## SUNDAY MORNING

## Union Station a Fertile Field for the Bunco Man; How He Works His Victims

The Game as Played by the Smooth Speaking Confidence Man-His Manner So Amiable, So Irresistible, That Few Fail to Fall-One Tourist Tackled Twice in Day.

assurance that the roll is still intact, "Beating" the Game. pass your fingers over your trousers

in proximity to the hip pocket. For challenge

station."

But then few are wise. Indeed, even the "educated" fail to recognize a new scheme is put into operation. confidence man when they see him. The friend is again the custodian of the money and he soon collects the That is why the bunco game is being roll from the mule man and also all worked with such frequency and success in Toronto and thruout the country. The "con" man is so plau- leads the greenhorn down aonther street and starts to count out the sible, so amiable, so irresistible that money. But suddenly the third man appears. He charges them with consign can save you. Should this be used the bunco man will hastly The third man rushes up and says that excuse himself, suddenly recollecting he is going to the police station.

an appointment.

Traveling people as a rule are chummy, which means more than They like to mix, because long journeys prove uninteresting and tiresome. And it is the same with the men from the farms. They may not desires to meet. He can be very entertaining.

Supposing you have not been initiated. The bunco man smiles a smile that smiles, yes, fairly beams with Stop Not At Fleecing. friendliness and goodwill.

charge of wagering. But the young man refused to go and said that he earth by a new method he would have

By Will. E. MacDonald. "Where are you bound for, friend?" Should you be sitting in a railway Should you be sitting in a railway depot and an amiable stranger accosts you with this question, beware! Gaze up at him blankly and gently slip a up at him blankly and gently slip a hand into your waistcoat in search of your pocketbook. And after you have an appointment.

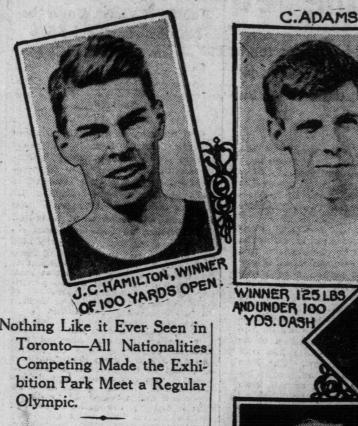
And here is where the first bunch you are about as safe talking to this the "fish" that the mule man is a the "fish" that the greenhorn to man get in some fine work. He tells with a cat. If you are wise your answer to him will be short and to three times. He agrees to do the the point. The countersign to his opposite, consequently one of them must be the odd man each time, and

"Tm bound for the nearest police the American would lose his roll. The "fish" acquiesces. Then they "accidentally" meet the Virginian again on a lonely street. The

the money which the "fish" had. The party breaks up and the friend

"Beat it," shouts the friend, "Till meet you at the station in fifteen min-utes." The "fish" beats it to the station, but he may as well wait fifteen years as fifteen minutes. The "friend" is down another street sharing with the man from Virginia, who is his own money and his share of the spoils. Often he is out \$100 as the result of his little gamble.

Racial differences were forgotten Cases have been known where the The notices your preoccupation. "Where did you say you were bound "Where did you say you were bound that you told him once and you are almost offended that he should not



"When Greek meets Greek then mes the tug-of-war." When representatives of 54 nation alities meet in physical competition

then comes some fun. The fun was there all right las Saturday afternoon when the Toronto Playgrounds indulged in their annual athletic games at Exhibition Park. Fifty-four nationalities yelled themselves hoarse while a black hope and a Jew battled in a 100 yards dash. The Irish cheered the English, and both cheered the Jews, and everybody cheered when the Swede ran first

everybody was Canadian and the

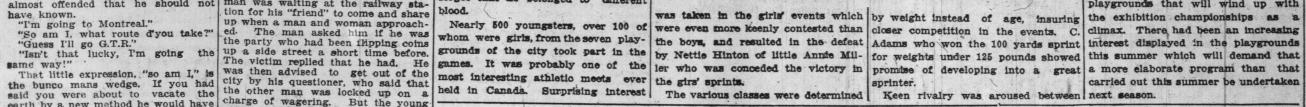


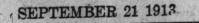
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Five Hundred Eager and Enthusiastic

Playground Players in Fifty Races

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**BUSINESS MEN** 

Employers of Laborers Will Give Ticket of Leave Prisoner a New Start, But Police Chiefs as Rule Are. Unsympathetic.

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**MAN ON PAROLE** 

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Within the last three years Ontario has fallen into line, and now is leading, in the battle for bettering the conditions of its unfortunate citizens. The principal instrument that has been used and from which won derful results have been obtained is the ticket-of-leave or the parole. The power of clemency in Canada rests solely with the governor-general according to the stipulations of the British North America Act and, altho judges have the pawer to impose sen-tences they have absolutely no power to abbreviate them.

The tendency of penology, particularly within the last decade, indicates that the great majority of delinquents are defectives either mentally, mor-ally, or physically. This makes it clear that it is a social duty to furn-ish treatment for the unfortunates of

clear that it is a social dary the task ish treatment for the unfortunates of a worthy character. In modern police courts men are, or should be, sent to prison for one of two reasons, for the protection of society, or for the betterment of the offender. A very small percentage of the average prisoners are bad at heart the great majority being a pro-duct of their environment. It has been the object of progressive govern-ments as far as possible to surround the prisoners with an environment that will tend to change the char-acter. This has been found to be almost impossible in a prison. It was realization of this difficulty that lead to the adoption of the ticket-of leave. The object is to have a reasonable control over offenders, and yet to leave them in such freedom

reasonable control over offenders, and yet to leave them in such freedom that they can work out their own problems. When the government made the experiment it little thought that the hearty support of the em-ployer of labor would be received. It was expected that citizens would stand aloof when called upon to take into their buildings former convicts, and it is only after three years' op-eration of the parole law that the government has learned that busi-ness men are always willing to help the unfortunate men who have de-termined to make a fresh start in life.

the unfortunate men who have termined to make a fresh start in Under a Commission

for weights under 125 pounds showed promise of developing into a great sprinter. Keen rivalry was aroused between don't stew your fruit, but bake it and save the gas. Yee must know how to sew. So The Ontario Parole Commission was Every six or seven weeks the commission meets in the office of the Ingerie waist usually wears out at the ingerie waist at the st. Lawrence Market as weaken when ingerie waist the ingerie waist at the out on the one waist at the ingerie waist at the ingerie waist at the st. Lawrence Market as anywhere else in one hand in the ingerie waist at the out of the ingerie waist at the ingerie waist at the out of the ingerie waist at the ingerie waist at the out of the ingerie waist at the out of the ingerie waist waist at the out of the ingerie waist waist at the out of the out of the ingerie waist at the out of the out of the ingerie waist at the out of Mrs. T. R. Three Per Cent. Fail

A BLACK HOPEFUL WINNER OF 220 YDS. OPEN . LOOSEN UP Some speed THERE JIMMY! ER BROTHER WINS the different playgrounds, McCormick St. Andrews, and Osler playgrounds

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fighting neck and neck for supremacy. The games were such a success that t is the intention of the city to hold series next summer at the various playgrounds that will wind up with

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catch. It is time for the partner or co-operators to be called in. Some-times Mr. Wayback is the "fish," on other occasions it is Mr. Newcomer, probably a native of the locality. It is safe to say that once in the net

few escape. Confidence is the proper word. No other term could fit bunco men so-well, unless the vernacular "bunco" identifies them better. The prospec-tive "fish," the man about to be in-itiated, finds himself the recipient of his new friend's history in detail. Of course, the breezy person modestly lagment that he "that a little income" identifies them better. The prospec-tive "fish," the man about to be incourse, the breezy person inducestry of showing him how it is locked in the case. The "con" man takes the bills, and carries on a little business as a puts them in the case and securely locks it. The "nephew" notices some-

search of beverage. In all probability the train to Mon-treal or to some other place dogs not pull out for an hour or so. Perhaps both men are supposed to be just stopping over for connections. What more natural than that the bunco man should suggest that they see a little of should suggest that they see a little of handle so many victims in a day that the city? Together they start out. Both state that they have never had the pleasure of viewing the city be-swindled out of \$70 at the Union Sta-

The Second Bunco Man.

other building in the city, which altho central affords some slight seclusion, to play the same game on him. He

you tell me where I can find the sta-tion? I have been walking all over Two weeks ago with this big suit case until I have tired myself out."

bunco man," we're going out on that Montreal train' "Well, now, isn't that strange; I'm

going to Montreal too." More occasion for celebration,-an- the older they get the more adept at other man going to Montreal. So the party adjourns to the sideroom of an out-of-the-way hotel.

Once seated in private the third member of the party unloosens his grouch. He does not care for the city, in fact, he detesis it. He would like to be able to fly out of it at once.

If business had not brought him here

he would never have come. "Virginia is my home," boasts Num-ber Three. "It's the best old place on the map, I'll be glad when I get out of this miserable country. I came up here yesterday with a load of mules. Sold them to the city this morning for work in the new tunnel. I got one surprise since I landed. I expected to get \$125 apiece for the mules, and Til be cussed if I didn't get \$140 a head.

At this juncture the waiter enters and Number Three takes advantage of the opportunity to flourish a roll of bills that would choke one of his own mules. He heaps another : tirade abuse on the country and "the fish" claims to be a Canadian and resents his remarks. Number Three then declares that there are no sports in Ca-

Before the "fish" is aware of it he and his friend are matching coppers against the man from Virginia. The wagers run up until each man bets a dollar that he will be "odd man." The three turn coins up and the man who | silent sufferer, "called home!"

earth by a new method he would insist that said, "so am I." He would insist that he was taking the same course too. In short the bunco man is the most agreeable fellow imaginable. His opinions always coincide with yours. Therefore, the countersign not being used he has another victim. He would go to the station and take his medicine, too. When he arrived there the police knew nothing of the case. Another form of swindling practiced by the "con" men is to get one of their older associates to go to a hotel where some prospective victim is stopused, he has another victim. Now, as to the bunco man's me-thods once he sights a prospective thody of the partner or operator turns the subject into the question of safety in carrying a large sum of money. He produces a steel-bound pocket book, securely locked and shows the victim the roll he has lacked away. When the other dis-plays interest he offers to secure him a case like it a case like it.

When next they meet the "con" man introduces his "nephew," who is stay-

before the canning season I get it quite a little cheaper. I buy all the "standard" dress goods and materials out of season and get

them for less than half the price. tion a few weeks ago. He went into the depot and waited five hours for also watch for other bargains. I make Opposite the armourles, or some the "friend" to come and share the money. At the end of that time two all the underwear and even make the men's neglige shirts. I start to look out for Christmas gifts at the be-ginning and while they don't cost much the play the same game on min. The they are worth quite a pit by constant of the play the same game on min. The they are worth quite a pit by constant of the play the same game on min. The they are worth quite a pit by constant of the play the same game on min. The they are worth quite a pit by constant of the mounted constable he grasped both mounted constable he grasped both I do my own work, but have a wo-

o his assistance: Two weeks ago crooks attempted to the heavy work.—Mrs. R. F. W. victimize a young man. He was dis-guised by the detectives and later on

Judicious Marketing. "Why, yes," vouchsafes the first inco man," we're going out on that in the day the same bunco men at-ontreal train." Editor Sunday World: After twelve years' housekeeping I find the follow-ing methods best for my purpose. Buy ing methods best for my purpose. Buy

carefully and avoid waste and ex-Bunco men are not necessarily young. There are old ones, too, and the game they become. Inspector George Kennedy of the detective headquarters and his men are trailing the confidence men all the time, bu great difficulty is always experienced

in securing evidence against them. Worse Still.

"Absurd!" fumed the fusay com-mercial, as a fellow-breakfaster en-tered the coffee-room. "Don't know what these hotels are comin' to, I'm sure; I've been here the whole blessed week, and can't get anythin' of a

week, and can't get anythin' of a mornin' but eggs eggs eggs." "But they're different eggs," ob-served his companion, sadly tucking his napkin under his chin. "Well, of course, they're different," suapped the fussy commercial. "Then'be thankful for at least that consolation," replied the other, "and don't be too hard on hotels. I know a place, my friend, where I am given a hot joint one day, renew its ac-quaintance in a state of frigidity on the next, toy with its mangled rethe next, toy with its mangled re-mains in the form of hash on the third, flirt with it among macaroni and tomato sauce on the fourth, and probably on the fifth detect it lurking yet again in the recesses of a

"Great Scott!" exclaimed the commercial, brought away from his own troubles at last. "Where's that?" "In a little place," replied the

**HOW DO YOU FIGHT** THE HIGH COST OF LIVING?

Toronto Women Tell How They Cut Down The Household Bills, by Care When Buying and Cooking Food, and in General Work Around The House.

## Editor Sunday World :--

Editor Sunday World:--I have many ways of fighting the high cost of living. The first thing do is to be very careful what I buy I do is to be very careful what I buy and who I buy from and then take hobby. Such a burst of confidence reposed in the "fish" by the bunco artist can only result in one thing, and that is a drink. As a rule the nearest hotel is visited by the two in mearest hotel is visited by the two in mearest hotel is visited by the two in search of beverage. joints. Steal pies, chops, steaks,

In clothing one can save as well, I make many of my own clothes and

your own and save the wear. Buy soap and candles in quantities and store them; they harden and don't waste. Don't forget to make you own preserves but use them as care fully as if they were bought. I hope some of these things will help others to reduce the high cost of living as I have done.

Mrs. Smith, 110 Ashburnham road, North Toronto.

Makes Irish Lace.

Editor SunJay World:-I am a bride f 11 months, and have found it very difficult to get along and save travagance and watch the small items. I never neglect 'on bargain' household supplies. Such bargains go into make me save. I can make Irish lace and by selling this have been able to If I secure bargains I don't use them all at once. "Oh, well, they don't cost much anyway" never appeals to me. I use up bargains as carefully took out a mortgage, and, as it is

as more expensive supplies. Waste is down to a minimum. Tea is used carefully, just enough made at each I buy the cheap cuts of meat and orew, never any extra or "bit for the bot." These little tricks only waste by the aid of a good cook book which tells how to cook them. I manage i your stock. Sugar is just as care-fully used; milk also. I don't believe in buying an extra bottle of milk if indulge in very few luxuries. I keep only a few spoonfuls are wanted. The condensed is the most economical. condensed is the most economical. Stale bread and cake with tasty inanything that I could have done with-Mrs. R. P.

Does Own Paper Hanging. Sunday World Editor:--I do my own paper hanging and house decor-ating, and manage to keep the home

very nice at a small outlay. When started housekeeping I took a good course of lessons in dressmaking and millinery, and now save many dol-lars, and also spend many enjoyable hours making my own and the chil-

housework? If you think you can help others, write briefly about your way. If printed you will be paid \$1 for your assistance.

soups, stews and good sausages and eggs are staple ways of reducing the high cost of living.

nearly all my children's. I find it more economical to buy stockings. Watch the small items. Use con-cocoa. It densed milk when making cocoa. It will save the sugar. The laundry man does not get many of my clothes. Do

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a cold and clammy plate, where they are discovered surrounded by a white sauce that tastes like billstickers' paste. Few people have the hardihood to remove them from this environment, the occas you may observe an intrepid /and ardy adventurer attempting feat at a sixty-cent table d'hote din-

In appearance the fish is some what unpreposessing, being lack-ing in profile and having a mouth that resembles that of a street cor-ner orator. But it has a lovely, sinuus. straight front figure that afones for its focial defects. It is also possessed of a high moral character, being calm and collected, and little given to temperamental impulses.

The babits of the fish are most exemplary. The males of the species are always on the water wagon, while the lady fishes are so induswhile the lady fishes are so indus-trious and so averse to race suicide that they fill the heart of Col. Roosevelt with approval and delight. The chief characteristic of fish ap-pears to be their sense of humor. They are the great practical jokers of the animal world, and they like nothing better than a day's sport with a man with a \$250 outfit, whom they will string him along for miles millinery, and now save many dol-lars, and also spend many enjoyaole hours making my own and the chli-dren's dresses. G. H. Cuts Down Gas Bill. Editor Sunday World:-To fight the high cost of living is surely hard, but with a persistent effort you are sure to win. In cooking for instance, it is not necessary to have the gas turned up full, except when a pot is first put on the fire. Let the pot come to a boil and then turn down the gas.

You must know how to sew. So many other women have had the same experience. experience. The other day I made a few obser-

found to be necessary for economical Toronto, Sept. 16.



FISH is a small, moist, unly game, and is only caught after the most brilliant manoeuvring on the part of the fisherman. The pleasant looking body, which is equally at home in the

the part of the instruman. The chief peculiarity, tho, is its shyness, for it is observable that this para-gon of the finny tribe is never hook-ed except when a map is fishing water and cold storage. It is also the father of lies, and full of piomaine prisoning and temptation to tell tarradiddles.

Fish are found in all parts of the world, but their favorite habitat is The next most familiar variety is the fish that a man actually does catch. This variety is a small, insignificant, measly creature that his wife doesn't think worth while cooking. It is extremely expensive, a little hand caught fish not three inches long frequently costing from \$300 to \$500.

\$300 to \$500. Among other well-known var-ieties of fizin are the sucker, which abounds in Wall street waters; the goggle-eyed perch, who infests the goggle-eyed perch. who infests the sightseeing automobiles and rubbers up at the ta'l buildings; the lobster which first around the bars of the Great White Way, and the claims, which are plentiful along Fifth ave-

which are plentiful along Fifth ave-nue. Women, who are great fishers of men, and frequently make big catches, find that the most effective bait to use is a combination of good looks and flattery. Almost any kind of a he fish, especially an old one, will rise to that bait. How fishing comes to be classed among sports instead of among oruel and funusual and inhuman punishment, is a mystery no one has ever attempted to solve. It must simply be set down as one of the man will leave a nice, cool, clean. comfort-the office and spend from \$10 to \$100 to \$it on the end of a broiling pier, holding a dinky little pole with a silly little line attached. fishing for a fish that hasn't been in that vicinity for ten years, and them he will return home with a blistered neck, every muscle in him aching; and brag about the fun he As has been said, fish are found

has had. As has been said, fish are found in all parts of the world, but the fluest varieties are to be discovered at your butcher's. Also you will find that that is the cheapest place at which to fish.

Only three per cent. Fail Only three per cent. of the men out on ticket-of-leave have failed to make socd. and. aitho the men are required to report every month. until their ticket-of-leave expires. to the nearest sheriff or chief of police, and as there are only three or four sheriffs in the province that will take an active in-terest in these men they are almost entirely thrown back upon the chief of police and their own resources. This is considered by those interested if the work as one of the great draw-backs of the Ontario parole law.

in the work as one of the great draw-backs of the Ontario parole law. "Men on parole should be kept as far as possible away from the police," said a prominent criminal worker to The Sunday World. The average chief of police is too hardened and unsympa-thetic and is in other ways unadapted for the work of helping prisoners to reform." eform.'

In Toronto the prisoner is more fortunate. He can report to Dr. Gdi-mour at the Central Prison, who is always willing and anxious to lend a helping hand or give a word of advice and he can also seek the assistance of two societies who work in the in-terest of discharged prisoners, the Prioners' Aid Society and the Salvation Army.

Not Hard to Find Work

Men out on ticket-of-leave usually have less trouble in getting work than other men, according to a prison welfare worker. A word from one of our workers to the employer saying that a man is trying to reform is generally enough to have him given a trial

Altho the ticket-of-leave is in no nstance given to a man who has not finished at least one-half of his sentence a very large proportion of the men are so anxious to make good that they receive their ticket the day the sentence is half expired.

Th term ticket-of-leave is not a happy one, as it savors rather 200 much of penal servitude. Mr. Brockway, formerly superintendent of the New York state prison at Elmira, was the man that succeeded in making a success of the ticket-of-leave and insuccess of the licket-of-leave and in-troduced it as a ganeral practice. He called it parole, but for some reason unknown this name has not been adopted in this province, altho in gen-eral use in the United States. It has now been in vorte in England and now been in vogue in England and parts of Europe for over half a century and has met with unqualified

tury and has met with unqualified success wherever introduced. The number of men in Ontario pro-vincial prisons at the present time is about 700 and while some of them will not get a chance of a ticket-of-leave most of them will be able to spend the last half of their sentence in learning to control themselves and preparing for the time when they will be free-to do as their own mind bids them,

gredients reappear as bread puddings. Surplus cold meat forms the ground HIGH COST OF LIVING Have you found',by personal

experience some way to com-bat the high cost of living? Can you tell other women of some little knack in buy-ing food and other household supplies; of some scheme that

saves money in preparing meals, or in doing the general