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DENTAL NOTICE. During my "tour of two years" in the Eastern States I have spared neither time nor money to make myself perfectly familiar with and master of my profession. Those desiring the best work that the nature of the case will admit of can find me at my office, 107 Front street, two doors above McComick's Book Store, Portland, Oregon.

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NEVER LOOK SAD.

Never look sad—nothing's so bad as getting familiar with sorrow; Treat him today in a cavalier way, And he'll seek other quarters to-morrow.

Long you'd not weep, would you but weep At the bright side of every trial; Fortune you'll find its often most kind, When chilling your hopes with denial.

Let the sad day carry away Its own little burden of sorrow, Or you may miss half of the bliss That comes in the lap of to-morrow.

When hope is wrecked, pause and reflect If error occasioned your sadness; If it be so, hereafter you'll know How to steer for the harbor of gladness.

TRIBUTE TO PRINTERS.—The chaplain of the New Hampshire Penitentiary, in reviewing the events of his life since his connection with that institution, pays the following compliment to journeymen printers:

I have the happiness to number among my friends many printers, but though it may seem to imply either a lack of ability on the part of the printer, or the want of the qualities which are necessary in order to appreciate good preaching on the other part, yet I will reveal the fact, that I have never succeeded well with that class.

For the nine long years, with all the inducements offered, not one of that trade has connected himself with my congregation—and I do not think a man could be found, of all who ever tenanted our prison, who could set up a column of type. I leave the reader to make his comments, only remarking that this cannot be accidental, nor can the explanation be that the employment keeps them ignorant of the prevailing vices and immoralities, nor yet that young printers are removed from the large masses where corruption engender and spread. In all these respects this class are exposed.

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MOUNTAINS AROUND JERUSALEM. Jerusalem does not lie in the hollow of an amphitheatre; it is situated, on the contrary, on an eminence, having deep valleys running nearly all around it. It is evident, we think, that the employment has an elevating tendency, and is favorable to intellectual and moral improvement.

Enclosed with the above letter were the tickets which Aunt Sarah had purchased, and the letter which had induced her to invest in the gift speculation. I insert the letter to show by what shallow devices unsophisticated persons are induced to part with their money. With the exception of the names of the enterprise, (for which the reader may insert that of any gift scheme known, and the names of the persons signing it, (the real ones are omitted to avoid legal annoyances—the truth being somewhat stands as follows:

Office of the Garroters and Robbers' Grand Presentation Enterprise. Mrs. Sarah Dalton—Madam—Yours received, containing one dollar. Yours ticket is correctly registered. Enclosed we will send you a present valued at \$10. It is a present valued to you, and a great benefit to us and our enterprise. It is this—if you will send us thirteen dollars for the enclosed, we will register them to you with the understanding that, in case the tickets do not have a valuable prize awarded them, we will send you a present valued at \$10. If you will agree to exhibit it to your friends, and state that you received it from the "G. and R. P. Co.," yours respectfully, BARK, BITE & CO.

This absurd proposition is found by the gift enterprise people to work so well that it has been neatly printed, and scattered through the country broadcast. Their theory of human credulity appears to be, that when a person is foolish enough to put one dollar's worth of confidence in their advertisements, by purchasing a single ticket, he or she can be easily induced to swallow a few more dollars' worth of extra promises, and pay for them accordingly. As their dealings are mostly with country people, this theory is found to work well practically, and to bring many dollars to their pockets.

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GIFT ENTERPRISES.

From Hours at Home, for October.

I have an aunt in the country—one of the nicest women in the world—a widow, a little past the prime of life, prim, precise, a good Presbyterian and the mother of two pretty cousins of mine. She lives on the banks of the Genesee river, near the beautiful city of Rochester, and regularly every Sunday rides into town to listen to her favorite pastor. Her week-days are usually spent among her chickens, pigs, cows and other poultry, or in putting up pickles and preserves. Occasionally, however, she is obliged to go to the city to make purchases, and it was on one of these occasions that she was recently inveigled by designing men, into a little speculation by means of which she lost a few dollars, and succeeded in bringing me in contact with a number of "Gift Enterprise" swindlers, whose tricks to entrap the unwary I propose to write about.

But first let me tell her own story, which she does in the following letter, and then I'll tell what came of it:

ROCHESTER, Nov. 23d, 1867. My dear son, I received your letter yesterday through you will discover that I have some queer business on my hands, and need your assistance to help me out. Some time since I thought to make my "everlasting" fortune by investing the sum of one dollar in a Gift Enterprise, the proprietors of which advertise that their headquarters are in that infamous city in which you reside, at No. Broadway. I was going to be very shy about it, so I assumed the name of Mrs. Sarah Dalton. When they sent me my tickets, I just then notified that one of them had drawn a prize valued at \$200, and that I can have the same on payment of five per cent. of the value, I understand that the prizes sent out by the concern are mostly petroleum stock, and as I am neither an oil dealer nor a Wall Street speculator, I do not propose to send them \$10 until I know what sort of a prize I have drawn. Now, I want you to go and see these persons, and if I am really entitled to a valuable prize, pay the charges, and send the same, together with the bill, to your affectionate aunt.

S. P. S.—Address me in my right name, as usual, and don't let the girls know that I have an alias.

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ant forthwith sent to me with her letter, and now commences my connection with "Bark, Bite & Co." I had lived in New York long enough to know that the scheme was a swindle from first to last, but I determined to receive, possible, from the thirteen dollars which my country friends had invested. First calling upon a police magistrate with whom I am acquainted, and obtaining his signature across the back of one of my cards, I proceeded forthwith to the office of Bark, Bite & Co. I found it as designated in their advertisements and circulars, located in the lower part of Broadway, surrounded by the offices of bankers, brokers, insurance companies, &c. Their rooms were handsomely fitted up, in the manner usual to brokers and bankers. An iron railing, behind which were several desks, separated the manipulators of the "Garroters and Robbers' Grand Presentation Enterprise" from the ordinary mortals having business with them. At each one of the six or seven desks sat a sickly looking clerk, engaged in entering names in ledgers, addressing circulars to confiding victims, or preparing fresh announcements to catch new ones.

A brisk young Englishman, who spoke with a truly British disregard for his "h's," and who pronounced "k" like "k," bustled up to the counter and said:

"Can he do anything for you, sir?"

"Is Mr. Bark in?" I asked.

"No, sir," was the reply, "ees gone to Washukton."

"Is Mr. Bite in?"

"No, sir,"—ees gone to Boston and won't be back till Chuesday week. Can't I attend to you, sir?" pressed the young gentleman.

"Is Mr. Co. in?" continued I.

"Mr. Co.," the other partner, or any other partner or agent, or manager, I wish to see some responsible person."

"Oh, no, sir," said the clerk, "there's none of the partners seldom here, you know—the business here is all done by a manager, but 'ees bout at present."

I gave the young man my card and said I should be very happy to see the manager at my office at his earliest convenience. The clerk looked at my name and then at the signature of the Police Magistrate, with which he seemed to be particularly impressed. His manner changed instantly, and dropping his half-impressed, self-important "chaffing" tone, he said respectfully, that the manager would be sure to call on me at once.

I may here remark that I have since called at the office several times and have never been able as yet to see any one of the gentlemen who are announced as the directors of the scheme. The business is always transacted through the medium of cheap and impudent clerks, who are employed principally on account of the readiness with which they can badger, blackguard and bully persons, who, like myself, call to "obtain satisfaction." In nine cases out of ten they will so abuse the seeker for information that he would rather abandon his claim than again run that gauntlet of profanity and obscenity.

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while those who lost snapped their fingers and consoled themselves with the idea that their contributions had done some good to the soldiers.

But these honorable managers of charitable gambling schemes were speedily pushed from their stools by speculative sharpers, who hastened to cater in their own fashion to that depraved public appetite which had been unwittingly aroused by these patriotic pioneers. These swindlers imitated their predecessors in announcing their "gift concerts," "distribution enterprises," etc., for the benefit of soldiers, soldier's widows and orphans and the like, but followed no further in their footsteps. For valuable prizes they substitute in some instances galvanized jewelry, fictitious petroleum stock, or some equally worthless, but far more frequently absconded entirely, after having sold as many tickets (and as many people) as possible. Notwithstanding all the exposures which have been made of these swindling concerns, and the large sums of which the public have been robbed by gift enterprise sharpers, they still flourish and thrive in our land, receiving thousands of dollars daily, for which they give no equivalent whatever.

The gift enterprise business has come to be recognized as an ordinary calling, and the men who are principally engaged in it are recognized in Wall street as are other business men, and hold their heads as high as cording as they have money in their pockets. Their nefarious transactions have been exposed and denounced time and time again by the press, they themselves have been frequently arrested and confined in jail, but still the business goes on, the number of dupes is the same, and the money still flows into their purses. The gambling spirit invoked by the war is still abroad in the land, and any scheme which promises to give a fortune to some one who has not earned it, or offers a few dollars for one's lamps for old ones, is sure to find plenty of people credulous enough to invest in it—as did my exceedingly proper aunt.

The manner of conducting these swindling schemes is pretty well indicated by the letters received by my aunt. The concoctors of the "Enterprise" by liberally advertising in the rural papers, and sending circulars to every person whose name can be found in the directory of every city and town in the country, find purchasers for their tickets. An individual having bought one ticket, various means are sought to make him or her purchase still more. Promises of presents are unsparingly made, and not unfrequently the individual is quietly informed that the managers have so arranged matters that they can control the drawings of the prizes, and if the individual addressed will befriend himself and sell one, two, or three hundred tickets, he shall not only have a liberal commission on his receipts, but the managers will guarantee that his own ticket shall draw some prize named in the schedule as he may most desire. This bait takes well—it is so natural for one person to wish to have an advantage over others—it is like betting money on a certainty. Of course such promises are never kept to the agent any more than are those made to ordinary ticket-holders. The agent is put off with promises or with some almost worthless "prize," which is looked to him as "valued" at \$200, \$300 or \$500, according to circumstances. There is no law prohibiting a person from putting such "value" on his goods as he pleases. I received from Bark, Bite & Co., for my aunt's ticket, a "fine gold watch," valued at \$200—the same watches can be bought at wholesale for \$20 each—and if the purchaser grumbles at that price, the manufacturers will throw in a barrel or two of them.

These Gift Enterprise swindlers conduct their business so as to keep within the law, and although the scheme has been frequently exposed, it never has succeeded. They have been arrested by the police authorities, their places of business entered, their mails, consisting of hundreds of money-orders, have been seized, yet in every instance the rascals have escaped punishment, and in the end succeed in compelling the authorities to restore all the property seized. The reason is this—every ticket which they sell claims to be a ticket of admission to the "Grand Concert," and this is held to be a valuable consideration for the money paid, and hence a perfectly legitimate transaction—a simple case of buying and selling goods. The tickets which my aunt purchased read as follows:

"Ticket, Garroters & Robbers' Grand Presentation Enterprise. Capital, \$1,257,143. This ticket entitles the holder to one share in the GRAND DISTRIBUTION At Irving Hall, BARK, BITE & CO., Bankers and Managers, No. 10 Broadway, N. Y."

These are printed from a nicely engraved plate, in all the gorgeousness of blue ink, with a vignette representing the Goddess of Plenty, scattering her favors broadcast over the land. "You pay your money for that," said the New York manager to me. "It promises nothing, and you get what it promises. You may be notified that you have drawn a prize, valued at \$500, and you send us the five per cent. asked for—we send you a watch valued at \$500, but worth \$50—what are you going to do about it? What does your ticket call for? We admit the swindle, but what are you going to

do about it? You've got no claim on us beyond an admission to Irving Hall—come to Irving Hall and we'll admit you—when we agree to—we haven't fixed the time yet."

Nearly all the prizes given out by Bark, Bite & Co., consist of what purports to be shares in the "Thieves and Burglars' Petroleum Stock Company." These are valued at \$100 each, but it scarcely necessary to say, they are utterly worthless. There is no such petroleum company, and if there is it doesn't own any land, and if it does it hasn't got any oil in it, for the whole thing is simply and purely a fiction, having no better foundation than the printed scribble, which is a wicked waste of white paper. These bogus shares are sent out by the thousand, and not one in a hundred of the number who receive them ever takes the trouble to complain or denounce the swindle. He has been victimized, first to the amount of one dollar paid for his original ticket, second, to all other tickets he has been induced to purchase, and third, to the amount of the five per cent. assessment of which he was notified.

Recognizing the swindle, he is chary of prosecuting the matter further for fear of being bitten again.

When the New York manager (whom I afterwards ascertained was but an ordinary clerk) had learned from me that I held a number of tickets which were sent to have drawn prizes, he did not hesitate to inform me that they never intended to give prizes of any value, and justified such a course by saying that every person who bought a ticket did so in the hope of gaining an advantage over some one else—of getting a prize worth five, ten or fifty times the amount of money he invested. To use the expressive language of the manager, "they hope to 'beat' us, so we make sure of 'beating' them; they want ten dollars for one, while we take ten for nothing—where's the difference between us? They try to overreach us and we do overreach them—morally considered which is the worst?"

The answer to this is simply that the chances are not equal—or, rather, that there are no chances. The Gift Enterprise people so conduct their business that the person who invests money in their tickets does so with the certainty (unknown to him) of losing it, not with the chance of losing it. During one of