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## THE USURERS' KING.

MAN WHO OUT-SHYLOCKS SHYLOCK AND SQUEEZED OUT 3,000 P. C.

How the Extent of Isaac Gordon's Excessive Interest Exactions First Became Known—Volunteered the Information to a Parliamentary Committee—Imparted the Knowledge With a View to "Retire From the Business" if Interfered With.

Isaac Gordon, who died a few days ago, shared with Sam Lewis the reputation of being the "King of Usurers." Their fame extended far beyond the borders of the British Empire, since not alone foreign noblemen, but even continental crowned heads and princes of the blood were accustomed to invoke their services, which were in every sense of the word interested.

Whereas Sam Lewis has devoted himself more particularly to the members of the English and foreign aristocracy, and is so suave and courtly in his dealings as to give color to the story that he is financially backed by two members of the nobility, Isaac Gordon found his victims more among the upper and lower middle classes, not alone in London, but also in the provinces. He had branch offices under different names at Liverpool, Manchester, and all the big towns and cities of the United Kingdom. He was much less agreeable in his dealings than Sam Lewis, was brutal and brusque, both in his speech and manner, and made use of terrorism where Sam Lewis employed polite persuasion.

The extent of Isaac Gordon's business, and the colossal character of the interest which he charged, was never realized by the English public until he appeared before the Parliamentary Committee on Money Lending in the summer of 1897. That committee had been constituted at the suggestion of the Lord Chief Justice of the realm and of other eminent judges, with a view of devising some means, additional to the existing laws against usury, to prevent money lenders from exacting an excessive degree of interest.

Isaac Gordon, who was a hard-featured, keen-eyed Hebrew, with a short-cropped black beard and an unlimited amount of assurance, declined utterly to permit himself to be in any way intimidated by the committee, the members of which he treated in the most matter of fact and independent manner. He, however, readily answered all their questions, and admitted that he had some lending establishments all over the United Kingdom, under different aliases, and that they all worked into one another's hands. He not merely confessed, but even volunteered the statement, that he was in the habit of charging as much as 3,000 per cent. for money.

"I do not lend money," said he, "I sell money," and he added that if any legislation was enacted to prevent him from exacting this extraordinary rate of interest or any other rate that he saw fit to charge, he would "retire from the business."

He put this to the august members of the Parliamentary Committee in the shape of a threat, just as if the world of commerce would be unable to survive the loss inflicted upon it by his going out of business, and so dumfounded were the committee members by his phenomenal cheek in making this statement that he possibly interpreted their looks of startled dismay as a fear he might carry his menace into effect.

Some of the arguments that he put forward in defence of his extravagant rates of interest were logical. "A man," said he to the committee, "may sell a hundred pound bank note just as well as a Marazion lido, or a picture by Gainsborough. People would ridicule the idea of there being any legal limitation of the price for the Bible or for the painting. Why then should there be a legal restriction as regards the price at which the bank note is sold?" And a little later he enquired: "How is trade to be carried on if the market is not open, and why should a dealer be deprived of the advantage which he gained from his customer's eagerness to buy?"

Finally Gordon pointed out that the risks of his trade were colossal, that the rate of interest was made proportionate to the extent of the risks entailed, and that when a man was in such extreme cases as to be willing to pay 3,000 per cent. for a loan the chances were 20 per cent. against the usurer ever seeing his money again.

So ingenious and convincing were his arguments, and so great was the impression which they made on the minds of the hard-headed men of business composing the Parliamentary Committee, that in spite of the profound antipathy excited by his calling their attention to the fact that the law had no right to limit the rate of interest, and that it was in no way more criminal for a usurer to lend money at hundreds and even thousands per cent. than for underwriters to insure an overdue vessel for eight and even 100 per cent. The committee agreed to the plea put forward by Gordon that in one case as in the other, the excessive rate of interest was due to the risky character of the security.

There was one point, however, in which the committee took exception to Gordon, and that was his trading under a variety of different aliases, and they recommended that every money lender should take out a Government license in his true name, in the same way as a pawnbroker—a recommendation which Parliament had not acted upon, since it holds that licensing usurers it would be giving not merely legal sanction but even approval to usury.

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any proposals for a renewal or prolongation of the loan, but would cause it to be indirectly suggested to the victim that the latter might possibly be able to obtain from some provincial money lender at Brighton, Manchester, Leeds, or elsewhere the funds needed to pay off Gordon, and thus evade the threatened legal proceedings.

As a general rule the victim would nibble at the bait, would obtain a larger loan at a still higher rate of interest from the provincial money lender, and would then use the funds to settle with Gordon, and in happy ignorance of the fact that the Isaac Samuel of York or the Mr. Verburgh of Leeds were one and the same person—the ingenious Isaac Gordon of London.

In this way a small loan of £100 or so within the space of two or three years was magnified into indebtedness of absolutely colossal proportions, the original amount of money invested and risked by Isaac Gordon having been ridiculously small in comparison.

Isaac Gordon showed no more compunction about revealing this particular phase of his business than in confessing that he was in the habit of charging 3,000 per cent. for money loaned, which he considered, under the circumstances, to be a fair rate of interest. And it is an extraordinary fact that in spite of the publicity given to the proceedings of the committee and to the statements of Gordon, this playing of Gordon's main office in London into the hands of the branch offices in the provinces went on as before.

In fact, the effect of the investigation and of the committee's report was diametrically opposite to what was intended. It had the effect of making the public more aware of the immense risks run by Gordon in loaning money, and it placed before them the money-lending business in an altogether new light. Not only did Parliament decide to inaugurate any new and restrictive legislation against the money-lenders, but it virtually abolished the old usury laws existing until that time, as absolutely useless.

Moreover, the revolution in public opinion brought about by Isaac Gordon's frank avowals and clever arguments seem to have influenced even the judiciary. For in nearly every suit brought by money-lenders against creditors who refused to pay on the pretext that the interest charged was excessive since 1897 have decisions in favor of the money-lender been the ground, usurer or not, he

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was just as much entitled to his legal rights as any other citizen. It is probably the first time on record that a man, by boldly admitting his villainy instead of seeking to excuse it, managed not only to avert stern measures against himself and his class, but to cause a revolution of popular feeling in favor of the latter.

EGG FILM IN PLACE OF CUTICLE.

A Successful Case of Skin Grafting Under Peculiar Circumstances.

According to an Indianapolis special in The New York Tribune, the second successful operation of skin grafting by using the skin or inner film of newly laid eggs has been accomplished at the City Hospital there by Dr. W. V. Morgan and other physicians of the institution in question. The subject is Scott Smith, a colored man, who was horribly disfigured by the bursting of a coal oil lamp. The raw surface could not be cured by ordinary means, and after several physicians had applied restoratives in vain Smith was removed to the hospital. Dr. Morgan secured some newly laid eggs, and the skin or film was applied, and it was only a short time when the good results were apparent. In ten days the film of the egg was united securely to the flesh and the wounds were perfectly healed.

An interesting part of the operation, from a scientific point of view, is what is to be the color of the resulting cuticle. A microscopic examination shows that the skin of the egg is now a part of the skin of Smith's body, but it remains white while the other skin is black. The blood circulates through it as through other parts, but it is yet an open question whether the pigment which colors the negro's skin will enter the new skin and also color it. So far there is no evidence that this will be the result, for it has remained as white as it was when first applied.

Smith is in mortal terror for fear feathers will grow out of his face and neck where the egg film was applied. He examines the parts every hour in the day to see if there is any evidence of quills, and never fails to ask his physicians for opinions on this subject as often as they examine him. Some joking remarks made by the physicians in course of the operation caused the patient to conceive such a thing possible, and for several days he had to be watched closely to prevent him from removing the film. It is said here that the only other successful operation of the kind ever performed was in Brooklyn (N.Y.) hospital.

A Literary Infection.

A young person of literary taste gave a luncheon not long since which she boastfully claims to have surpassed all the "luncheon functions" of the winter. Her table was covered with white blotting paper. The almonds and bonbons lay in pen trays. The postcards were alarmingly like the printed slips with which cold-blooded publishers return manuscripts. Punch and trees were served in deep glass ink wells, and the china was decorated strangely with quotations concerning books.

As a Precaution.

Jangles—Every man should learn to swim.  
Waggon—That's so. He never knows when his best girl will throw him overboard.

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"I never saw a man of more confident disposition than Barber."  
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FOR THE SICK ROOM.

Don't be hurried and bustling and fussy about the patient.

Don't appear anxious, however great may be your anxiety.

Don't let stale flowers remain in the sick room.

Don't allow an accumulation of medicine bottles in sight of the patient.

Don't jar the bed by lifting or sitting upon it.

Don't let the patient be unpleasant to one ill and nervous.

Don't be unkindly of yourself if you are in the responsible position of nurse. To do faithful work you must have proper food and stated hours of rest.

Don't forget that kindness and tenderness are needful to successful nursing. Human nature longs to be soothed and comforted on all occasions when it is out of tune.

Don't throw coal upon the fire. Place it in brown paper bags and lay them upon the fire, thus avoiding the noise, which is shocking to the sick and sensitive.

Don't neglect during the day to attend to necessities for night in the way of nourishment and drink, that the rest of the patient and family may not be disturbed.

Don't light a sick room at night by means of a jet or lamp burning low; nothing impoverishes the air sooner.

Use sperm candles, or tapers which burn in sperm oil.

In these days of bacteria let the sun have free access wherever its poison scattering rays can reach. In other places use boiling water and copperas, or chloride of lime where water is undesirable.

To purify a cistern tie charcoal in a bag and drop it in.

Grow your own sages, parsley, mint and caraway.

Use celery freely. A tea made of the leaves and roots used daily is said to cure rheumatism.

Use turpentine and rock salt for a felon.

Salt water used as a gargle will strengthen the throat and harden the gums; used as a wash it will strengthen the eyes; used in the bath it is a tonic; as a lotion for the hair it prevents and stops its falling.

Use milk puddings and stewed fruit for bilious dyspepsia.

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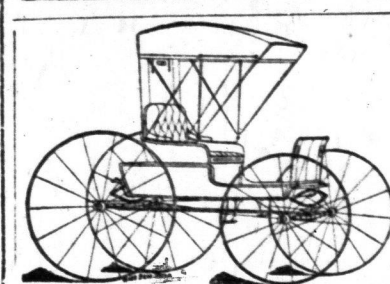
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