that the coin has a small blowhole in the interior of the metal or the flaw consists of a crack or split near the edge. Experts know where to look for these imperfections imperceptible to others and with a powerful magnifying glass they are quickly made manifest."

"If the public will remember three cardinal points in determining the spurious from the genuine and which are used by the treasury experts, it will be a difficult matter to pass off a counterfeit upon one who is accustomed to handling money. We call them the test of weight, diameter and thickness."

"It has been demonstrated that counterfeiters do not combine these three requisites with spurious metals. Bear this test in mind, note carefully the weight, ring, size, impress, milling and reading, all of which requisites may be taken in with a glance, and one will always carry about with him a pretty good 'detector'."

"The men who make it their business to cheat the government out of gold adopt several processes. I saw a coin recently which had been 'filled' so cleverly that the fraud was apparent only upon the closest examination. The \$10 and \$20 pieces are mostly used for this operation. The coin was sawed through from the edge by a saw of minute proportions and exquisite fineness, the interior removed and the cavity filled with platinum which brought the piece up to standard weight, though it is at three-quarters of its value. It gave forth a good ring. If it had been filled with a base metal other than platinum, it would have lacked the ring and been of light weight."

"In some of these filled coins the exterior walls of gold are as thin as ordinary writing paper. Once the cavity is filled the sides are clamped into the original position and brazed together. The edges are skillfully recovered with gold, the reading, or the minute corrugations on the edge, restored and the coin will pass readily in the hands of the unsuspecting."

"The most dangerous tampered coins are those which have been 'plugged.' I don't mean plugged as the word is ordinarily accepted and as we see every day in the silver coins, but where the skillful counterfeiters get out as high as one-sixth of the weight of a \$10 or \$20 piece. The coin is pierced by boring a hole in the edge and the gold extracted from this diminutive aperture. It is then plugged with platinum, the surface of the aperture covered with genuine metal and the reading restored with a file. Inasmuch as the coins are genuine and the minute hole in the edge so adroitly covered these tampered pieces pass from hand to hand until the gold on the edge wears off and the deception becomes apparent."

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Cheaper Than Bonnets.
"Were I as rich, my darling,
As Solomon of old,
Your dainty head should always wear
A crown of purest gold."

And lightly laughed his darling
And answered in her glee,
"The latest thing is bonnets, love,
Is crown enough for me."

With frequent change of fashion
The fleeting seasons sped,
And the latest thing in bonnets
Was always on her head.

And he, poor, fond economist,
With such a patient smile,
Placed one by one her bonnet bills
Upon a separate file.

And one day at his figures
In the autumn of his life
He found a few pathetic words
Of protest at his wife.

"Were I as wise, my darling,
As Solomon of old,
I should have bought you, long ago,
That crown of purest gold."

"For such a mode of ornament,
You really may depend,
Though seemingly extravagant,
Is cheaper in the end."

Why He Advertised.

Prospective Guest—Where are the golf links?

Proprietor of the One Horse Hotel—What are the golf links?

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Proprietor—Doesn't your advertisement say "boating, bathing, fishing and golf?"

And you don't know what golf links are?

Proprietor—Well, I put in the advertisement because I thought some folks'd like to play golf, and I had no objection to 'em doing it, but I thought they'd bring along whatever they needed for playing the game.

Figures.

"One hundred and sixty-six"—

Thus far the answers to queries editor, sitting at the telephone, had proceeded, when the exchange editor threw up his hands and exclaimed:

"Merciful heavens!"

"One hundred and sixty-six central."

"Oh!" ejaculated the exchange editor, greatly relieved, "I thought you were looking at the thermometer."

Never Failing Rainmaker.

They watched the sky
For a sign of rain,
But all their watching
Was in vain.

The crops were scorched,
And the grass was brown
And dust six inches
Deep in town.

And when their hope
Was near worn out
A wise man brought them
A waterpout.

He coaxed the rain,
All damp and cool,
With a picnic for the
Sunday school.

The Facts Coming Out.

"But," said a citizen of Kilkenny, when the original project was made to fasten the two cats together by the tails and hang them over a clothesline, "how long will it take them to kill each other?"

"That," replied the purveyor of the entertainment, shrugging his shoulders, "is only a question of the 'em."

A Sad Case.

"I got cheated out of the best part of my vacation this year."

"What was the matter? Wouldn't they let you off as long as usual?"

"Oh, yes, I was away an extra week, but I had to go early in the summer, so I didn't have any chance to look forward to it."

The Charm of Novelty.

Familiar pleasures never seem
To gladden man's dull lot.
We slight the joys we have and dream
Of those that we have not.

If skies were always bright and blue
And days were always warm,
You'd pay your cash, and gladly, too,
To see a thunderstorm.

Beginning Like His Wap.

"Yes, baby looks like his papa," said the proud young mamma. "I'm sure he'll have a nose like him."

"Yes," replied the temperance lady from next door, "you give the little one gin for the colic, I understand."

Utterly Impossible.

"My parents may come between us," she declared.

"If they do," he exclaimed hotly, "they must be pretty small."

And he pressed her still closer to her manly breast.

Concerning Li Ping Hang.

There's an off-putting job to do,
Mr. Li Ping Hang,
And I'm coming up to you,
Mr. Li Ping Hang.

You've been causing a good deal of row,
You've been causing a good deal of row,
When this job is finished, oh,
You'll be Li Ping Hang!

The Why.

"Eliza, why do you write so many letters in such hot weather?"

"Well, David, if I don't keep all our relatives posted on the awful heat here they will be landing on us to visit."

What's Known.

"Si sent a dollar to find out how to make a common horse as fast as a trotter."

"What did they tell him?"

"To use a halter."

On His Vacation.

Harry has been a little quiet now,
And doesn't know where to find him.
Let Harry roam:
He'll soon come home,
Leaving his fish behind him.

Basin of Unbelief.

"What's a skeptic?"

"Well, a skeptic is a man who says there isn't any such thing as a breeze because he can't see it."—Chicago Record.

Element of Weakness.

Though he looked a little quite raw,
The doctor could only say "Bahaw!"
Unstrong language! His game
In that way became a law.

The reason that ever we saw,
—Detroit Journal.

MATRON AND MAID.

Police Judge Neiswanger of Almont, Kan., is a woman.

Miss Kathleen Hayden Green, daughter of the new mayor of London, has become celebrated as a writer of verse.

Mrs. Elizabeth E. Alburn of Chicago is the superior recorder of the degree of honor of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. She has under her supervision 21 grand lodges and 35 subordinate lodges.

Agents of Mrs. Leland Stanford are negotiating to secure certain exposition buildings at Paris which could be taken apart and erected upon ground already purchased in a pleasant suburb of Paris to serve as an American hospital.

A license was issued the other day for the marriage of Mrs. Anna Dunmire and Joseph Allen. Mrs. Dunmire was the widow of Charles J. Guiteau, who was hanged for the assassination of President Garfield in 1882. Allen is to be her third husband.

Lady de Gray, who, with her husband, is said to have furnished the inspiration for the clever comedy, "Lord and Lady Algy," is about to open an afternoon tea room in Grafton place, London. Lady de Gray is a member of the Prince of Wales' set and has found it necessary to go into business from a financial standpoint.

Mrs. Victoria Jackson, who owns a fashionable dwelling in New York, says that a strip of land adjoining might prove troublesome if the owner chose to build on it. Her apartment house has many little windows overlooking this lot. So she bought 15 feet of the vacant lot for \$40,000, which will prevent the erection of other buildings.

Miss Nevada Stout of Dyersville, O., has received an engineer's license to operate a stationary engine, having answered 24 questions out of the 25 propounded. The examiner found her in full charge of a mill and running a 50 horsepower engine, and he speaks of her ability as leaving nothing to be desired. Miss Stout is 18 years of age and is considered a very handsome young woman.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris is the subject of an anecdote now going the rounds of the London press. When a schoolgirl on a visit to London, she was entertained at luncheon by the Marchioness of Ely, the queen's secretary, expressed her surprise at the self-possession of the young American girl. "Yes," said the queen, smiling, "indeed, it was I who was embarrassed."

THE DOMINIE.

The Rev. and Mrs. Elihu Grant of Revere, Mass., are preparing to start for Syria, where they will undertake the education of a class of native boys. The expenses of the work are to be borne by a branch of the Christian Endeavor society. Mr. and Mrs. Grant are graduates of Boston university.

Dr. Temple, archbishop of Canterbury, is an unwearied worker in the cause of temperance and is much disappointed that, in spite of his efforts, parliament refuses to do anything toward restricting the drink traffic. The archbishop has prepared three bills on the subject, and they will be presented at the coming session.

The Rev. Reginald Heber Welles, Jr., was recently consecrated bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Fond du Lac, Wis., in St. Paul's cathedral of that city. The ceremonial was elaborate. The procession consisted of an incense burner, choir, seminarians, acolytes, candle bearers and bishops, and a pontifical high mass was celebrated.

Father John of Cronstadt is a Russian priest to whom his countrymen have attributed miraculous powers. He has impressed himself so deeply upon the belief of the Russian people that he is not only sought by the lowest of the population, but was summoned to the death-bed of the late czar and is constantly consulted by the highest personages.

JEWELRY JOTTINGS.

Queen Anne silver is again much in vogue, and satin finish also appears.

One of the most striking of new patterns in spoons and forks is the marquise, so called from the graceful and peculiar shaping of the tip of the handle.

Quant little sets of teapot, creamer and sugar basin show a rather dull silver finish on which is raised work and colored enamels are the long, pendulous purple blossoms and green leaves of the Chinese wistaria.

There appears quite a feeling for white enamel as well as for a very soft olive green. A fascinating hatpin is rendered in the two colors, and a chrysanthemum brooch with diamond center beautifully exemplifies the fancy for pure white.

There are gun metal novelties galore. Especially pretty are the new hatpins. One simulates a "lucky" bean set with a rhinestone, a second is oval and bisected by a line of small stones in coral, while a third is a sphere studded with tiny turquoise. —Jewelers' Circular Weekly.

LAW POINTS.

Assessment for grading an alley based solely on the cost of the work in front of the abutting lots, without regard to benefits and apportioned by the front foot, is held in Kersten versus Milwaukee, 48 L. R. A. 851, to be arbitrary and void.

Allowing attorney's fees in addition to costs to successful lien claimants is held, in Davidson versus Jennings (Colorado), 48 L. R. A. 340, to be in violation of the provision of the bill of rights that courts shall be open to every person and that right and justice shall be administered without sale, denial or delay.

An owner of a city lot is held, in Carland versus Aulin (Tennessee), 48 L. R. A. 802, to be subject to the same rule which governs natural property, by which he is denied the right to fill in or raise the surface so as to prevent the natural flow of surface water upon it from the higher ground of an adjoining owner.

POLITICAL QUIPS.

Too many men in this country vote as they pray—and they never pray unless it is to ask a personal favor.—Chicago News.

There may be any number of people running for office, but the only way most of them will ever get out of breath is when they die.—Philadelphia Times.

The numerous Smith family will have six members in the next federal house of representatives. Three of them come from Michigan and one each from Kentucky, Iowa and Illinois.—Hartford Post.

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