

ARTISTIC ATROCITIES and FAKE ANTIQUES

European manufacturers of alleged antiques look upon the people of the United States as their best customers and their factories are running overtime in order that there may be produced sufficient specimens of the old and unique to supply the American trade. Some \$9,000,000 worth of old tapestries were to be delivered in this country before Christmas day that the buyer living under the Stars and Stripes may satisfy his artistic longings and point proudly to things said to have one time belonged to households which were modern about the time that Charlemagne was the political boss of the world.

The antique business is not confined to tapestries. It has assumed alarming proportions in almost every other line. It has become so widespread that the legitimate dealers are already suffering, for the cunning makers of the spurious articles have done their work so deftly that the casual observer cannot detect the difference. A brass ship's lantern made in London in the early nineteenth century at \$5.50 sounds like a bargain, as does an egg-bowler of the first empire at \$12.50, until you discover modern material therein. I bought a fine specimen of dagger in a Spanish colony and was mightily pleased with it until one day the handle slipped off and I found the mark showing it to be constructed of American cast steel. An odd bit of cotton cloth picked up in Hayti was also a valued possession until I learned that it was made in New England and shipped to the black republic in order that it might return to the United States in the hands of such unsuspecting purchasers as myself. So widespread is the fraud perpetrated by unscrupulous dealers and so continuing is the imposition upon collectors who essay to pick up old silver, china and period furniture in the United Kingdom and continental Europe that the United States Department of Commerce and Labor is warning Americans in its publications to beware of the frauds.

One of the crazes affected by some Americans just at present is the collection of miniatures and decorated snuff and match boxes. These and similar articles are manufactured by deft and dexterous copyists and are sold by the gross to dealers who represent them to be genuine, if the dealer happens to be a European devoting his time and attention to the American tourist trade. The manufacturer also ships these articles to this country for sale on their merits as copies of originals.

"Old marks" on china are practically meaningless in this day of subterfuge and fraud. The amateur collector of china should beware of the oily dealer in Europe. Genuine examples of Dresden, Chelsea, Worcester or Bow are worth more than their weight in gold. Many pieces purchased because of their refined decoration and simple gilding and because they bore the golden anchor have turned out to be fakes produced by well-known firms on the continent. Even examples of more recent china and pottery, early nineteenth century ware, as Derby, Worcester, Spode, Coalport and Rockingham china and Wedgwood, Spode, Mason and other potteries are faked and sold at exorbitant prices as genuine. These do not especially attract the collector, but they are freely bought by travelers.

There is a way, however, of protecting one's self. Expert advice may be sought and a written guarantee demanded. The English courts have held, quite recently, that if a false description of an antique is given in an invoice, the purchaser is entitled to full recovery. Any evasion, or hesitation on the part of a dealer to give such a guaranty may usually be accepted as a token of his dishonesty.

Forgery of old English silver is not common, owing to fear of the law. Sophistication of hall-marks in Great Britain is a hazardous occupation. Then again, the almost prohibitive price of old English silver confines its purchase to the wealthy. However, there are fakers who will remove a hall-mark from any old bit of silver of little value and insert it into a piece of modern manufacture for which an immense price may be obtained. For these, Americans are found who will pay about twenty times the real value.

Investigations by United States consuls abroad show that in Holland old chests, cabinets, desks and chairs of

little value are collected, and, after being veneered with cheaply made marquetry, are sent to England. Old oak beams from demolished churches and graneries are likewise in constant demand for conversion into Jacobean refectory tables and Queen Anne furniture. Mid-Victorian pedestal sideboards are amputated into specimens of Robert Adam, and conventional inlay suitable for Sheraton furniture is cut out by machinery and supplied in any quantity to those who have the skill and inclination to fabricate antiques. Grandfather clocks are frequently made up of such incongruities as a modern dial with a forged maker's name and date, and old case patched up and set off with modern inlay, and perhaps works about 50 years old. The Stradivarius violins are almost as numerous as the modern instruments, while old armor and medals, all of modern make, are produced by the wagon load. Cheap and inartistic Japanese ware is flooding Europe for the purpose of interesting the Americans who like to buy such things, and more Chinese stuff, alleged to have been taken from the palace of the emperor during the Boxer troubles, is for sale than has been produced in the oriental empire during the last twenty years.

It is a great modern enterprise, this making of antiques, and the greatest practitioners of the art are the shrewd European dealers who depend upon American purchasers to fill their coffers. Were it not for the people of this country the industry could not exist.

BUNGALOW ON STILTS.

Novel Hot-Season Home to Be Erected at Great River, L. I.

A bungalow on stilts is to be erected in Great River, L. I., adjoining the estates of W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Bayard Cutting, Frederick G. Bourne and other wealthy men. Undoubtedly it will be the oddest hot-weather residence ever constructed.

It is to be built by Harry de Bow Barnes, who has an office in the Marble building, at 34th street and 6th avenue, and who lives in the Bronx, the New York World says.

He engaged W. H. Buckhout, a Hacksack architect, to prepare the plans. Mr. Buckhout described them last night in this way:

"Four hollow steel poles or masts,

each forty-five feet in length and eight inches in diameter, will support a platform twenty-five feet square. The poles pass through the corners of the platform for five feet and act as a brace for the bungalow that is built upon the platform. A spiral staircase gives access to the bungalow through the medium of a door in the under side of the platform. This stairway is fitted with a gateway that can be closed at will by the occupants of the bungalow, so as to shut out undesirable callers.

"Both the platform and the bungalow are to be of seasoned oak. The structure itself will be fitted with all sorts of hot-weather conveniences. Every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of its occupants from winds and thunderstorms. It will also be fitted with an anti-swaying device that has been invented by Mr. Barnes himself."

If the experiment turns out to be success, as Mr. Barnes believes it will it is possible that bungalows on stilts will become popular.

"Hitch Your Wagon to a Star."

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." His opinion of himself will be reproduced by the life processes within him and outpictured in his body, says Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine. If you would make the most of yourself, never picture yourself as anything different from what you would actually have yourself, from what you long to become. Whenever you think of yourself, form a mental image of a perfect, healthy, beautiful, noble being, not lacking in anything, the person you wish to become. Positively refuse to see anything about yourself which you would not like to have true. Insist upon seeing only the truth of your being, the man or woman God had in mind when he made you, not the distorted thing, the burlesque man or woman which your ignorance and unfortunate environment, wrong thinking and vicious living have produced. The estimate you have of yourself, the image of yourself which you carry in your mind, will mean infinitely more to you than what other people may think of you.

If we would make the most of our lives, if we would be and do all that it is possible for us to be and to do, we must not only think well of ourselves, but we must also be just to ourselves physically, be good to our bodies. In order to be the highest, the most efficient type of man or woman, it is just as necessary to cultivate the body, to develop its greatest possible strength and beauty, as it is to cultivate the mind, to raise it to its highest power.

Protest.

"What do you think of that English notion of abolishing the House of Lords?"

"It's an outrage," answered Mr. Cumrox. "It's worse than bankruptcy. It's repudiation. We American millionaires who have made big matrimonial investments will never stand for it."—Washington Star.

RINKING IN ITS NEWEST FORM.



ROLLER-SKATERS TURNING A "ROUNDAABOUT."

We illustrate the latest development of the new craze, a form of run-about turned by energetic roller-skaters, who, it will be noticed, "strap-hang," and so not only turn the arrangement, but are prevented from falling should their feet leave the ground. The machine is in use at the Hampstead Roller-Skating Palace.—London Illustrated News.

LURE OF HIDDEN TREASURE.

Two Fruitless Trips Have Not Discouraged California Men.

Major W. A. Desborough, who has made two trips to find a reputed buried treasure on Cocos Island, in the Pacific, off the coast of Central America, will make another attempt within a few weeks, and he hopes the third time will prove the charm.

His first trip was made twelve years ago, but mutiny in his crew compelled him to give up the search, although he proved the correctness of his drawings and maps at that time.

Last summer he made another trip, sailing from Los Angeles in the yacht Ramona, the Express of that city says, but heavy and continuous rains and the lack of power to operate machinery prevented him from making sufficient excavations. This time the locality was considerably changed from what it was twelve years ago.

Cocos Island is famous as a pirates' retreat, and others besides Major Desborough have searched it for hidden plunder.

The particular treasure for which Major Desborough is searching is supposed to have been taken from Peru in the middle of the last century and buried on the island by Capt. John Keating, who died soon afterward. Since his last trip, Major Desborough has met a man in New Orleans who visited the island ten years ago in company with a son-in-law of Captain Keating. They had maps and drawings which appeared correct, but indicated that considerable excavation would be necessary. Keating's son-in-law was an old man then, and he turned over the maps to the New Orleans man, but the latter has never tried to find the treasure. He gave copies of the maps and details to Major Desborough.

Tradition says there is \$50,000,000 worth of pirates' loot buried on the island, but the particular treasure sought by Desborough is \$17,000,000 in gold bullion. He says that since his visit twelve years ago there appears to have been a great deal of blasting in the vicinity of one deposit, as the hillsides are changed and the creek bed altered.

Where the bullion is supposed to be buried, however, there appears to have been only the change of formation due to the rainfall, which sometimes amounts to an inch an hour, making work difficult.

Major Desborough has had several offers both from New York and on this coast to finance another expedition, which he estimates will cost about \$20,000, and he is now looking for a steamer of about 800 tons to make the trip.

FASHION HINTS



If you want the very newest thing in a white linette dress, trim yours with black. It may be chiffon, lace or ribbon, as long as it is black. The dress in the sketch is trimmed with a deep flouncing of Brussels applique on the skirt, and touches of the same on the waist.

TALK TO THE FISHER GUILD.

Here's to the maid who can handle the rod,
Who can throw a long line with a hackle;
May she land with a "swish" most any old fish
That gets in the way of her tackle.
—Boston Herald.

Name, Sir!

A Swede entered a postoffice in the northwest and inquired:
"Ban any letters for me to-day?"
"What name, please?"
"Ay tank de name is on de letter."—Everybody's Magazine.

A Youthful Inventor.

Samuel Colt was only 15 years of age when he invented his famous revolver.

No man can claim to have been raised a pet unless his mother saved the batter, and made his pancakes whenever he saw fit to get up

Slightly Modified.

Little Viola had developed the habit of holding her thumb in her mouth, even while eating. Mother had resorted to all sorts of methods to correct the child and finally in desperation said:

"Viola, the first thing you know you will swallow your thumb, and then what will you do?"

"Well, mother, I should hate to swallow it because I'd have a heaven of a time without it."

"Why, Viola," said the astonished mother, "where did you hear an expression like that?"

"Well, well," hesitated the little girl. "I didn't hear it exactly like that, mother, but I thought it would sound better."

Petit's Eye Salve.

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Belgium's Fine Sea Front.

The sea front of Belgium, which extends about 40 miles, stretching from Holland to France, is paved almost entirely for the entire length, and forms one huge, wide ocean boulevard. And this, by the way, is the most productive of public works in the kingdom.

APPETITE GONE --BEWARE

It is a sure sign of some inward weakness when the appetite commences to lag and you have that "don't care" sort of feeling at meal-time. It is something that needs immediate attention, for neglect only brings on more trouble and often a long illness. Restore the appetite and keep it normal by the use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It is for Poor Appetite, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Costiveness and Malaria.

The Last Straw.
John Smith fell down the cellar stairs the other day and broke his left leg, his right arm, two ribs, his nose, one finger, and cut his scalp, sprained his ankle, and put his shoulder out of joint. But he didn't really begin to feel bad about it till his wife asked him if he was hurt.—Exchange.

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