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## AVARICE PERSONIFIED.

By the death of Eli Hyman, the Jew peddler, at the General Hospital on the 17th inst., Toronto financial circles have sustained a rude shock and have lost one of their most unique, if not shining lights. I see you had something in last week's issue about this curious mortal, whose peculiarities I had long been familiar with. But I may add a few incidents to your description of a specimen of human nature that is fortunately rare. 'Tis true, he did not figure as a director of any of the leading financial institutions of the city; neither did he entertain largely, nor was his name mentioned by the "Man on the Street," in connection with large financial interests. But by nearly every loan company and bank in the city he was well known, from the managing director down to the office junior, either as a shareholder, depositor or borrower (if he could wheedle a short date stock loan without interest). And by all he was regarded as an unmitigated nuisance. He never would have his "doovidend" cheques, as he called them, mailed in the usual way, because, as he explained, "dey got mixed up mit his wife's, and made de excitements," but preferred calling for them personally, generally a few days before they were due, and he invariably asked for the stamps which would have been used in mailing them.

Despite his cunning and rapacity, his greed for a big rate of interest frequently led Eli to invest his money in risky concerns, and, when he got stuck, he would go weeping and wailing to different financial company managers, whose advice he had previously asked and then disregarded, imploring them to help him out of the scrape, and "get my monish for me before de big fellers gobble it all up." Many a time he has come in to see the late Walter S. Lee, of the Western Canada Loan Company, to ask: "Is dat a good company? You see, dey gift more interest than de oders." And without Mr. Lee's advice, or inspite of it, he would invest in some spread-eagle concern, and when he was disappointed in the result, would come back whining and shedding real tears.

The writer met him on the street some time after the failure of the Farmers' Loan and Savings Company, and, on enquiring how things were going with him financially, he exclaimed, passionately: "Oh! I hev bin robbed, robbed; first it was the Financial Loan wot went busted and done me up, and now the Farmers' Loan peoples haf got on to me and dey're making me pay up on de uncalled stock." But, I said, I thought you were going to make some sort of a compromise with the liquidators. "No," he replied, "dey would not make no gompromish mit me, dey put in dem dam bailiffs and seized on to everting I haf, and I am near dead."

It appears that he could have made at one time a good compromise with the Farmers' Loan people, but, while he was

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NATHANIEL MILLS,  
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T. P. COFFEE,  
Toronto December 16th, 1902. Manager.