

UNITED STATES MONEY

There Are Ten Kinds on Uncle Sam's Official List.

ALL ARE NOT LEGAL TENDER.

Some of the Most Imposing of the Paper Currency May Be Lawfully Refused When Offered in Payment of an Obligation of Any Kind.

Officially there are just ten kinds of money in circulation in the United States. Could you name them all off-hand? Do you know which of those besides gold coin are legal tender and in what amount? It may be that "all money looks alike to you," but there's a difference, and below is the list:

Gold coins, standard silver dollars, subsidiary silver, gold certificates, silver certificates, treasury notes (1890), United States notes (greenbacks), national bank notes, nickel coins and bronze coins.

Looking upon this formidable classification of United States money as made by the treasury department, it becomes more formidable when it is considered from the highly technical point of view as a legal tender. Some of the most imposing of the paper currency is not a legal tender at all, while, as to the minor coins, they are legal tender in such small amounts as to startle the average layman. It may be well to recall to this layman that the term "legal tender" owes its significance to the fact that in payment of debt or obligation of any kind it can be forced upon the creditor "in full of all demands."

Gold certificates, silver certificates and national bank notes, of which such enormous numbers circulate everywhere, are not legal tender. If you have plenty of money and if you have forced Jones to sue you in order to get judgment, Jones can turn down every one of these bills tendered in payment and force you to dig up something better.

Should Jones do such a thing you might conceive the idea of fixing him by unloading a whole lot of silver coins upon him. But you want to know what you're doing there, too, for he'll take only \$10 worth of halves, quarters and dimes, while of nickels and copper cents only 25 cents value is legal tender.

But as to the standard silver dollar, there's no limit upon your shoveling them out to Jones. This old "dollar of our dad's" still is the real thing in all business transactions unless some clause in a contract has provided otherwise. Jones may refuse the silver certificate, but when you dig up the metal dollar they go unquestioned at their face value. And 1,000 of them weigh 58.32 pounds.

Treasury notes of the act of 1890 are legal tender to their face value in payment of all debts, public and private, unless expressly stipulated in the contract.

Strictly speaking, the United States notes or greenbacks are legal tender, with the exception of duties on imports and interest on the public debt. Practically, however, since the resumption of specie payment in 1879, greenbacks have been received freely and without question by the government, though the law respecting them hasn't been changed.

While the gold and silver certificates are not legal tender as between individuals, both issues are receivable for all government dues of whatever kind, in this respect legally more acceptable than is the greenback.

National bank notes, while not legal tender and not receivable for duties on imports, still may be paid by the government for salaries and all debts of the government except interest dues and in redemption of national currency.

By special enactment no foreign coin of any kind or denomination shall be a legal tender in the United States, so that if some time the street car conductor does balk at the chance Canadian dime fished from your pocket keep cool and dig for something that is United States. It's your move.—Chicago Tribune.

Fun For the Boy.

"So you tried to convince your son that he was not too old to be subjected to corporal discipline?"

"That's what I did," answered Farmer Cornstossel. "I gave him a good old fashioned dressin' down in the woodshed jes' the same as if he had been ten years younger."

"What did he do?"

"He jes' laughed an' said it reminded him of the good times he had when he was belted in his college fraternity."—Washington Star.

Where Courtesy Prevails.

"The South Americans are very polite," said the man who travels.

"Naturally," answered Miss Cayenne. "In some of those republics it is not safe to slight the humblest citizen. There is no telling what moment he may become president."—Washington Star.

Marriage.

"Marriage may be compared to a tram car," said a confirmed bachelor.

"Why?" asked his fair partner.

"Because some people are just as anxious to get out of it as others are to enter it."—London Telegraph.

Foreight.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is fore-eight? Pa—Fore-eight, my son, is the faculty of being around when there is a melon to be cut.—Chicago News.

Circumstances are not in our power; virtues are.—Farast.

MUSICAL MISERY.

When Bagpipes Squeak Out "The Star Spangled Banner."

"I wish," growled a man who made a tour of the British Isles, "that the British bandmasters would take a course of instruction in what constitutes the American national airs. Band concerts are the rage all over England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. During the summer season, probably as a compliment to the hordes of Americans who are flinging away gold for their benefit, they present daily what is generally dubbed 'American national airs.'"

"The majority of these bandmasters think 'Dixie' is the national air, because they sagely observe it is the only one which Americans applaud. 'The Star Spangled Banner' is dismal and lugubrious enough under the best of circumstances, but to hear the Scotch bagpipes have a fling at it is indescribable misery. The man who wrote the 'Columbia' hymn would not know his own work as performed in Great Britain, and even the 'Kentucky Home' and other negro ballads get a touch between an Irish jig and a Scotch waltz which robs the American visitor of any pleasure which he might experience in hearing songs from home. It may be that British, Scotch and Irish guests on this side of the water get as much discomfort in hearing 'Annie Laurie.' I hope they do, for it would establish a sort of international musical balance."—New York Press.

SLEEP SUPERSTITIONS.

How to Awaken at Any Hour You May Designate.

Sleep is the best cure for waking trouble. Hours for sleep: Nature gives five, Custom seven, Weariness takes nine, Laziness eleven.

If you wish to arise at a certain hour, before going to bed make with your right foot as many marks on the floor as the hour on which you wish to wake, then go to bed backward.

To insure happy dreams burn some hazelnuts and do the ashes up in a package, which you must place beneath your pillow. You will then dream sweetly.

If you wish ever to marry, never look under the bed.

If a person talks in his sleep, put his hand in a bowl of water and he will tell you all his secrets.

The Hindoos say it is bad luck to sleep with your head to the north, but sleeping with your head to the south promotes longevity.

It is considered by some nations dangerous to sleep while thirsty, for the soul leaves the body in search of water, and if the body awakened too quickly the soul might not have time to return to it, so the body would die.

In Germany the nightmare is believed to be a spectral being which places itself upon the breast of the sleeper, depriving him of the power of utterance or motion.—Philadelphia Press.

Parks of Australian Cities.

Australians, with a fine climate, believe in enjoying themselves, and there are plenty of facilities. Thus in Sydney there are parks and squares and public gardens with a total area of 4,335 acres. Sixteen miles from the city—a shilling excursion train fare—is the picturesque national park, containing 36,810 acres preserved in their natural state. A similar reserve called Kurin-gal Chase, comprising 35,300 acres of land, chiefly of densely wooded hills skirting for many miles around numerous tidal arms of Broken bay, is also held for the enjoyment of the public forever. Melbourne has no fewer than 5,400 acres of recreation grounds in or near the city. Adelaide is surrounded by a belt of park lands and has about 2,300 acres set apart for the public benefit. Nor are Perth and Hobart and Brisbane and some of the fine inland towns less well provided for.—Westminster Gazette.

Malay Race Not Dying Out.

There is a very common idea that the Malay is a race that is dying out, killed in its own country by the enterprise of Chinese, Tamils, Javanese (who, however, are kinsmen of the Malays) and Europeans. To those who come out east expecting to find a few miserable remains of a once powerful race, whose probable fate is that of the Australian aborigines, it comes as a revelation to find a sturdy, independent and courteous race, whose language runs from Suez to Australia and who, so far from dying out, are yearly becoming more numerous.—Java Times.

A Bad Start.

"Ever try this keep-a-smiling proposition?"

"Tried it once, but with poor success. Unfortunately I started the experiment on a day that the boss felt grouchy."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

What Made Him Sick.

Teacher—Your little brother was all right when he left the house with you, and yet you say he's sick and won't be in school. The Kid—Sure! Didn't I give him the seegar wild me own hands?—Pack.

Stationary Youth.

Rich Father—My daughter is too young to get married. She is only eighteen. Impecunious Lover—I know, sir, but I have waited patiently for years, and she doesn't seem to get any older.

Early Intelligence.

Sunday School Teacher (finishing the narration)—And that is the story of Jonah and the whale. Johnny—Isn't it strange they knew what a Jonah was that long ago?

THEY TOOK HIM IN.

A Surprise That Ruffled an Absent-minded Scientist.

A certain foreign scientist who lectured in this country was, to say the least, careless about dress. Once he was asked to lecture in a city not far from Philadelphia. He went, taking with him his dress suit and no other suit. Having given his lecture, he spent the night at the house of a fellow professor, woke up the next morning, cheerfully donned the dress suit and sallied forth to give another lecture at the local college.

He didn't know just where the college was, but, spying an imposing looking building not far from his host's residence, decided that that was it. While walking toward the door he suddenly saw an ant hill. Bugs were his specialty. He dropped at once to his knees, dress suit and all, and started to scoop out ants.

The next thing he knew he was surrounded by a body of men who had rushed out from the imposing looking building. They seized him roughly and proceeded to drag him indoors. He gesticulated. He protested in many languages. It was of no avail. At last, however, explanations were forthcoming.

The imposing looking building was none other than the lunatic asylum. Seeing a man attired in a dress suit digging up ants at 10 o'clock in the morning, the attendants had thought that an inmate had escaped; hence the sally and attack.—Philadelphia Record.

VARNISH TROUBLES.

The Complaint That Is Made by a Piano Manufacturer.

The piano manufacturer was talking "A fortune of a million dollars, at least," he said, "awaits the man who can invent a varnish which will respond to changes of temperature in exactly the same rate at which wood responds."

"Everybody who ever has made or owned a highly polished article of furniture knows that the surface is liable to break into small cracks—become finely crackled—and thus its beauty is lost. This crackling is caused by the fact that sudden changes of temperature affect varnish—especially fine piano varnish—almost instantly, while the wood beneath contracts or expands at a different rate. This splinters the varnish, and thus far no manufacturer has been able to get the best of the situation.

"We are waiting for this entirely possible elastic varnish, which, when it shall come, will be more welcome to the manufacturers of fine furniture than the flying machine is to the world at large. A piano, delicate as it is, could be stored in an icehouse without detriment to its polished surface, provided the temperature was kept even, but changes, especially if sudden, are fatal to the beauty of the case."—New York Press.

Her Patriotic Protest.

The force of natural and instinctive pride in one's country has been endlessly expressed in literatures of all times and climes, but rarely more dramatically than in the following little incident:

Grieg, as every one knows, is the musical idol of all Norwegians, although it has been the fashion of less talented outsiders to underrate him. One of the most indefatigable of these detractors was the German composer Bargiel, a man of an instinctively jealous nature.

One day one of his pupils, a Norwegian girl, brought for her lesson a concerto of Grieg's. Bargiel took it from her with a smile of most superior disdain.

"But I told you to bring your music, and Grieg is no music!" he said scornfully.

"What—Grieg no music!" was the indignant reply. "Adieu, Herr Professor!" And she swept out of the studio never to return.

To Save Confusion When Moving.

If you are planning to move prevent confusion in placing furniture in the new house in the following manner: In leisure moments prepare a large card for each room to be tacked to the outside of the door frame on moving day. Assign a number and mark a card for each bedroom. Letter the other cards with the names of the other rooms. Then prepare a number of smaller tags, attaching a string to each, or use baggage tags. Mark enough to put on all furniture, trunks or boxes with the name of the room into which each is to be put. Show your movers the arrangement and there will be little or no error in placing, while no valuable time and strength will be lost in directing.—Woman's Home Companion.

Men Who Write Badly.

"Practice makes perfect" in all the arts and handicrafts, it would seem, barring that of penmanship. In that apparently the more one practices the more imperfect becomes the result produced, and your real man of the pen writes in seven cases out of ten a hand that would reflect discredit on his own household.—Hookman.

He Got It.

Small Harold—Papa, won't you please give me 5 cents? Papa—Not now, Run along. I'm very busy. Small Harold (holding his hands joined together)—Well, papa, just drop a nickel in the slot and see me go.—Chicago News.

Pretty Small.

The Agent—I don't see how you find room for complaint in this apartment. The Tenant—Nor I. There ain't even room to take a deep breath.—Cleveland Leader.

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