



"Count Gregory," who died in a swindler's prison cell, was such a clever imposter that Mrs. John Jacob Astor held a reception in his honor.

ACROSS the screen of public happenings frequently there flashes a figure that engages the attention of the world by posing as someone he never was and never could be.

Such a figure is the self-styled Prince Henri de Chateroux de Bussigny de Bourbon. He was "heir to the throne of France" to those he deceived in New York city, but plain Harold Schwarm, factory hand in his native town, New Britain, Conn., to those who really know him.

Such a figure, too, is Stephen Weinberg, now serving a term in Atlanta federal prison, who represented himself as Lieutenant Stanley Weyman, U. S. N., and also as plenipotentiary to foreign governments from this country.

Yet science, through the medium of the psycho-analyst, Andre Tridon, now comes forward with the disconcerting statement that these two and the "Count Gregory" and the Cassia Chadwicks and the "Lord Grays" are not criminal. "They are simply men with children's brain playing out the parts of a fairy tale which their defective minds invented," says M. Tridon. "They're just like children 'playing house' or 'getting married.'"

Other psychologists arrive at a similar verdict. Those who do not fall prey to this class of fakirs are loud in their sarcastic criticisms of those who were victimized. Nevertheless, such individuals will go on deceiving trustful folk just because the average good citizen takes a man at his word and has too much courtesy and too little time to go about the task of inquiring here and searching there for the proof that a "count" is what he says he is.

Schwarm and Weinberg were principally interested in being regarded as "somebody." Cassia Chadwick, "Count Gregory" and "Lord Gray" got an easy living out of it.

There is a strange parallel in the cases

of Schwarm and Weinberg. Each comes of poor parents. Each exhibits a mania for gew-gaws and glittering uniforms. Each has an engaging personality. Each shows a fondness for titles. The escapades of one closely resemble the escapades of the other. Harold Schwarm, fake prince, and Stephen Weinberg, grocery clerk of Brooklyn, N. Y., might well have been twins.

Schwarm, the Fake Prince.

- 1—Associated in a fake million-dollar scheme with the notorious "Lord James Douglas Moore Gray" and traveled through New England accompanied by "Lady Gray" and the "Princess de Bourbon." "Lord Gray" is now reported serving time in a British prison.
- 2—Represented himself as the adopted son of John D. Rockefeller.
- 3—Employed a secretary and supported an apartment with a dog and a monkey as his companions.
- 4—Claimed to be the "leader" of 4,500,000 Russians.
- 5—Claimed to be "heir" to the throne of France.
- 6—Married four women, it is alleged.

Weinberg, the Fake Naval Officer.

- 1—As "Commander Stanley Weyman, U. S. N.," gave dinner in 1913 in New York city to vice-president of San Salvador, to which country he said he was consul.
- 2—As "Lieutenant-Commander Ethan Allen Weinberg, U. S. N.," paid an official visit to the United States battleship Wyoming in the North river and a few nights later gave a dinner to the officers of that ship.
- 3—Represented himself as Captain Rodney Sterling Wyman, liaison officer for Harold F. McCormick, the millionaire harvester king, in the latter's marital troubles.
- 4—As Dr. Clifford Sterling Weyman became secretary to Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the famous Austrian orthopedic surgeon.

No Prince or Criminal, Only a Child Telling Fairy Stories

The Scientist Tridon Explains Why There Are so Many Imposters Such as Harold Schwarm, the Latest to Pretend to Royal Blood When Only a Connecticut Factory Hand



Harold Schwarm ("Prince Henri de Chateroux de Bussigny de Bourbon"), the Connecticut factory hand who posed as a nobleman.



"Lord and Lady Gray." His lordship was actually a London cab-driver's son, but he imposed himself on the gullible rich in this country and captured two wealthy heiresses as brides.



Lillian Wilkomerson, who believed she had become the "Princess de Bourbon" when she wed the fraudulent "Prince Henri."

U. S. N. for weeks Weinberg practiced deception that made hanging stock of prominent individuals. At Dannemora prison, where he once served a term for swindling, Weinberg was examined by Dr. John R. Roth, superintendent of the hospital for the criminal insane. "Maniac depressive insanity, with instability, grandiose ideas and insane elation," runs that report in part.

The chief difference between the two swindlers is their attitude toward the women. Mrs. Emile Schwarm, mother of the "prince," is authority for the statement that Harold married when he was 15. It is alleged he has married three other girls since. But Weinberg appears never to have troubled himself about the girls. Even though he had the obsession for regalia, he seemed to desire a uniform



Catherine Lynn of Dorchester, Mass., who was the third to marry Schwarm. She had her marriage annulled.

- 5—Forged United States Senator William M. Calder's name to a check.
- 6—Is now in Atlanta federal prison serving a two-year term for impersonating a United States naval officer.



Stephen Weinberg, who wanted to be "somebody" and posed as a diplomat until he was caught masquerading in a U. S. naval uniform. Now he's Uncle Sam's "guest" at Atlanta federal prison.

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