

Crook's Latest Tricks.

VERY CLEVER SWINDLES TO CATCH THE UNWARY.

The professional swindler of to-day has adopted a new idea. He is "trying out" tricks which, besides paying him well, cause him to run hardly any risk.

Very ingenious are some of these tricks.

There is the pawn ticket swindle, which requires two "operators"—and, of course, a victim.

The couple select the latter and then pass him separately. The man ahead, feeling for his handkerchief, "accidentally" drops a card and hurries on, his part done. The second man, poorly dressed, picks it off the pavement, and slows down in his walk to read it. He is soon overtaken by the victim, who is asked to read it, as the crook is "a poor scholar myself, sir."

The cad turns out to be a pawn ticket for a watch pledged for, say, eight pounds.

Now, the "victim" saw with his own eyes that the card was accidentally dropped and picked up. Obviously, the thing to do is to see that it is returned. But if, for a moment, he forgets himself, he may listen to the finder's offer to sell him the ticket for thirty shillings.

If he makes the bargain, the lucky purchaser spends the rest of the day hunting for the pawnbroker's address. Not till later does it strike him that the ticket was printed on purpose to be dropped, picked up and sold!

And you see the cleverness of the crooks! As he made his own bargain—and an illegal one at that—the dupe has no remedy, even if the next day he happens to find the same pair strolling casually along.

Another trick in which the victim catches himself is the "respectable sailor" dodge.

An elderly seafaring man is seen to be staring anxiously at the shop titles. Kindly Mr. Victim may inquire if he can help him.

The sailor explains that he is looking for Messrs. So-and-so, tobacconist. A glance round shows no such name.

The sailor, now pitiable in his anxiety, says no other shop will do, and buttonholing his kind friend, whom he "can see is a man of the world," he explains his secret.

For years after each voyage he has been smuggling ashore a small box of prime cigars, selling them to the proprietor of the missing shop.

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"Now he's gone, sir," says the old salt, "they're thrown on my hands—and the likes of me smokes twist."

In the end the friendly victim offers to buy a small box containing one fair sample of a sixpenny cigar and a large assortment of carefully rolled brown paper.

The victim, having rushed upon his own fate, and having, moreover, done his feeble best to rob the revenue, doesn't try to prosecute.

Then there is the trickster who carefully dresses up as a country visitor. This honest soul frankly explains that he is enjoying his trip so much that he proposes to stop a few days longer in London. Therefore there is the return half of his excursion ticket from Manchester, or Birmingham, or Glasgow (he has them all) if one could only see into his pocket) going begging for, say, five bob.

It's an even chance that in any bar there'll be someone who wants such a ticket, the money changes hands. And the purchaser finds out

later that the ticket was quite unofficially printed, and is available nowhere.

Pigeons on Waiting Orders.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Radio and all other modern methods of communication have not succeeded in ousting the carrier pigeon from its position as an important factor in the war time transmission of intelligence.

The American army maintains 1,400 birds along the Mexican border, in Hawaii, in the Canal Zone, and otherwise distributed at some 22 army posts. Fifty are fed daily in the Philippines, while at Camp Vail, New Jersey, the reserve headquarters, 400 birds draw their rations, waiting to be of service in the field in which, in the past, they have proved themselves most valuable.

Look out for the Independent. July 21st

"Pensioner's" 38,000 Pounds.

SEARCH FOR LONELY MAN'S NEXT OF KIN.

Search is being made for the relatives of a lonely old man who has just died intestate in Sydney, Australia, leaving £38,000. Deceased, Martin Edward Burke, 90, was born in Ireland, but had lived in Australia for over 40 years. He was a retired postmaster, who resided in a modest boarding house and, being poorly dressed, was always regarded as a pensioner. After his death his trunk disclosed records of £20,000 in fixed deposits in Sydney banks and £12,000 in Government stock, as well as shares in banking companies. His other personal effects were valueless.

Administration has been granted to the Public Trustee, who is seeking Burke's relatives.

Self-Convicted.

Paderewski, prince of pianists, tells an amusing story of a certain lady who greatly fancied herself as a vocalist.

One day while playing over on her piano the accompaniment to one of her songs, she came to the conclusion that the instrument did not sound right somehow, and telephoned for a tuner.

The man came, and found the piano in perfect order. However, he pattered about with it for a while, pocketed his fee, and departed.

A few days later his employer received another telephone message from the lady. Her piano, she complained, had not been properly tuned. It was no better than before, and she was very disappointed.

After receiving a reprimand from his employer, the hapless tuner made another trip and again tested every note, only to find, as previously, no fault with the instrument. This time he told the lady so.

"Yes," she said, "it does sound all right, doesn't it, when you play on it; but as soon as I begin to sing it gets all out of tune."

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The Crowe Agreement.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—There is at present an agreement between the Legislature in which Mr. H. J. Crowe is the principal. This contract has been already commented on by the Evening Telegram, and rightly so, as some of the concessions granted are altogether unwarranted and should never have been given.

The original Crowe grant provided that for the area represented in the grant, mill or mills of a certain capacity should be erected, and, if Mr. Crowe acquired these lands by purchase, he knew and understood the same. Why has he not fulfilled these original terms? Why should the Newfoundland Government, when wood is becoming more valuable, reduce the size of the mill or mills, Mr. Crowe is bound to erect by several thousand feet? What are the unfavorable economic conditions which allow Mr. Crowe to change his original agreement whilst other companies to operate in the same vicinity, are prepared to undertake buildings immediately and begin operations.

Connected with Mr. Crowe's property is a very valuable water-power rights. This precludes the absence of power as a reasonable excuse on the part of Mr. Crowe.

If, with all the streams flowing into the bay, on every one of which there is power chiefly situated within or on the three mile limit, there is no power, has the Government definite information regarding the value of these waterpowers. If not, then, why not delay the whole agreement until definite information is first obtained and a thorough knowledge of the whole economic conditions are ascertained beyond peradventure. If the Government has information, which it regards as definite, by whom were the reports made, and when?

There is a large power at Big Cat Arm, practically all this power is within the three mile limit, and not on land leased for the cutting of timber.

Why, then, should the Crowe lease make an exception? Why is there not a limited time for the erection of the plants which he proposes to erect? Such action on the part of the Government will give Mr. Crowe a decided advantage over other rivals, whose intentions are strictly based on sound financial basis, and whose operations here will be a decided benefit to the people of the country.

Is it that Mr. Crowe is being a gift to barter around the United States, as has been done unfortunately so many times in the past to the disadvantage of the colony.

Drum harked wood should cost not over fifteen cents per cord. Are we to give away our forest wealth for the mere cost of cuttings and fifteen cents in machine labor.

How will this Crowe agreement affect others who may erect plants if the wood on these areas is all removed. If he is allowed to do so he will greatly injure, if not altogether spoil, the business prospects of other contractors who may be given similar agreements with the colony. What is there in the Crowe agreement to prevent him from cutting his limit out in ten years. Why ten years to erect a plant? In the Mooney agreement there is a cash deposit guaranteeing that a mill will be erected or two mills of equal capacity.

I trust Sir Patrick McGrath will have this Crowe agreement ventilated in the Legislative Council. There is room for just criticism and Honourable members of that body will do well to study the contract in detail and not allow Mr. Crowe to gain unfair and unjust advantages over others who are putting down their money into a business founded on strict business lines.

Newfoundland needs industries, but there are some which may be done away with when the concessions given are far and away beyond the advantages gained by the colony.

The Mooney deal appears to be a different proposition. It asks NO CONCESSIONS. The company agrees to operate immediately, and as a guarantee of its good faith deposits a CASH GUARANTEE with the Government for the fulfilment of its agreement.

The Crowe deal is not a business proposition. It is a mere speculative venture in which all the profits, if any, will accrue to Mr. Crowe and little or nothing to the colony.

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Remarks by Chairman, H. W. Pike. Piano Duet—Misses Parry and Thistle.

Solo—Miss Blanche Rose. Reading—Mrs. Simmonds.

Duet—Misses Driscoll and Hudson. Solo—Miss Jennie Butler.

Reading—Miss Susie Pike. Solo—Miss Winnie Thistle.

Mouth Organ and Spoon Selection—Messrs. Driscoll and Jones.

Solo—Bert Snow. Reading—W. T. Thistle.

Solo—Miss Elsie Driscoll. Piano Duet—Miss Parry.

Duet—Misses Taylor and Sparkes. Chorus—"Star of the Twilight."

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Congregational Church

GETS FIRST PRESIDENT IN COOLIDGE.

WASHINGTON.—(By A.P.)—For the first time in history the Congregational Church, through the rise of Calvin Coolidge to the Presidency, will be able to claim the Nation's Executive.

Although not a member, Mr. Coolidge has for many years been a regular attendant at Congregational Churches here and in Massachusetts, accompanying Mrs. Coolidge, an actual member of the Church since childhood.

The First Congregational Church here tomorrow becomes the Presidential Church of the capital. The President and Mrs. Coolidge plan to attend morning services there. They have attended First Church constantly during Mr. Coolidge's term as Vice-President and will keep it as their place of worship in the future. The pastor is Rev. Janson N. Pierce, who called upon the President to-day.

President Coolidge, although not a member of the church, is the first President associated with the Congregational faith. He and Mrs. Coolidge rarely miss Sunday services.

When a young girl Mrs. Coolidge joined the church at her home in Rutland, Vt., and after her marriage she transferred that membership to the Edwards Congregational Church at Northampton, Mass., of which the father of President Coolidge's private secretary, Edward T. Clark, once was pastor.

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