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inquiries regarding them appeared to amuse my informants, for it has been published widely in the Parisian papers (and I presume in the English and American press too) that my own wealth is largely invested in the pawn-shop business of China. And one of the illustrated French papers, thinking it was humorous, pictured me yesterday with a Jewish nose and holding in one hand the Western symbol of the loan office. M. Chateauvere, the chief of the French secret pelice detailed to guard me while in Paris, asked if I wanted legal proceedings against the publisher to be taken, but I told him that I had enjoyed the cartoon as much probably as any one. In seems that in the Western world the lender of the process of the public. That is because they agreeze the blood of those who borrow. That is why the "pawhroker" is an undesirable person in the community.

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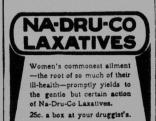
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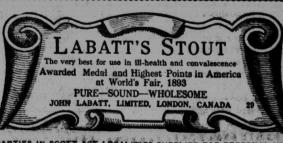




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