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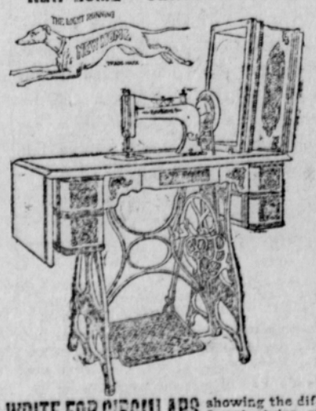

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THREE CARD MONTE.

CAREER OF THE MAN WHO INVENTED THE SMOOTH TRICK.

He Imposed on Many Men of High 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 authenticity 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 some 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 money.

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 a similar crimp in a 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 aimed 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.

Valuable Hair.

In Bokhara, where the finest and most costly camel's hair shawls are made, the camels are watched while the fine hair on the under part of their bodies is growing. It is so carefully cut that not a hair is lost, and it is stored until enough has been accumulated to spin. The yarn made from the hair is of surpassing softness and is dyed all sorts of lovely colors.

Touching.

"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.

In times of scarcity the South African natives sometimes rob the ants' nests, and as much as five bushels of grain have been taken from a single nest.

That Impudent Capital "I."

M. Zola, when in England, was much impressed with the English use of the capital "I." "Why is it," he says, "that the Englishman, when he writes of himself, should invariably use a capital letter? That tall 'I' which occurs so often in a personal narrative strikes me as being very arrogant. A Frenchman, referring to himself, writes 'je' with a small 'j;' a German, though he may gratify all his substantives with capital letters, employs a small 'i' in writing 'ich;' a Spaniard, when he uses the personal pronoun at all, bestows a small 'y' on his 'yo,' while he honors the person he addresses with a capital 'V.' I believe indeed, though I am not sufficiently acquainted with foreign languages to speak with certainty on that point, that the Englishman is the only person in the world who applies a capital letter to himself."

M. Zola might have enforced his contrasts still further by referring to the Japanese, who really have no word for "I." In speaking of oneself in Japanese self depreciatory terms are used, such as "servant," "the awkward person," "junior," while in speaking of or to other people complimentary terms are employed, such as "senior," "master," "prince" (used by young men in addressing each other familiarly). The most usual Japanese equivalent for "I" is "watakushi," which means literally "selfishness."—Buffalo Commercial.

New York's Tenement Houses.

One of the indications of the improvement of the masses in this city is the gradual abolishment of the tenement, as the word is generally understood. The big rookeries, with their small rooms, airless halls and rusty fire escapes, are going out of existence in the ordinary course of events, by fire, tumbling down and being removed to make room for modern structures, and the people who live in them are seeking more airy homes in the suburbs or in the flats up town.

While the foreign element continues to live in tenements for the first year after reaching New York the children of foreign parentage are not willing to exist in the noisome quarters of the east and west sides. They crave more light, more air and cleanliness, and in many cases they get it. Rapid transit makes Harlem as accessible as Grand street, and there is no occasion to live in a down town tenement unless one likes it.

No new tenement houses are building. The flathouse has taken its place, and in the course of time the foul barracks in which scores of families are crowded will be a thing of the past and only remembered as part of a distempered dream.—New York Letter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Africans and the Locomotive.

The children of the desert were filled with awe when first the silence of the primeval solitude was broken by the puffing of the steam engine. Down at the other end of the Cape to Cairo line the simple Matabele, when first confronted by a locomotive, were certain that the strange machine was worked by the labor of an indefinite number of oxen, which they assumed were shut up inside; hence, when the engine stopped, they gathered in curious crowds, waiting to see the door open and the oxen come out, nor could they for many days be persuaded that the power of the locomotive could come from other than the strength of the ox.

The Arabs of the Sudan, more imaginative than the Matabele, saw in the fire horses of the railway one of the Djinns of the "Arabian Nights," harnessed by the magic of the infidel to the long train of cars. The steam engine was to them a living, sentient being. Of which belief there is curious evidence in the fact that on one occasion a sheik made an impassioned remonstrance against the cruelty of making so small an engine draw so huge a train.—Windsor Magazine.

The Bearded Baby.

A young married couple in Belfast, Me., received a startling shock. They carried their baby to a photographer for a picture. In due time the proof came around, but the parents at first failed to recognize it. The baby's features were there all right, and so were the pretty dress and all the other accessories, but the child had apparently grown a full beard while before the camera. The artist had used by mistake a plate on which an imperfect picture of an old man had been taken, and the two exposures coincided so well that he saved the plate as a curiosity.

Peruvian Army Discipline.

This military story is printed in a Lima paper: A man belonging to the Peruvian artillery was ordered to be flogged, and there was no regulation cat handy with which to inflict the castigation. The officer in charge, who was a severe disciplinarian, decided to defer the carrying out of the order until the official scourge, which he at once requisitioned, should arrive. It was about a year before the cat was supplied by the authorities. By that time the soldier had been dead several months!

The Salmon.

When a young salmon is first hatched, it is known as a parr. Just before it leaves the fresh for the salt water it is called a smolt. When it first returns to spawn, it becomes a grilse, and not until it has spawned is it entitled to be dignified by the name of salmon.

Expected Reduction.

Gran'pa Macpherson—How many does two and two make, Donald?

Donald—Six.

Gran'pa—What are you talking about? Two and two make four.

Donald—Yes, I know; but I thought you'd "beat me down" a bit!—London Punch.

THE ARCTIC MOSQUITO.

It Is About the Most Terrible Insect Pest In the World.

"Nothing that has ever been written about the arctic mosquito begins to come up to the real thing," said a guest in the St. Charles corridor the other evening. "I went up the Yukon river in the summer of 1896, representing the Alaska and Dominion Trading company, and we struck mosquitoes as soon as we got into the hills. They are twice as large as our familiar bayou species, and their sting is like the prod of a hot needle. They sweep along the valleys in dense clouds, and if they catch a man unprepared they are liable to blind him before he can escape. I heard stories of children being stung to death and can readily believe them.

"Whenever we went ashore we wore heavy hat nets and took the utmost precaution, but were certain to suffer more or less. One of our party cut the tongues out of his shoes, and a narrow line of sock was exposed under the lacing. Next day he was bitten there at least a hundred times, and his feet were so terribly inflamed that the shoes had to be cut off.

"Another man, a fireman in the boat crew, got drunk on Alaska whisky one afternoon and lay down to take a nap in a corner of the engine room. I noticed him a little later and was horrified at the solid brown mass of mosquitoes that had settled on a small exposed section of his cheek and throat. In an hour his face was swollen out of all resemblance to anything human, he was unable to swallow and was burning with fever. It was a week before he was able to be about. I saw a number of cattle near Fort Hamilton that had been made stone blind by stings near the eye.

"The arctic foothill mosquito is without doubt the most terrible insect pest in the world."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Fast Driving In Russia.

In the larger cities of Russia there is no limit to the speed at which a horse may be driven through the public streets. The typical harness horse is the Orloff, a breed founded by Count Orloff-Chemenski, being a cross between the Arabian stallion Smetanka and imported mares, principally English.

An average roadster is 16 hands high and weighs 1,100 pounds, with heavy mane, a bushy tail that reaches nearly to the ground and "iron" limbs that show great muscular development. The favorite color is gray. Such an animal is driven through the principal streets of St. Petersburg at a furious pace, that portion near the center and beside the surface car tracks being reserved for fast driving.

During the winter months teams of two and three abreast are driven to sleighs at a three minute gait. There is racing all winter, the courses being flooded at night to provide three inches of solid ice. American pneumatic sulkies, harness, boots, gaiting appliances, etc., are in general use.

Grotesque Spelling.

One of the Boston papers calls attention to this woeful example of bad spelling—and in Boston too! It is from the doorway bulletin board of a little restaurant:

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This reminds the Tales of the Town man of a sign he saw not long ago in the window of a Broadway saloon: "A for oster wit every Drink."

Several months ago there was an announcement laboriously chalked on a St. Clair street sidewalk in front of a beer refectory which read like this: "Fre lunge 11 2 2."

It took the man who saw this some time to figure out that the patron who didn't drop in between 11 o'clock and 2 o'clock would be very apt to miss the free lunch.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.