Queer Tricks Practiced by Men Who Maks 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 corper from the American Academy of Design, there are some very pretty examples of water coloring for sale. The signature in the corner of each canvas is that of a woman. The dealer was in a communicative mood the other day, and as he was talking with a reporter he picked up one of the paintings and held it to the light for observation and

'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.

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. I suppose she is building up a reputation on the strength of these canvases. Well, why shouldn't she? She gives work to a lot of people who would probably starve otherwise. You see, scores of persons can paint pictures and very few have the knack of getting them sold."

Sometimes an artist signs more than one name to his own work. This happens every day on some of the illustrat-ed weeklies published for Broadway circulation. The publisher doesn't like to see one man's name signed to every cartoon or full page picture. He does not want it known that his staff of artists is so small. Not long ago one of the cleverest of the illustrators used to sign his own name to the big two page picture in the middle of the periodical and a nom de plume to the first page drawing every week. In a little while he began to receive letters addressed to the assumed name, giving orders for work and full of compliments. He had built up a reputation for the mythical artist which he could not get for himself. His pride was burt, but he swallowed the bumiliation and proceeded to increase the fame and the revenue of his ghost.

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. This particular artist knew that he could cut corsages as low and skirts as high as any Frenchman that ever lived. He had spent several vacations and lots of hard earned money in seeing the particular side of Parisian life that the publishers were howling for at that particular time.

He assumed a very Frenchy name, wrote in that language altogether and submitted his sketches, which already out-Frenched the Frenchmen in their naughtiness. He made a big hit, his mail orders were numerous, and for many months he enjoyed a lucrative income nuder his title of De Bonlanger or whatever it was, while all the other English illustrators were drawing for the religious weeklies, which cannot afford to pay haif as big prices to their artists as their more wicked and perhaps more interesting contemporaries.

In the window of a picture store in Harlem there were exposed for sale not long ago two small canvases with the magic name of Corot in the corner. The price of each was \$250. Now, a genuine Corot is worth anywhere from \$1, Was it a mistake or an attempt at swindling? The pictures were in Corot's style, and only an expert could tell whether they were gennine or

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 Inck who was ignorant of their value. The purchaser took all the risk. If the pictures were not gennine Corots, their real value was anywhere from \$5 to \$50. That is one of the queer things in the art business

There are pawnbrokers in this town who have been known to go into a picture swindling scheme, as more than government departments in the last 30 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. The pictures, the stranger says, are worth at least \$250. He will sell the ticket for \$25. If the amateur buys it, he pays not only the \$25 for the ticket, but the \$100 and interest to the pawnbroker.

It is a perfectly safe and easy method of swindling. Neither the pawn- treasury alone. There is one woman to broker nor the ticket seller is likely to every seven men. 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. The victim has scarcely any mode of redress. Swindles like this would not be possible but for the fact that very many men believe they know all there is to be known about art. when, as a matter of fact, they know nothing at all. Or, in other words, "the crop of suckers never fails," to quote the old maxim of the green goods dealer. - New York World.

I Beg Pardon Solemn Stranger-All flesh is grass Deaf Man-Hey?

York Press.

THE SECRETARY BIRD

The Cool Manner In Which It Kills a Snake, Its Natural Prev.

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. If the snake has avoided the blow and attempts to strike back, the bird interposes a wing, thus receiving the deadly fangs harmlessly upon the long feathers and immediately strikes again.

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," or other words, 736 feet of snake, 636 of lizard, 314 of tortoise and say a yard of miscellaneous trifles!

The secretary bird is protected by the cape authorities for the immense public benefit it confers in enting poisonous snakes, and a penalty is attached by law to its destruction. And if it were necessary hundreds of eyewitnesses too, this bird may be trained, and is trained, to protect poultry yards, not only from snakes, which are too fond of eggs, but from other birds of prey .- St. James Budget.

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. But be it remembered that, for obvious reasons, all our worst ar 'darkest is collected there. One might as well judge of public health by the painful cases described in a medical publication as of the vast mass of solid human happiness and innocent living joy by the daily catalogue of these really trivial exceptions to it. As for sins-the most serious of which are only such as are malicious-though the population increase, they seem steadily to diminish. We had 87,668 "habituals" in 1868; now the evil roll is only 52, 153.

When the populaiton of England was 19,257,000 in 1869, there were 2,589 persons undergoing penal servitude: now, with a population of 27,880,179, 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, tho: the population had increased by 6,000, 000. Pauperism is also declining. In 1879, 1.079,391 persons were in receipt of relief; in 1891, with an addition of more than 7,000,000 inhabitants, there were only 774,905. The upshot of these figures - without pressing them too much-seems surely to be that the "cosmic process" in our own little corner of the universe is not doing so badly. -Sir Edwin Arnold in Longman's Magazine.

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. 'It's no use,' the officers remarked; 'we know what you have and where it is. Better give it up and save trouble.' Apparently crushed by the discovery, the man quietly assisted in opening seams and produced the diamonds from various portions of his clothing. 'Your shoes, please!' This rather staggered him, but he submitted with good grace, and one of the heels being unscrews another lot, though smaller and less valuable than the first, was found there. The diamonds were The dealer would give no written examined and pronounced to be a splendid article of paste, worth about 25 cents each. This did not satisfy us, and the man was stripped to the skin. A huge piece of sticking plaster was on his back, which was removed, and under it were concealed scores of genuine diamonds. It is not often that a ruse is so adroitly planned and practiced." -New York Times.

Women Clerks In Washington. There have been great changes in the years. The first woman regularly employed was put on the rolls of the navy

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