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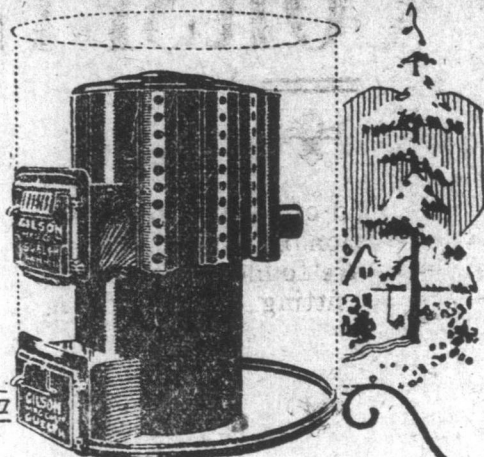
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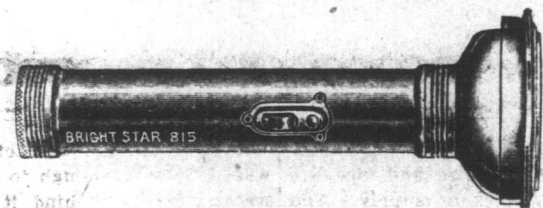
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The Mock Auction Nuisance

SALE-ROOM TRICKSTERS.

The writer, a barrister, is General Secretary of the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers and Landed Property Agents.

For a year past my society has made unceasing efforts to induce the Government to deal with the mock-auction nuisance.

What is a mock-auction? Walk down any of London's principal streets, preferably in the afternoon or early evening, and you are almost certain to find a mock-auction in full swing. The premises are probably a shop awaiting demolition or the coming of a new tenant. Around the walls are gaudy pictures, while on tables and rostrum articles of china and glittering "silver" attract the eye.

Pennies for Pipes.

One of the tables has been pushed as near as possible to the pavement, and behind the table a salesman is gabbling volubly. At first, only one or two people drift in.

"Now this is Thursday (Monday or Saturday!) and all these things have to be cleared without reserve. Who'll take this pipe off my hands for a penny? A perfectly genuine briar. . . . Thank you, sir. . . . Here's another. Thank you. I'm afraid that's all I have. . . . Now let me draw your attention to these little boxes. . . ."

A few minutes elapse. Gradually the table has been drawn more and more into the shop. A crowd gathers. Now more than a dozen people have speculated shillings on the little closed boxes. Quite possibly these obtain an excellent shillings-worth, and so well-satisfied are they, so regardless of the obvious fact that the salesman is setting a bait, that half-crowns and notes are next produced with alacrity. All too late, when saddled with some worthless sham at a high price, they realize how they have been fooled.

In the provinces mock-auctions are carried on with even less attempt to disguise the worst aspects of the old-time "cheap-jack." Now and then an "auctioneer" is charged with obtaining money by false pretences, or with "stealing by a trick."

In a few cases convictions are the result, but usually the defendant is saved by a technicality, and after being told that he has been "sailing very close to the wind," is discharged.

With the object of making frauds of this kind more difficult of accomplishment, a Bill—already approved by several prominent M.P.s—has been drafted. By its provisions an applicant for an auctioneer's licence would require to be vouched for, either by a Justice or by a member of the approved professional societies.

The form of licence is altered to include more information regarding the prospective practitioner's bona-fides.

and at the same time the original fee for future applicants is raised to £25.

The Bill goes on to state that, "No person shall be permitted to act as an auctioneer unless he is carrying out a bona-fide professional transaction and shall not act, or give a colourable imitation of such acts, to carry on a bogus, fraudulent, or trick sale. Nor shall he be permitted to misrepresent himself as selling bankrupt stocks of any goods, cheap jewellery, paintings . . . and the like by auction or conducted strictly in accordance with professional practice. . . . Nor shall any person be permitted to travel from place to place posing as an auctioneer, or selling his own goods in such manner."

Penalties for infringement extend to both fine and imprisonment, and the Bill concludes with the provision that: "No bona-fide auctioneer shall act or permit his name or style of firm to be used in connection with any 'rigged' or bogus sale, under penalties not exceeding £25 for each day."

When the dust cleared away at the close of their Sale of Work last year, the C.L.A. had sold everything but the building. Be in time for the bargains Tuesday and Wednesday. —oct17.11

Ideal Husbands

U. S. COLLEGE GIRLS' DEFINITIONS.

What type of husband does a woman of education desire?

This questionnaire, addressed to girl students of Middle Western universities by the Kansas State Agricultural College, has elicited some curious replies.

Physical and mental fitness is emphasised by all the girls as indispensable. No fewer than 65 per cent. of the girls declare that the husband of their choice should be "cave-mannish but in a refined way."

A still greater percentage prefer "non-pettish" as husbands. Twenty-eight per cent. vote for "just normal men," and 7 per cent. for men of "the Shikar type."

Strict temperance and obedience to Prohibition laws are demanded by 85 per cent., and 40 per cent. plant tobacco in their list of taboos.

As regards money the girls are moderate. Half of them declare their willingness to begin married life on £500 a year while 20 per cent. think £1,000 should be the minimum.

HALIFAX MARATHON SWEEP is a sporty sweep and it will sell till the boys come home, provided there are any tickets unsold up to Monday. Only 10 per cent. to sell. All together boys, and clean up. —oct17.11

CONFEDERATION LIFE. —aug17.3mos



"What's in this little package?"
Asked pretty Henny Jenny.
"It's such a tiny, teeny thing
It might contain a penny."
"Undo the paper and untie the string,
You may find a pretty little ring."

shouted the bunny boy, hopping up and down on one leg. Well, sir, and would you believe it, that little rabbit was a good guesser. After the string was untied and the paper removed, and a little box open, there lay a pretty ring, set with a pink stone.

"It will just match my coral comb," exclaimed Henny Jenny, slipping it on her little left toe. How sweet of Lady Love, your bunny mother, and the happy little hen put an extra egg in the basket for good measure. "Be very careful not to break them," she advised, as she handed the basket to the bunny boy.

Just then the Weathercock on the Big Red Barn turned around on his gilded toe and faced the East.

"It's going to rain, it's going to rain. Hurry home little rabbit before there's a stain On your new khaki coat. A minute don't wait, For Mother is watching for you at the gate."

sang Billy Breese among the treetops. Away hopped the bunny boy, clip-clip, clip-clip, clip-clip, with never a stumble and never a slip, down the Old Cow Path to the dear Old Bramble Patch.

"Just in time," cried sweet Lady Love, as a big drop of rain spattered on her pretty pinky bonnet with the yellow daisy on it, and up the little winding path through the bushes they hurried.

"Thirteen eggs," exclaimed Lady Love, as she emptied the basket. "How generous of Henny Jenny."

"You should have seen her smile when she found the ring," laughed the bunny boy. "She slipped it on her little left toe and proudly showed it to Cocky Doodle. She said it just matched her coral comb."

"I thought it would," said Lady Love. "And now I must bake a most

delicious angel cake," and she set to work with a song. Just a little humming song, but it was so sweet that Happy Bluebird who chanced to be passing by at that moment, perched on a bramble to listen.

All of a sudden the telephone went tinkle, tinkle.

"Hello, hello! It's Uncle Lucky. How's my little duck?"

asked the dear old gentleman rabbit's voice.

"Come over and see for yourself," laughed pretty Lady Love. "I'm baking an angel cake. It will be baked by the time you arrive."



The happy little hen put an extra egg in the basket.

"Put a dozen raisins in it. I'll be over in a minute."

answered the poetical old bunny man. But Lady Love only smiled, for who over heard of an angel cake with raisins. I should like to know, although I'd be willing to eat one right now as I sit at my typewriter telling all you little Jack Rabbit fans what is going on in Rabbittland, where lollypops grow on the lollypop tree and buttercups wink on meadow and lea. And now, boys and girls, as it has stopped raining, in the next story you shall hear what happens after this.

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