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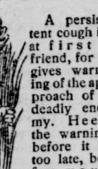
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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County.

Lillie M. Lawrence, Plaintiff, ys. Ernest A. Lawrence, Defendant:

To Ernest A. Lawrence, the above named de-IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF ORE

GON: you are hereby required to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause on or before the 16th day of March, 1990, that being the date prescribed in the order of publication of this summons, and on which you are required to appear and answer said complaint, and if you fall to so appear and answer said complaint the plaintiff will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in said complaint to wit:- For a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now exist ing between plaintiff and defendant and that plaintiff have the care and custody of the miner son, of plaintiff and defendant, namely

Walter Lawrence and for full relief herein, This summons is served upon you by publisix consecutive weeks, by order of the Hon. E. O. Potter, County Judge of Lane County, Oregon, made and dated at Engene, Oregon, the 17th day of January, 1900.

The date of the first publication of this summons in said news-paper is Friday the 26th, day L. BILYEU. Atty for plaintiff.

CAREER OF THE MAN WHO INVENTED THE SMOOTH TRICK.

Standing In the Nation, Made a Barrel of Money With His Swindling Game and Died a Pauper.

Lew Houck was the inventor of the notorious three card monte trick and about the cleverest card sharp in the world. Houck was well known in Kansas City, where he operated on and off for 20 years, making the city a sort of way station on his trips east and west.

The last time Houck was here he had just returned from a European trip. He produced papers and letters to show that while he was in London he was feted and dined by some of the upper crust of English society. He had passed there as a wealthy and traveled American. He had letters, too, from Secretary Olney, Secretary Carlisle and other leaders of the American political world which recommended him in the highest terms not only to the American representatives abroad, but to any friends of the writers who might meet him. And these letters were genuine. Their authentici-ty could not be doubted. Houck had a way of getting entrance into the exclusive clubs of Washington, Philadelphia, New York and other cities, and in his role of "gentleman of leisure" he had so imposed on men of high standing in the nation that they thought him all he represented himself to be and gave him the letters of introduction that helped him to fleece the aristocracy of Europe.

Houck invented the three card monte game before he became of age. This is a trick with cards that has fleeced more people out of money than any other game ever practiced. The trick is played with three aces, two black ones and one red. It is always played with a confederate to help, or "stall," for the game. The operator takes the three cards between his fingers, showing them to the victim, and then shuffles them about and drops them face down upon the table, offering to bet any amount of money that no one can

pick out the red ace. At this point the operator turns his head a moment to spit or to speak to me one in the crowd behind him, and in that moment the confederate picks up the red ace card, shows it to the victim, "crimps" the corner of the card and slyly lays it down again, apparently all unseen by the operator. The operator again shuffles the three cards and throws them upon the table face down. There lies the card with its crimped corner. The victim supposes, of course, that it is the red ace and bets and picks it up to find that it is a black one, and he has lost his

The operator, when he picked up and shuffled the cards carelessly the second time, with a deft movement of his fingers removed the crimp in the red ace card and put black ace card. That was all there was to the trick. Houck worked it for years in hotels, on billiard tables, at fairs and circuses and on railroad trains and steamboats. He taught the trick to Canada Bill, a noted gambler, and the two worked together over all the country. They paid thousands upon thousands of dollars to railroad men in the old days for the privilege of working the game on trains, and they

made money. Later, when nearly every state in the Union passed laws almed directly against the working of the three card monte game, it became unprofitable and was given up by Houck. But about that time an ingenious English cockney invented the "three shell" game, which was even more productive than three card monte, and Houck took it up. The three shell game is a modern improvement on the ancient thimblerigging game that was worked at English fairs for many years. The old way was for the operator to crook his knee over the head of a cane that stood upright on the ground and move a small seed around between three thimbles on top of his leg, offering to bet that no one could pick the thimble under which

the seed was hidden. The lesson taught by the lives and deaths of Houck and Canada Bill and all the rest of their kind is that it never pays to be dishonest or to live by one's wits. These men may get great sums of money by sharp practices in the course of a lifetime, but they all die poor, and most of them die in prison. Canada Bill, who worked with Houck on trains out of Kansas City and made probably \$1,000,000 in his life, died a pauper in the almshouse in Lebanon, Pa., and is buried in a pauper's grave. Houck dropped dead on the street in Durango, Mexico, and his widow in Ohio had to solicit aid to get his body home to give it decent burial. -Kansas City Star.

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"What," asked the sentimental young woman, "was the most touching incident you ever witnessed?" And after some thought Senator Sorghum answered, with emphasis: "An election."-Washington Star.

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WIT AND WISDOM.

Jokelets That May Re Taken With a Bill-Did you ever see a river rise? Jill-Sure. I've seen it leave its bed.

Yeast-Does the editor use a steel or gold pen? Crimsonbeak-I think his friend told me it was one of those trenchant pens.

"Say when, Miss Dalsy," remarked the fresh youth as he was pouring a glass of water for the young lady.
"Oh, this is so sudden, Mr. Frost!" exclaimed the damsel, grabbing for the young man.

"Then why color it more?" inquired the young man as he saw the blue pencil go through it. Sue Brette-Did the audience throw

"This account is altogether too high-

ly colored," said the editor, looking

over the reporter's copy.

anything at the actors in the new play the other night? Foote Lighte-No: why? "Why. I notice the dramatic critics

did the next day." "Excuse my referring to so old a subject," said the funny man, "but do you know the quickest way to bring a man

up with a sharp turn?"
"No," replied his friend. She-Arcola, Ills., is a very rich town

n proportion to its population. It has 2.000 inhabitants and absolutely controls the broom corn market. He-Comes pretty close to sweeping

the country, so to speak. Mr. Crimsonbeak-For gracious sake! What is that girl trying to do in the

next flat?

Mrs. Crimsonbeak - She's singing 'Five o'Clock In the Morning." "Oh, just trying to kill time, as were."-Yonkers Statesman.

He Forgot About the X Ray. The Professor-1 have a new conun drum for you. Why is a mouse like a haystack? The Doctor-A new conundrum! That had whiskers when I was a boy. A mouse is like a haystack because the

cat'll eat it. New conundrum! Ho, ho! Ha, ba! The Professor-That Isn't the answer at all. The points of resemblance are these: You can't find a needle in a haystack, and you can't find a needle in a mouse. Some people weary me ex-ceedingly with their affectation of superior knowledge!-Chicago Tribune.

"Yes, Mary consulted a fortune tell-

to her? "She told her if she ever married her life would be one long round of wretch-"What did Mary say to that?" "She didn't say anything. She went

"And what did the fortune teller say

those dime handbooks on 'How to Win a Husband.' "-Cleveland Plain Dealer. A Boston Beau. Fred-Why is it you never take a

right down town and bought one of

lady to the opera? Harry-For this reason: If I take t lady who doesn't understand the music, she will be pestering me all the evening with her irrelevant small talk. On the contrary, if she knows all about music she will be sure to find out that I don't .- Boston Transcript.

Ills Nose For News. "Heary," whispered the maiden in some embarrassment as they stood in the hallway, where the young and handsome reporter was preparing to say good night, "it's dreadful of me, I know, but I've been cating onlons." "Great Scott, Fannie!" he exclaimed "You don't think that's a scoop on me, do you? I knew that as soon as

came in."-Chicago Tribune. Reviving Appreciation. 'What's an 'octogenarian,' Cousin

"Well, an octogenarian is a man who hates life when he is 70, but gets proud of himself again at 80."-Indianapolis

COULD BEAR A SHOCK.

He Was Short on Lungs, but Decidedly Long on Nerve.

The young man was either an optimist or the possessor of a harveyized steel armor plated nerve. Perhaps he was a little of both. A short time ago he came to the con-

clusion that he would like to insure his life. With this object in view he made application to a prominent company. After filling up the necessary form he received an invitation to call upon the medical officer of the company and undergo the usual medical examination. In due course he presented himself at the office of the examining phy-

Requesting the young man to remove his coat and vest, the doctor produced a stethoscope and began his examination. All at once he stopped and regarded the candidate with an expression of alarm. "Young man," he said, "do you think

you can bear a shock?" "Oh, I think so!" was the cheerful response. "Fire away and let me hear

"You have only one lung," aunoun ed the doctor solemnly. "Well, what of that?" retorted the candidate, with the utmost composure. "I never told you I had any more,

did I?" "What," exclaimed the doctor, "do you mean to say you were aware of your condition?" "Of course I was. Do you suppose it and

a man could have only one lung with-

"And yet," said the doctor, "you ap off refer ply to a respectable company for a pollcy of life insurance. Do you expect to "I certainly do. Not only that, but I

out being aware of the fact?"

think I ought to get it at a substantial "Upon what ground, may I ask?" reduction in the premium." "Upon the ground that, having only day we one lung, I am 50 per cent less liable to contract consumption than if I had

two lungs."-Rival. "Ob, dear!" exclaimed the thoughts to dear! the second of the second of

thought there were any great actors

living now."-Washington Star.

"Hurt the feelings of that gentleman 400 W and

who plays tragedy. I asked him if he was a

"What have you done?"



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