Old Times in Herald Square.

been done.

Lew Parker, who was until about; the site on the southwest corner of six years ago, when he retired from broadway and Forty-second street, opposite the St. Cloud. 'Jim' must business, one of the most famous have had a revelation of what was restaurateurs in this city, was stand- in store for this neighborhood. It was ing yesterday near the main entrance he who engineered things so as to to the Herald office. He was, as he from Thirty-fourth street to Fortysaid himself, taking a bird's-eye view third. of the surroundings. He was in a reminiscent mood, too.

"Great heavens!" said Parker, who looks, by the way, like a hale and Herald office if that widening had not hearty man of not over fifty, "what a 'looking backward' brings before me just now as I take a glance at the wonderful changes going on here, sleigh ride collision in 1871, on the Boulevard. Well, when he advocated under the shadow of the office that widening scheme everybody said of the Herald, which I began reading he was off his burner. 'All right!' he over fifty years ago.

"I had my place over there, on the friends were taunting him about his rest side of Broadway, a couple of folly," in a few years from now we west side of Broadway, a couple of doors south of Thirty-fourth street, without a move for forty-five years, and I tell you the iron beamed space there where all those men are working recalls to my mind a lot of things. "Everything about here as late as is a dreary waste. At that time all the west side of Sixth avenue Thirty-third street and Thirty-fifth street consisted of gardens and roadside shows, like one sees nowadays on the Coney Island tearing down things about here and byways. The east side of Broadway the more they make open spaces the from Thirty-fifth street to Thirtyseventh street was an unbroken stretch of vegetable gardens. There was a marble yard over there where the Herald Square Theater now is and all along at various points were coal yards in the empty lots.

ed ribbed empty lot when I first came to the neighborhood to stay and grow of tremor in his voice, too, "I often up with things, as it were. There is think when I find myself here on no mistake that the Herald building Herald square what an effect the is on a solid basis, for the owner in great change in this region would those days made quite a small sum have on leading New York citizens when he decided to build something who used to dine at my place in the there. A long time after that when early fifties and who are now in their the armory of the Seventy-first Regi- graves, if they were allowed to pay ment was erected on the site people a visit here for a week or two! I do considered it a big thing. Of course they changed their minds, those people, when the Herald office took the they discovered that there was no

WILY SNARES the musician came. He had been

Tricks to Squeeze Coin Out of

Stage Folk.

by Plain Schemes of Imposture.

Not long ago a baritone in an opera

company received a package and a

letter from a person whose name was

man, said that she had the pictures

written in a very modish hand

and framed in well-chosen language.

The writer was evidently an English

Harlem that he had long been an ad-

mirer of this singer, whom he con-

opportunity of making her acquaint-

only tribute in his humble power.

study, but he wanted her to have son

would barely pay for the frame

has ever since been a great tavorite.

handwrifting as that of the man who

and it said that he belonged to quite

another nationality. The beggar had

heard in some way that the husband

had been out of town at his first visit

had come back, not expecting that

had written her a few days before.

beggar.

a free ticket.

BEGGARS SET

ever, the empty lots made won't have a chance to grow grass the way I used to see it in the neighborhood," added Parker, with a grin, "for the "This very site where the Herald big buildings go up like magic.
building now stands was a huge rock"Do you know," remarked the old New Yorker musingly and with a bit

"Jerusalem! what a howl went up when that widening was proposed. "Yet, just imagine what Broadway

would look like today in front of the

"Poor Watson! He was killed in a

exclaimed one day when his political

will see theaters on Long Acre square

and you will be taking your folks to

the opera in a bag academy of music

on Broadway, up above Thirty-fourth street somewhere.'

"And just take a look around here now," added Parker, with a laugh,

"and say Watson wasn't a prophet!"

more I will be reminded of the way

Herald square looked when I first be-

came a tenant across the way. How-

Pointing over to where his famous

have on leading New York citizens armory's place.
"You may never have heard of 'Jim' fourth street," and the veter restauwatson, have you? Well, he owned rateur laughed.

> mistaken in the player's native land the first time, but he had not hesitated to come back a second time and try his luck. One of the most familiar tricks to protend to have waited an

> Sometimes this succeed, unless the beggars by accident happen on some city in which the singers have never been.
>
> -New York Sun.

Experienced People Are Never Gulled THERE IS MONEY IN FAKE OCCULT POWERS

Number of Fake Seers Who Live on People's Credulity Never Fails.

unknown to him. The writer, a woand signatures of all the famous sing- teliers, clairvoyants and other proers, and felt that her collection was fessors of the eccult in New York incomplete without this particular shows that there must be a demand singer's. She had never heard him, for this kind of information or so she wrote; she was too poor to go to many of these rogues would not exist the opera; but she would value the there. It is the less pretentious class photograph just as much. As she could that is the most numerous. It is sur- self for a long time. But he let in not ask for the picture without makprising how many of them there are ing some return, she said she hoped in the tenement districts, where the would give the singer some pleasure money is usually expended with care to accept the accompanying package. and ther must be a recognized quid The meaning of the letter was plain The woman was fishing for

The patrons come from many kinds of people. Undoubtedly the majority of those who consult a clairvoyant Another example of this kind of nuisance was the experience of a noted soprano, who one day received a expect to learn something of practical value to them. The class is larger than that which includes merely visitors attracted by sentimental con-

He wrote from an adress in Most of the low-priced fortune tellers, as they generally call themselves, sidered the greatest artist since Ad-clini Patti. He had never had the are able to attract customers from the hope that they may tell them something about the material affairs of ance, but he was going to offer the everyday life. It may be to give advice as to the outcome of a law suit, wanted her to accept an oil to reveal the whereabouts of a lost arpainting of an old woman that he had ticle or to explain some problem of business. The patrons seeking relief seen in Holland. It was merely a on this last point are naturally women. example of his work. He added that in view of his great admiration for Men are usually able to settle such the cantatrice, he would let her have the painting for \$25. That, he added, points for themselves, however foolish

they may be. Whatever may be the motive that The thing was an unsightly daub. It attracts them, women clients are al-ad finally to be sent back to the re- ways more numerous than the men, had finally to be sent back to the remote Harlem abode of the artst, as he who, with the exception of the negores, refused to call for it, and it lay for are so few as not to count at all. two weeks in the office of the hotel. Next in number to those who seek Perhaps the man thought that the the seers' advice about money quessinger was an ungrateful recipient of

tions is the class drawn by the desire an artistic tribute; or, more probably, being a professional imposter, he reto learn something of affairs of the heart. Why husbands are indifferent spected her courage in refusing to be or where they spend their hours of absence from home unaccounted for Another instance that will illustrate the attempts made to impose upon the visiting musicians is to be found in by work; why lovers have grown cold and who are the present objects of their faithless affections, are the most frequest questions put to the clairwho came here a few years ago and voyant from the women who are seek-

It happened not long ago that a ing their aid. man came to his hotel and sent up a Naturally Naturally they expect something. note to his room. His wife was there more than information on these points. at the time and read what the caller They also try to find out some means, had written. He begged pathetically of cure, and there are few of the clairfor money and said that he was a voyants who are not supplied with Hungarian. She was a Pole, but she panaceas for every kind of trouble of sent down the beggar some money as the heart which faithless levers or

he made out such a pathetic story of husbands may cause. It is undoubtedly true that the Her husband returned to the city majority of the higher-priced claira few days later and the incident voyants' customers come from persons did not seem of importance enough to drawn to consult them only by motives be narrated to him. A few evenings of curiosity. They hear the powers and are later another note was brought to the later another note was brought to the rooms written in German. It was handed to the husband this time.

He read the note and resolved to send the man nothing, as he was more accustomed than his wife to the devices of the beggirs who make it a nother the room of this seer or that a nothing to spend the man amount these men and women ket to gratify their curiosity. Some it, of course, there are women who is some faith on the prognostication, these personnel is a nother than the prognostication. point to pray on musicians. He told sons and attach to wall they may the messenger from the hotel office learn from them a degree of import-

that there was no answer. He went ance which appears incredible. away and it was supposed that there But this kind is in the minority. It would be nothing more heard from the is curiosity that impels nine out of every ten women to go to the higher-But the beggar was persistent. Afpriced clairvoyants or palmists. ter a quarter of an hour there was a may go to scoff or to appreciate from knock on the door and a boy brought experience how little truth there is in in a ragged looking person. He had insisted on an answer and had com-pelled the hotel people to allow him any of the declarations of these persons, but what their real motive may be does not seem important so long Then the wife glanced at the letter and saw that it was in the same as the seer is able to get his fee.

Deadly Fer-de-Lance.

Former residents of Martinique say that the perils of any expedition making exploration or carrying suc-cor to the country about St. Pierre will be gravely increased by the presthe wife would again get the letter in which he had shrewdly changed his birthplace to the country from which the island, is said to be the deadliest

of snakes outside of India. The inhabitants of the regions infested by it say that not even the terrible hooded cobra inflicts death more swifty or surely. A traveler writes in the New York Sun:

"The guiches around St. Pierre fairly swarm with the various reptiles. It is principally because of their presence that ascents of Mount Pelee, otherwise not particularly difficult or hazardous, have been so infrequent.
"It is a curious fact that in cases

siesmic disturbance snakes make for the low land. I have heard that when Mount Pelee was disturbed in the middle of the last century, the fer-de-lance overran the streets of St. Pierre, although they are naturally a grassland snake.

"Suppose, now, that the shore be-yond the district where all life has been blot ed out has become a refuge of these creatures. What will happen to the men who land there, particularly if they are ignorant of the danger? It is not pleasant to think of. The fer-de-lance does not wait to be attacked. He is a born murderer. When he has once set his venomous mind on a man he will follow until one or the other is slain."

DEVICES USED IN FARO GAMES

place used to be. Parker said as he shook his head: "The more they keep | Some Made for the Player as Well as the Dealer.

> Many Thousands of Dollars Won by Means of Pin Holes in Cards-High Layout Swindle.

Devices for cheating at faro, such as were disclosed the other day through "Bat" Masterson's arrest, are not all invented for the assistance of the

Perhaps the best known of those meant to help the player is the pin hole game. Some one discovered a good many years ago that a pin hole in the back center of a card might be large enough to enable a sharp-sighted man to tell the color of the beneath, and yet small enough to escape detection by the dealer.

This discovery was worth many thousands of dollars to the genius who worked it out. It broke several banks in the West before the dealers discovered it, through the carelessness of

To put this scheme into operation it necessary for the player to get possession of the deck of cards used by the house. Nowadays this is very 1 to P. He eds Give Up This Dust

The pin hole man got a deck and put a small hole in the center of the black aces, treys, fives and nines, eight cards in all, for he found that a mark showed more plainly on the red ones. The hele had to be smoothly made, so that no white edges would

These eight cards gave him the key to a lost the whole deck. If through the hole he saw a tiny speck of white, the card beneath was a deuce, four, eight, ten or a seven spot.

He had only to copper these five

cards and he was sure to win. If Albany, are about to discontinue off-through the pin pick he could detect ing their roadbeds after trying that that the next card was a picture card then a coppered bet behind the queen was again betting on a sure thing. He got the pin-holed deck into action in a Western fato bank and his luck went on unbroken until this deck was discarded. Faro cards are of linen and cost \$2 a deck, so they are generally used for quite a time. The inventor lept his secret to him-

some friends finally, and they went around the country beating the games. One clumsy man got hold of a deck in Denver and made the holes so large that it was remarkable that the dealer did not discover the trick at once The dealer made the discovery in this

Business had been so brisk that he didn't have time to go to lunch, so he sent out for sandwiches. He was dealing and eating at the same time. When the ace of spades came up he saw a white blotch on its face. thought he had dropped a crumb and

tried to brush it off. It wouldn't be 'That was a very rich sandwich," said the dealer, looking around the board. "It was worth some money to this house. We'll stop this dealt right here, and shift the cards once for

The same inventive mind thought out a scheme for cheating the cheater who used a high layout. THE HIGH LAYOUT.

The most intricate cheating device constructed in connection with faro was the high layout, which was put on the private market about six years It was necessary that the out, where the bets are placed, should be as high as the box, and that is how the invention got its name. As a rule the box is an inch and a half higher than the layout.

The box had two mouths, the one from which the cards are drawn in the usual manner and another opening towards the layout. The cards used were slightly wedged. so that the right hand lower corner of the second, or losing card, jutted out under the which had just won.

In the corner of the box was a "tell" y which the dealer could inform himf, all through the deal, of the next losing card. In the high layout was a mechanical device which would reach into the secret mouth of the box and extract the second card, and on another touch of the button would return it to the box.

When the dealer looking into the box found that the next loser was an ace and the players were betting on the ace to lose, he touched the button. the ace was abstracted, and returned back. This box made winning impossible. to the box when he pleased to put it

The device sold readily for \$3,000 when first put on the market. Once the secret was discovered no old gambler could be deceived by it, for the high layout was a sign to him that he was being robbed. For a time the cheating houses were

cheated by a man who so arranged a small mirror that he as well as the dealer could look into the "tell." One of the oldest crooked boxes was invented for the benefit of the man playing against it. This was the needle box. An attachment was fixed on the box so that a needle point would run out when a certain card reached a place in the box where it would lose

on the next turn. One card in the deck was slightly grooved so as to operate the needle attachment. This mechanism would win only one bet in the deal. Later it was improved so as to win three bets. In the West it was known as a "snake

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Two New England railroads, the Boston and Maine and the Boston and Albany, are about to discontinue oilsystem of dust prevention for three years or more. The New York, New Haven and lartford, which has been using oil to keep sandy sections of its roadbed in order, has also stopped it. The Long Island Railroad discontinu-

ed the practice about a year ago. The rairloads are taking up the soilsoaked sand and fine sinders in the sections of the track affected and replacing it with broken stone. That is n expensive ballast for the ties at first, but when there is money to spend on a good roadbed it is the most satisfactory kind to put down. rain washes it and after it is laid the track manager has no further trou-

ble from dust. The worst of the oil sprinkling is that when any particles of sand do troleum, they stick and leave marks which the gentle passing of the porter's whisk broom does not improve. Women have complained to the New England roads of delicate ruined by a spatter of oily dirt and the voices of male passengers have been loudly raised on account of collars and shirt fronts polka dotted after a journey in a style never inended by their owners.

But these incidents have been few and till a more expensive ballast than cinder, gravel or sand could be installed the oil has served its pose and is still serving it admirably on many railroads. Regular passengers learn not to mind an occasional splash and not to travel in their best

clothes. There are still nearly 1,000 miles of railroad track treated in oil between Baltimore and Washington, and on many branches of the Pennsylvania Raiiroad by the seashore and in sandy regions the system is still maintain-Something has to be done to prevent the raising of a cloud of dust or fine sand caused by the rush of air when a train passes, and so far oil has proved to be the most satisfactory

sprinkling material. Track once treated with oil is supposed to remain almost dustless for a year, unless it is disturbed in meantime by renewal of cross ties. The oil used is a specially prepared variety of exceedingly high fire test. It has to be practically non-inflam-mable, or a few hot cinders from the engine would set the whole road ablaze from end to end. So petroleum is prepared that it would be possible to drop a lighted match in it without causing an explosion is used, and ties and wooden bridges on the line are as safe as if no oil was near

When the road is first sprinkled enough oil is put upon it to penetrate the ballast to a depth of four inches. from 2.000 to 2.200 gallons to a mile of single track is used, at a cost of from \$35 to \$45. The work is done by a special train consisting of a sprinkling car, a tank car for the .oil and an engine which supplies compressed air or steam to aid in ejecting the

The treatment leaves fine sand, which before flew in clouds about a train, with the appearance and consistency of brown sugar. When the roadbed has to be disturbed it is restored to its former state by use of a hand sprinkler. Otherwise a treatment is supposed to last for a year. It is renewed for two years, quantity of oil used being increased one third. After that the way is supposed to be dust proof and weather

It is contended, on behalf of the oil treatment, that it destroys vegetation and therefore saves money which on roads little used would have to be spent for weeding, preserves ties by rendering the track waterproof, and reduces noise.

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may have collected on it, and renews oil coating. While the railroads, under the influence of increased prosperity, are discontinuing oil sprinkling in favor of better and more permanent stone roadbeds, the use of oil for laying the dust on roads is increasing very rapidly. There is less chance of passengers being spattered with muddy petroleum on ordinary roads than on railroad tracks, for the quantity of oil used in a mile need not be so great and traffic keeps the surface pressed

firmly down. Where water and labor are scarce and dear, moreover, the advantage of using no water at all and of needing the service of a sprinkling gang only once a year or so is obvious. The cost is also less, because the quality of the fluid used need not be so carefully studied as in the case of a railroad track, crossed every two feet or so

California first tried sprinkling roads with oil, and the experiment was so great a success that the system been extended to a large part of the All of the conditions are fulfilled there. Oil is cleap, the water supply is limited and labor is expensive, so the farmers appreciate the in

In Minnesota it has just been determined to sprinkle the roads of Hennepin county with crude petroleum, and Minneapolis is considering, and vill probably adopt the use of oil to Many other states are follow California's lead, and the use of oll bing a great deal to help along the cause of good roads in the west and



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