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REAL ART IN BEGGING.

The Beggar's First Step is to Get the Attention of His Intended Victim.

The professional beggar in New York uses various devices to get a hearing, for if he can once gain the attention of his intended victim he has taken the first step toward success.

"Can you direct me to Ninetieth street and Seventh avenue?" asked a poorly dressed woman whom I met in Fourteenth street.

"Do you speak German?" asked a young man with a Teutonic countenance in good English.

"My poor old eyes are not much good," she said in soliloquy and then turning to me asked, "Can you see what time it is by that clock?"

"So late? Mister, could you give a poor woman a few cents?"

"Be careful if you go in there," said a genteel appearing man as I approached the entrance to a place of amusement.

"Why?" I asked.

"I have just come out and find I have had my pocket picked, and I have to go to Yonkers to get home. Could you lend me half a dollar? I will return it."

"I watched the man until he had collected two half dollars.

"Did you drop these, sir?" asked a boy as he ran up behind me with a pair of cheap eyeglasses in his hand.

"No. They are not mine."

"I am sorry, boss, for I thought you might give me a few cents, as I have had nothing to eat today."

Two other men were approached in the same manner before I had walked a block.



GETTING A SQUARE MEAL.

The Visitor Finally Explained Where He Had Heard the Clergyman.

A hard featured man dressed in a new suit of very cheap black called at the house of a well known clergyman, and upon giving his name was invited to take a seat in the gentleman's study.

"I have a few days to spend in town," said the visitor, "and I did not want to leave without calling and paying my respects to you. I have heard you preach many a time."

"Yes," said the parson, beginning to take an interest in the visitor.

"I like your preaching, and though I do not belong to your church, yet I must say you preach the best sermon I ever heard."

"There are so very few good preachers now, very few in whose uprightness we can place trust, that when we meet one of the right kind we like to express our appreciation."

"Yes," the good man repeated, and as the bell tinkled he rose and said, "Come, my friend, and take some lunch with me."

The visitor was only too happy, and, seated at the table, began to eat with an avidity that attracted the host's attention.

"You say that you have heard me preach many a time," remarked the minister.

"Oh, yes," the man replied, conveying an ample allowance of mashed potatoes into his mouth.

"I don't ever remember seeing you at my church. I suppose you have heard me in the country?"

"No," said the visitor, helping himself to beans, "not in the country."

"Certainly not in town?"

"Well, sorter yes and sorter no. You know, you preached at the prison for some time. I was there for stealing a horse and cart and finished my time today. Thank you for the bread."—London Spare Moments.

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