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Allyn, T. J. Lona, Or.—Horse G4 on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip.
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Barnes, A. G. Alpina, Or.—Horse branded 7 E on either shoulder. Range in Morrow County.
Barnes, J. W., Hardman, Or.—Cattle brand—D B on left hip and right split in each ear.
Barnes, J. W., Hardman, Or.—Horse branded P B on left shoulder. Cattle same on right side.
Barnes, Jerry, Lona, Or.—Horse branded 7 on right shoulder; cattle B on left side. Left ear half crop; right ear split in each ear.
Barnes, W. J. Lona, Oregon, Horse W bar over it, on the left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip.
Barnes, W. G. Heppner, Or.—Horse, box brand on right hip, cattle same, with split in each ear.
Barnes, F. O., Heppner, Or.—Horse, P B on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.
Barnes, F. O., Heppner, Or.—Cattle, J B connected on left side; crop on left ear and two split and middle pieces out on right ear; Range in Fox Valley, Grant county.
Barnes, Warren, Wagner, Or.—Horse brand—C on right side; cattle E on right side. U with quarter circle over it, on left side on left shoulder only all horses over 5 years. All range in Grant county.
Barnes, Warren, Wagner, Or.—Horse brand—C on right side; cattle E on right side. U with quarter circle over it, on left side on left shoulder only all horses over 5 years. All range in Grant county.
Barnes, W. J. Lona, Or.—Horse, O on right hip; cattle, same on right hip.
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MYTHICAL FORTUNES.
Improbable Stories of Great English Legacies.
An Old Letter That Reveals the Scurrilous Scheme Employed by Sharks in This Country for Duping Credulous Americans.

Some recent romantic tales about immense English estates which belong to American heirs suggest republication of an opinion written by Judah P. Benjamin twenty-six years ago, says the Chicago Herald. Following is the great lawyer's letter:

"Lamb Building, Temple, London, Feb. 3, 1869.—Editor New Orleans Times: Will you permit me through your columns to send a word of warning to the public against a scheme of swindling which is now extensively practiced in the United States?"

"Since my call to the English bar hundreds of letters have reached me from Louisiana and other parts of the union, written by persons, many of whom are educated and intelligent, making inquiries relative to estates unclaimed and awaiting their heirs represented as existing in this country. I do not at all exaggerate in stating that in every instance that has come to my knowledge the statements are false, and evidently made for the purpose of defrauding parties out of sums, large or small, under pretext of paying the costs of records, copies, etc., said to be necessary for the assertion of the pretended claim."

"One claim may be selected as an example. A banker by the name of James Wood died in Gloucester in the year 1836, leaving a fortune of about \$800,000. His will was the subject of much litigation, but finally decided to be valid, and the estate was ordered to be divided among the legatees under a decision of the house of lords in 1847.

Anyone desirous of having particulars of the litigation can trace it through the different channels, as follows: 1. In the prerogative court of Canterbury (Canterbury) reported in 2 Curcles, p. 82. 2. On appeal to the privy council in 2 Moore's Privy Council Cases, at p. 335; and 3. In the house of lords, in the case entitled 'The Corporation of Gloucester vs. Osborne,' 1 'House of Lords Cases,' p. 273. Although his estate has thus been finally settled and distributed for more than twenty years, I do not at all exaggerate in stating that not a month passes without my receiving one or more letters from persons who are approached by some pretended agent of some imaginary great firm of London solicitors engaged in seeking heirs of the great intestate banker, James Wood, whose fortune, amounting to \$10,000,000, is lying in the Bank of England awaiting a claimant."

"The usual mode of proceeding adopted is to propose to undertake the business free of expense, the proposer to receive only a share of what may be recovered. This seems so reasonable that in most cases the dupes readily swallow the bait. A short time afterward he is informed that all inquiries and researches have resulted favorably, and that nothing is wanted to insure success except the cost of a few copies of records and other papers, and that the proposer, having already incurred great expense in conducting the necessary inquiries and researches, is left without resources at the very moment when a few pounds would suffice to secure the fruits of his labor and expenses. Many are the victims from whom sums of \$10,000 to \$500 have been thus extorted, and the number of persons engaged in this system must be very great, and the sums received by them very considerable, if at all in proportion to the number of letters received here on the subject. Many thousands of pounds are known to have been expended by those who could ill afford to bear the loss, and the amount of the great Jennings' estate; and persons of those who have spent money in this way have actually been deluded into writing to me their convictions that they were entitled to dislodge the present duke of Marlborough from the Blenheim castle, by virtue of their descent from the famous Duchess Sarah Jennings. Most of the persons who are duped are ignorant on two points, which, in nearly every instance, would satisfy them at once of the utter futility of the hopes they indulge. The first is that an alien cannot be an heir in England when there is no will and that he cannot take real estate even if left to him by will. The second is that in England estates devolve upon the eldest son alone, and on his eldest son in succession, and are not divided in shares among all children as in Louisiana and other states. Yet neither of these facts is more than for persons to assert heirship to the supposed shares of younger brothers and sisters, or to claim as natives of the United States heirship to Englishmen who had left no will."

"In the hope that this exposure will be of some use to my fellow citizens, in whose welfare I retain the deepest interest, and may protect them to some extent from the sharpers who are plundering them, I remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant,
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carried from St. Peter's into the Vatican he was tremulous with agitation. The case of the Canadian premier's death at Windsor was at once recalled, and there is always something soothing to the Pope in anything which connects, as the queen's and his own jubilee did, the court of Rome and the court of England. The fact that the figures of the queen of England has always held a prominent corner in the heart of Leo XIII. The queen was then—and has always remained in his memory—a young woman, with the prestige of being not only the queen of England, but the head of a formidable church, when the nun who saw her at the court of King Leopold in Brussels. Once again he saw her in her own London at a state reception at which, however, he was not specially presented to her. That was in the month of February, 1894—a month which he spent in London, for the first two days as the guest of the marquis of Lisbon, the Brazilian minister, who accompanied him from Brussels to London, and afterward in apartments in one of the streets of Piccadilly, the name of which he cannot recall. Indeed, the only house except Buckingham Palace and the houses of commons which he can be certain that he visited is the Cambridge house of old days in Piccadilly, whether he was taken by the Austrian ambassador to a reception given by Lady Palmerston, and a member of the Naval and Military club who explains himself in Rome may count on a return of hospitality at the Vatican, and a talk with the pontiff—the only pontiff who has ever been there—about Piccadilly. These reminiscences are gathered from such a talk, and they show how inelastic are the oft-repeated paragraphs about the future pontiff's intimacy with her majesty and his stay at Windsor castle, which, as a matter of fact, he has never seen.

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