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THIS IS A WICKED WORLD.

So Thinks a Young Man Who Tried to Cheat Two Harpers.

Chicago is a bad place—for the innocent young man who wants to get somebody's money in a card game. The following story is told by the Rev. J. A. Milburn in the Indianapolis News: "The train was crowded," said Dr. Milburn, "and I had just settled myself to enjoy my paper. The train was slowly moving out of the depot and I was touched upon the shoulder. I looked into the face of a fine appearing man, who rather impressed me by his manner. He asked me very courteously if I would like to join in a game of cards to while away the time on the train."

"No, sir, I do not care to join in a game of cards," I replied. "The man apologized for the intrusion, and I followed him with my eyes. He stopped by an elderly gentleman (two seats from mine, and I supposed asked the same question and received an affirmative answer, for the old gentleman arose and followed him down the car a few seats, where two seats had been turned facing each other and were occupied by two gentlemen, one of them a young man of refined appearance, resembling a professional man."

"I saw introductions made and the four settle themselves for their game and thought no more of the circumstance till the train was pulling up for a suburban station, when I noticed two men pass hurriedly by my seat out on to the platform and disappear in the crowd. As they left the car I noticed one of them was the same man who had asked me to join in the game of cards."

"I looked back to the seat where I had seen the four settle themselves for their game of cards and saw the young man sitting there alone. He seemed to be in distress. Indeed, it was very apparent that he was in deep trouble. So pronounced was it, in fact, that I arose and walked back to him."

"You are in trouble, my friend," said I. "What is it?"

"I have just been robbed of \$122," said he, "by those two men who left the car. I am sure I was robbed."

"The men, it seems, had started in to play euchre, but, after a few deals, the young stranger found himself with four aces, and when the conversation turned on poker he naturally was ready to bet—he thought he had a sure thing. He put up all the money he had—about \$122—and felt pretty good when one of the sharpers laid down a king-full."

"No good," said the young man, excitedly. "I have four aces."

"King, queen, jack, ten, and nine of diamonds, straight flush," said the second stranger. The train was slowing up for the station. The man, as he called his hand, threw the cards down, grabbed up the money, pushed the young man's grip over his lap, and in five seconds the two men were gone."

"Of course, I was skinned," said the young man, brokenly, "and I don't know how I will get home."

"But," added Dr. Milburn, reflectively, "the young man was trying to get their money, wasn't he? He just got hold of somebody smarter than he."

Found a Snake Fighting Her Mirror.

Mrs. Chas. Cole, of Aurora, Ind., was attracted recently by a peculiar hissing and rattling in her bed-room. On investigating she beheld a large blacksnake swinging from the top of the dresser by its tail and viciously fighting its reflection in the mirror. Mrs. Cole called for her husband to come and kill the reptile, but when he appeared he could not strike at the swaying serpent, that continued the combat with the shadow in the glass, unmindful of his presence, for fear of shattering the costly mirror. He then procured a long pole and succeeded in disengaging its coils from the mirror frame and hurling it out of the window through which it had evidently entered. The fall to the ground from the second-story room stunned, but did not kill, the snake, and when Mr. Cole descended the stairs and reached the yard to accomplish its death it swiftly glided away in the grass and escaped.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Fastest Sternwheeler in the West.

Portland, Ore., claims to have the fastest sternwheeler steambot in the world. The Hassalo, recently completed for the Columbia River trade, has made spurts of twenty-six and two-thirds miles an hour. She is 186 feet long, with a tubed boiler eight feet in diameter and compound engines of over 8,000-horse power. The boat is so swift that it was found necessary to strengthen her rudder.

Smoking by French Women.

Statistics taken in France in relation to the smoking habit show that within the last year the use of the cigarette and the pipe has found an enormous increase among the women. Indulgence in the narcotic is no longer confined to the seclusion of a private room, but it is freely indulged in before the eyes of all men.

When you are particularly busy is the hour to expect a call from the man who uses ten words where one would do.

Sympathy is the key to the human heart.

Parent of a Prodigy.

"What an amount of dignity Jones seems to have developed lately," remarked Brown. "He's going to throw up his job and try to get something better. He says there's no use of a man with his qualifications filling so menial a position. And he's always been such a meek, unassuming man, you know."

"Yes," replied Smith, "but I heard that his baby has just got so that it can say 'papa' so they can understand it."—N. Y. World.

The total postal receipts for this year are estimated at \$199,900,000, against \$87,640,000 last year. New York stands at the head of the list of states and territories with \$15,000,000, and Alaska comes last, with \$15,000. In the table showing the average amount contributed by each inhabitant of each state to the postal revenues (which constitutes a pretty fair gauge of the intellectual development and activity of the people), Massachusetts stands at the head, with an average last year of \$2.30 per inhabitant.

Boston is conducting a vigorous campaign against the smoke nuisance. The superintendent of streets has just sent a circular letter to all the coal dealers warning them against the sale of low grades of soft coal. In the missive he says: "Your attention is called to this matter now so that there may be no cause for complaint on your part later on in the event of trouble, and that your customers may be fully advised as to the action which this department will certainly take unless proper coal is used."

Still More Counterfeiting.

The Secret Service has just unearthed another band of counterfeiters, and secured a quantity of bogus bills, which are very cleverly executed. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia and constipation.

Dandelions.

The market gardeners around Paris cultivate the dandelion on a large scale and sell it for good prices in the market.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

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Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Some men are so vain. A man in St. Louis went into deep mourning for his mother-in-law because he thought black was becoming to him.

Piso's Cure for Consumption has saved me large doctor bills.—C. L. Baker, 428 Regent Sq., Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8, '95.

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The Maid and the Miracle

Miss Lucy Tucker, the daughter of a prominent farmer of Versailles, Ind., was the victim of nervous prostration. Most of the time she was confined to bed, and was on the verge of St. Vitus' dance. It was a pitiful case which medical science failed to conquer. Finally a doctor prescribed Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Her father said: "We began giving the pills at once, and the next day we could see a change for the better in her. We gave her one pill after each meal until she was entirely well. She has not been sick a day since. We think the cure almost miraculous."

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The engagement was of 20 years' duration, and Count Brunetti in that time inherited estates and a title in Spain. When he returned to Washington he found Miss Lowery even more beautiful in her maturity than when he had left her. Mrs. Lowery, who was an invalid, died shortly before the wedding of her daughter, which occurred in August, 1895, at the summer home of the family in New London, Conn., and was quietly celebrated.—Harper's Bazaar.

A Loud Interruption.

"I declare, Maria, this is too irritating to be endured. I told you I didn't want to be disturbed, and here somebody has suddenly sprung a most infernal clatter on me. What does it mean?"

"There wasn't any clatter, my dear."

"What was it, then?"

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A New Dodge for Summer.

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