

The sure-thing operator has passed through various stages of progress. The now unsafe shell game, gold brick and green goods swindles which he operated with such profitable results in the '80's, and the early '90's made way for the half interest game, which flourished ten years ago, and the employment game which is still going on, though not to its former extent.

The half-interest advertiser sold you a partnership in anything from a peanut stand to a piano factory. When you had bought it, the next thing was to find it, or if you found it you discovered that it belonged to somebody else who knew nothing about the men who sold it to you.

The employment game consists of an opportunity to sell on high salary the goods or the stock of a company in which you must first buy shares. Then when you have paid over your money you are assigned a territory, generally a long distance from the company's office.

After you have gone at your own expense to the territory assigned, there to await telegraphic orders as to what to do next, you take it out in waiting. The orders never come, and when you go back to the company's office you find that the company has floated away in the magic carpet, nobody knows where.

But it was soon found by the swindlers that these devices, like the green goods game, were rather crude and almost equally unsafe. So to the education of the man who ran the half interest or employment scheme was added a post-graduate course in high finance.

It came to be recognized by the swindling gentry that there was nothing like a corporation when one wanted to do a really safe and prosperous business. Then, too, the corporation must have something scheme-where.

If it is a mining company it must have a hole in the ground. If it is a rubber or coffee company it must have some sort of concession from the Mexican or a South American government, which is always very easy to get. If it is a cotton concern it must have a fence corner somewhere down South.

These things are actually necessary in order to show in court when the time comes that the men who have taken your money have endeavored to carry out their part of the contract and that they have failed is merely their misfortune. For to fail in business is not necessarily a crime.

LETHBRIDGE TO HAVE DISPLAY

It is reported that Lethbridge, Alta., will send a special car of delegates to the fourth dry farming congress at Billings, Montana, October 26 to 28. With this announcement is a request from J. W. McNichol, secretary of the Lethbridge Board of Trade, for the limit of space in the Exposition hall. Secretary McNichol will arrive at Billings, October 21, four days before the opening and will personally attend to installing the exhibit from his district. It is said there will be about a carload of dry farm products in the Lethbridge exhibit, and 200 feet of space will be set aside for the display.

Correspondence with Thomas H. Woolford, member of the advisory exhibit committee of the congress; George Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture of Alberta, and vice-president of the Dry Farming Congress; Secretary McNichol and others, convinces the secretary of the Congress that the interest in the Canadian Northwest in the forthcoming session exceeds that in any preceding agricultural convention. Several hundred Canadian farmers have joined the Congress during the summer, and the officials of this organization in Alberta declare that their province will have one of the largest delegations at the Billings meetings. Their exhibit, too, is said to give promise of being one of the finest ever sent out of the province.

HINTS ON CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

A good practical treatise on concrete construction has recently been published by Peter De Linde, Zion City, Ill., from whom, we presume, copies of the work may be secured. The book has been written from a practical standpoint and treats chiefly of construction work likely to be required on farms. It describes the various concrete mixture used in ordinary work and gives details of work, measurements, materials required, etc., in the construction of foundations, pavements, cisterns, smoke houses, cellars, water troughs, fence posts, hitching posts, and other structures too numerous to mention here. The author in most cases gives the quantities of cement, sand and gravel required for work of given dimensions, which is one of the first things a farmer wants to be informed in, when he undertakes concrete construction work. The book is worth having. It contains 40 pages, paper bound, and sells at 50 cents per copy or 3 books for \$1.00.

CLYDESDALE FILLIES

John Graham, Carberry, Man., recently shipped from Glasgow, 15 Clydesdale fillies, purchased chiefly from Mr. Marshall, Stranraer. Shipment includes the prize mare, Lady Baron Airies, got by the noted prize horse, Royal Baron (11161) and herself, twice third at the Highland and Agricultural Society's Show. She was also first at the Northumberland Show when a yearling, and at the Border Union Show when a two-year-old, and was never beaten at local shows. She is considered the best mare ever bred in Berwickshire. Her dam was by the noted sire, Mains of Airies (10379), so that she combines the breeding of Baron's Pride and the noted Prince of Wales-Darnley combination. There is a good, thick, three-year-old filly by the well-bred horse, General Thomas (12164), out of a mare by the Prince of Wales horse, Prince Edward (1254), own brother to the famous What Care I (912). Several two-year-old fillies are by the noted sires out of well-bred dams. One is by the big horse, Hillhead Chieftain, referred to above, and her dam was by Royal Style (8969). Two yearling fillies of exceptionally good breeding are got by Lord Polwarth's stud horse, Baron o' Dee (11264). One is out of a mare by the unbeaten champion, Prince of Carruchan (8151), while her grandam was by Darnley Yet (2719). The other is out of a mare by the famous prize horse, Prince Sturdy (10112), and her grandam was by the well-bred, clean-boned horse St. Clair Erskine (4690). She was first at Dalkeith this year. A superior three-year-old mare was got by the famous prize horse, Lord Fauntleroy (10370), out of a mare by Baron Teck (2589), and her grandam was by the Glasgow prize horse, Bonnie Breastknot (108). Among those bought from Mr. Marshall was a two-year-old filly by the choicely-bred and successful breeding horse, Montrose Ronald (11121), the sire of the champion Veronique; and another of the same age was bred at Seaham Harbor, and was got by Watson's Baron Leven (12831), a capital, clean-boned horse, out of the renowned prize mare, High Tide, which was successfully exhibited at several of the principal shows for several seasons. She is a typical Clydesdale, and particularly well bred. The Cawdor champion big horse, Hiawatha Godolphin (12602) is sire of a promising filly out of a mare by the big, good-breeding horse, William the Conqueror (9093), and her grandam was by the prize horse, Craichmore Darnley (5667). Still another filly of the same age, whose dam was by William the Conqueror, had for her sire the well-bred local horse, Woodburn (13238); and one of the best in the shipment is by the successful breeding and noted prize horse, Allandale (12418). A three-year-old filly, got by Mirror (13106), is exceptionally well bred on the dam's side. Her

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