

HOCUS POCUS IN ART.

HOW SOME PERSONS WHO THINK THEY KNOW ARE SWINDLED.

Queer Tricks Practiced by Men Who Make a Living With Pencil and Brush—Cartoonists With More Than One Name—One Who Made His Ghost Famous.

Artists who sign their names to pictures that other men paint are quite plentiful in this town. In a little store on Fourth avenue, just around the corner from the American Academy of Design, there are some very pretty examples of water coloring for sale.

"That woman brings some very good work in here for me to sell," said he. "There is one peculiarity about her, though. She always writes her signature in my shop." The dealer paused as though to be questioned.

"Why does she do that?" was asked. "Well, I suppose she doesn't like to put it on at the studios where the pictures are painted."

"She doesn't paint her own pictures, then?" "Not all of them. It's easier to pick them up here and there and bring them to me to sell. I don't know how much she pays the artists who paint them, and I don't care. It's none of my business. All I know is that the work is very good and that I can get good prices for it."

Sometimes an artist signs more than one name to his own work. This happens every day on some of the illustrated weeklies published for Broadway circulation. The publisher doesn't like to see one man's name signed to every cartoon or full page picture.

A New York artist who draws for the pictorial weeklies tells a story of his experience in England at a time when all the publishers were demanding French illustrators and had no use for native talent.

He assumed a very French name, wrote in that language altogether and submitted his sketches, which already out-Frenched the Frenchmen in their naughtiness.

The dealer would give no written guarantee. He said he believed the two canvases were genuine, and he explained the low price by saying that he bought the pictures from a man in hard luck who was ignorant of their value.

There are pawnbrokers in this town who have been known to go into a picture swindling scheme, as more than one credulous buyer has learned to his cost. It is not an infrequent occurrence for an amateur in art to be approached with a request to buy a pawn ticket calling for a lot of pictures pledged for, say, \$100.

It is a perfectly safe and easy method of swindling. Neither the pawnbroker nor the ticket seller is likely to be caught. The pictures may only be worth \$10. It cannot be proved that the pawnbroker knew this or that the other man knew it, for that matter.

Solemn Stranger—All flesh is grass. Deaf Man—Hoey? Solemn Stranger—No, grass.—New York Press.

THE SECRETARY SNAKE

The Cool Manner in Which It Kills a Snake, Its Natural Prey.

As soon as the secretary bird, or snake eater, of South Africa discovers a snake, it advances toward it without hurry and without hesitation, and when within striking distance it immediately elevates its crest and the feathers of the neck, and without losing any time delivers a blow with its foot.

The fight is then virtually over, for if the secretary gets in a single blow the snake's back is broken, and the bird, lightninglike, plants its foot firmly on the reptile's neck and head, pressing them into the ground, while it delivers the coup de grace with its beak, and then deliberately swallows the snake whole, beginning at the tail, and just before the head disappears, giving it an enthusiastic parting rap on the ground.

But there is nothing refined about the secretary bird's appetite, for one writer says he found inside one three serpents "as long as his arm," 11 lizards 7 inches long, 21 tortoises about 2 inches in diameter, "besides a large quantity of grasshoppers and other insects."

The secretary bird is protected by the cape authorities for the immense public benefit it confers in eating poisonous snakes, and a penalty is attached by law to its destruction. And if it were necessary hundreds of eyewitnesses could be called to prove its right to the title of serpentivore.

English Criminals. Doubtless, to judge from your average daily journal, murders and suicides, crimes and catastrophes, wars and feuds and frauds, would seem to remain the staple of the human record.

When the population of England was 19,257,000 in 1869, there were 2,589 persons undergoing penal servitude; now, with a population of 27,850,179, the number is only 947. In 1878 the entire number of prisoners in our jails was 20,833; the entire number at the same date last year was 12,663, though the population had increased by 6,000,000.

A treasury agent, speaking of the watchfulness of Uncle Sam's officials, said: "A handsomely dressed man got off a ferryboat and seemed to be unusually nervous. A moment more and he was struggling in the hands of the officers and desperately clutching at the lapels of his coat."

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There have been great changes in the government departments in the last 30 years. The first woman regularly employed was put on the rolls of the navy department 35 years ago. She was a young widow, and the officials considered it an awful problem how to dispose of her.

Doctor—If you are to recover, you must spend the next three months in traveling. Patient—But I can't afford it, doctor. Doctor—Very well, stay at home if you must, and I will visit you daily.

Woman (in third class carriage)—Oh, what a noise! That horrid whistling is enough to drive one mad. Guard—I suppose you want us for your sixpence to engage Patti to sing on the engine for you!—A rondpo.

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