

FREAKS OF FORTUNE.

A Young Retail Clerk Makes a Winning and Quits Work.

"Yes, Mac has given up his place and retired," said one of the flower-walkers of a well-known retail store on Market street to a Call reporter yesterday afternoon, when inquiry was made for the fortunate attaché of the establishment who had made a big winning in the Louisiana State Lottery Company's drawing of last month.

James F. Macklin, the young gentleman referred to above, was conceded to be the luckiest man in San Francisco on the 13th day of last month. It was the day following the monthly drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and he found himself the possessor of a coupon numbered 11,607, entitling him to one-tenth of the capital prize of \$150,000.

Young Macklin, scarcely realizing the truth of the glad tidings furnished him in the despatches of the Morning Call of that day, in which the winning numbers were announced from New Orleans, kept his own counsel, and as soon as opportunity offered hastened down to Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Bank, where he presented his coupon for identification and collection.

The proceeds of his prize, amounting to \$14,850, were handed to him as soon as an answer was received from the lottery authorities in New Orleans, and he went on his way rejoicing. Mr. Macklin says that he has carefully placed his capital, and proposed to live on its interest. He has moved from his former residence at 725 1/2 Bush street, and rented an elegant suite of rooms near Powell and Ellis streets, and having resigned his position, proposes to thoroughly enjoy his good fortune.

For some time his former fellow-employees were incredulous concerning his sudden legacy, and he smiled in secret satisfaction at their individual amazement, until finally the truth leaked out. Macklin has bought tickets off and on for some time past, but never invested more than a dollar or two in each month. His happy experience has induced a great spirit for wealth among all the retail clerks in the city, and each fortunate possessor of a ticket or coupon anxiously looks forward to the day of the next drawing with the dream and hopes of speedily becoming a Croesus.

On the whole, there was not a great deal of money made on the rinks, was there? "It always pains me to think of that matter. Look here, at these photographs. There is one that shows the interior of my Brooklyn rink, which was the finest in the world. It cost just \$83,000 to provide the subject for that little picture. All of those beautiful decorations were swept away as suddenly as if they had been picked up by a cyclone and ground into splinters. I am not alone in this disastrous experience; there were hundreds of others who were served almost as badly as I was." - N. Y. Mail and Express.

When Shakespeare made Cassius ask what kind of food Caesar fed on to make him "grow so great," he was writing poetry and not comparative physiology. One might almost say that "the smaller the creature, the more it eats" (i. e. in proportion of quantity to size); and surely, big-feeding never develops a chicken into an ostrich. In the economy of nature there is more food for the birds, and they are wisely endowed with the voracity and the digestion to dispose of it. As old Thomas Tassar says: "God sendeth and giveth both mouth and the meat."

Dr. Wood tells that if a man could eat as much in proportion to size as an insectivorous bird, he would consume a whole round of beef for his dinner. The robin, for instance, is a most voracious insect-eater. It has been calculated that to keep a robin up to its normal weight, an amount of animal food is required daily equal to an earth worm fourteen feet in length. Taking a man of average weight and measuring bulk for bulk with the robin, he tried to calculate how much food he would consume in twenty-four hours, if he ate as much in proportion as the bird. Assuming a bologna sausage to be nine inches in circumference, which would be about in proportion to the man as the earth worm is to the robin, he finds that the man would have to eat sixty-seven feet of such sausages in every twenty-four hours.

DEAD AS A MUMMY.

The Complete and Universal Decadence of the Roller-Skating Craze.

"Is there any market for roller skates?" was asked of Mr. Jerry Raymond, who, with his brother, was the pioneer of the business. "None to speak of," was the reply. "The bottom has fallen clean out of it." "Has the demand entirely ceased?" "Practically, yes. We continue to send a few small orders to Canada, the West and to Australia; with these exceptions the trade is as dead as an Egyptian mummy."

"Has there been much change in the price of skates?" "You'll laugh, probably, when I tell you that the skate we sold two or three years ago for \$5 and \$6 a pair can now be purchased for \$1.25 and \$1.50, and yet at these latter figures we can make a fair profit. Of course, our material doesn't cost as much as it did then, and in relation to this matter I want to tell you something that is quite interesting, and which very few people outside the business know any thing about. When we began the manufacture of skates boxwood, out of which the wheels were made, was worth about \$30 a ton. In making the rollers we experimented with almost every thing that suggested itself, but could discover nothing that served the purpose so well as the material mentioned. Of course an enormous demand for it immediately sprang up, and the price also took a jump. The dealers seemed conscious of the fact that we could not get along without it, and in less than no time they had sent the price from \$30 to \$140 a ton, and this was the figure they held it at until the demand slackened. But this wasn't all. The wood companies who use boxwood almost exclusively in their business, were brought up with a sudden when they found the article had increased so enormously in price. They couldn't afford to purchase it at such a value, and had to substitute an inferior wood until it became cheaper. We completely drained the market, and at one time it looked as if we would be compelled to use some kind of a substitute, but such an emergency never arose, from the fact that just about this time the roller skating business became thoroughly paralyzed."

"Are many of the jobbers stocked up with skates?" "Yes, a great many of them. I know of a number of firms who have from 1,000 to 5,000 pairs, with no immediate prospect of ever getting rid of them." "On the whole, there was not a great deal of money made on the rinks, was there?" "It always pains me to think of that matter. Look here, at these photographs. There is one that shows the interior of my Brooklyn rink, which was the finest in the world. It cost just \$83,000 to provide the subject for that little picture. All of those beautiful decorations were swept away as suddenly as if they had been picked up by a cyclone and ground into splinters. I am not alone in this disastrous experience; there were hundreds of others who were served almost as badly as I was." - N. Y. Mail and Express.

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A St. John county (Fla.) farmer heard his two-year-old daughter shrieking in the yard and ran out to find the little girl prostrate on the ground while a rooster stood on her breast crowing triumphantly. The enraged fowl had picked one of the child's eyes out and had scratched her face horribly with his claws.

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