An Ingenious Form of Blackmail Carried Out With Their Help.

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In speaking of men who sarn their living by swearing false oaths, one of their number says: "A reliable perjurer is a valuable man. There are several broken-down lawyers, who, shut out from the courts, make it part of their business to keep in contact with men who, for a consideration, will swear to a lie whenever required The names of these people they place on their books, and whenever a dishonest litigator in want of a witness applies to them they are ready to supply the demand within half an hour.

For instance, take a swindler who as in want of money. It is quite easy for him at night time to feign to have been knocked down by a carriage or cab, and then to sue for damages. To make his case thoroughly strong he can even take his false witnesses with him, so that they may put in an appearance when the name of the driver is taken. The result of the overwhelming presence of witness generally is that the case is settled out of court.

"In this manner any number of the defenseless position of the victim. The blackmailer, with his accomplices, inerely pays his victim a visit, during which they make a definite charge, their pockets.

witnesses, they can be obtained in almost any saloon for the price of a slice of his employer's business. few drinks.

"Some false witnesses, however, are paid very high sums. A friend of They Are Able to Blind a Man by Pro mine sbroad was once offered \$250 by a party if he would swear to a certain thing, the next day he was offered been approached.

DIDN'T WANT TO BE BURIED. And the Supposed Corpse Leaves the Undertaker to a Hurry.

Quite recently a team was passing up one of the leading streets of Kennobec, Maine, when the horses became suddenly frightened and ran away, throwing out the fellow who was riding. He was badly shaken up ble suffering. and his condition seemed to indicate that he was done for during his sojourn upon mother earth.

An undertaker who happened to hear of the fellow's misfortune and sad condition immediately made hasto suddenly passed away. It seems he was placed in the wagon, and then the undertaker started with his supposed corpse in postbaste for the man's home. He had not gone far when the man

recovered from his deathly (2) slumber and revived sufficiently to take in the situation and leap from the wagon and reach a small hotel they were just passing. Imagine the intense surprise of Mr. Undertaker a short time after, when he had gone but a little distance and looked around and discovered that the single indication of there having been anybody in the wagon was the manner in which the robes were left!

Truly the hard times have made business dull in every line and perhaps the poor undertaker has shared with the rest. It may seem a shame that he lost this opportunity of earnfaithful duty.

MADAM'S FINGER-NAILS.

She Has Them Shaped for "Execution," "Exhibition" or "Escape."

This is a progressive age, and the "manicure lady" is up to date. She has among other things for floger nail culture technical terms that may be edifying to the people who are compelled by a sparled-upskein of circumstances to wear hands an natural. Will madam have ber nails shaped

for exhibition or execution?"

"Don't know what you mean."
"Ha, ha," she gurgles, and proceeds to inquire: "Does madam play on the musical instrument or the typewriter?"

If it is a key-board she must have the escape nail; if the violin or banjo or any strings she cuts the nails low, quite far below the finger tips.

The patron plunks the banjo. She takes the decollete style, and when the operator is through with her hands the flesh stands up above her finger nails like cushions.

The "exhibition cut" is for idle hands, and the nails are tinted and filed into curves as nearly like the moons at the base of the nail as they can be shaped.

Words Full of Meaning.

The late premier of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald, when introducing the several members of his cabinet to the marquis of Lorne, then just arrived in Canada to take the position Mr. Chapleau, the new secretary of state, who was clad in a magnificent sealskin coat: "Your excellency, allow me to introduce to you the keeper | their night-dresses." of the great seal." Meeting upon one-occasion a learned Canadian judge of a very rubleund countenance. Sir John said: "I am delighted to see you, my deeply red old friend."

With His Other Possessions. At a church-meeting in one of the suburbs of Chicago, the inquiry was made whether a certain lawyer of the congregation, whose finencial affairs were somewhat involved, had "got religion." To which snother lawyer present responded: "No. I think not, nless it's in his wife's name."

CIVIL PHOINETAS

They Do Not Allow Their Clarks to Keep Private Note-Bucks.

was the best surreyor and draughtsman in my employ," said a well-known civil engineer a few days ago, referring to a man whom he had inst discharged. "I discovered a short learning that he was continuing the practice I was obliged to discharge

. I asked the gentleman to explain what he meant by "keeping a private note-beck."

made later on.

never come into court on account of apply to that same surveyor, who, of the most complex description.

SPITTING SERPENTS.

jecting a Fluid Into His Eyes.

The African explorer, V. Boehnel, the crystallized surface. on his voyage to lakes Rudolph and 3000 by the opposing side, who, of Stephanic, encountered one day, after DIED OF A BROKEN HEART. course, had no idea that he had already a long rainy spell, rolled up in a corner of the basket in which the dishes of the expedition were carried, a serpent of narrow girth and about twenty-seven inches long. His servant armed himself with a long dirk to kill the serpent, but the moment he approached the basket he fell back with a heartrending cry and covered his oyes with his hand. The anake had projected into them a tiny stream of burning liquid which caused terri-

> Hoehnel came up and placed himself blow the liquid past his eyes should the serpent defend itself in the same manner it had done before. As soon! servant, came up, and, wrapping his turban around, his hand, endeavoyed to make a dive into the basket for the suske. A moment later he, too, fell back blinded and covering his eyes with his arm. Hochnel did not sock to repeat the experiment. He turned the basket over on the ground, and the serpent in its flight was killed with sticks, so that the mystery could not be solved as to the nature of its

peculiar squirting qualities.

The Lawyers Not in It. The shortest and most intelligent chancery suit on record was probably one-recorded by Mr. Croake Jamesbetween Lord Enniskillen and a lady litigant. It was about a piece of waste land that promised little haring an honest dollar and performing a west except to the lawyers, and his heart failure, or, in other words, literlordship called upon his opponent and proposed, instead of fighting it out, to toss for it. "Come," he said, producing a sovereign, "heads or talls, ma'am?" This very sensible lady at once fell into his humor, and cried, "Talls!"-which it was. What rather spoils the story was that she had afterwards misgivings about the respectability of this way of settling matters, and, selling the land in question, bestowed it on a charity.

How "Sixes" Vary. ing about two sizes too large for him," you do not mean that the proper fit would be a hat two inches smaller in either circumference or diameter: with his coat, however, when you say "size" you mean an inch. The follow- your honor spoke," and proceeded ing may be of interest to those likely to get mixed on the question of "sizes" and inches. A "size" in a coat is exactly an inch, in underwear it is two inches, in a sock an inch, in a collar into the river with intentions of comone-half inch, a shirt the same, in mitting suicide, was discharged after shoes one sixth of an inch, in pants telling his remarkable story. He was one inch, in gloves one fourth of an snaged and shriveled specimen of hu-

Difficulties of a Language.

A French gentleman, whose admiration for a party of Vassar girls considerably exceeded his ability to speak it in English, met the women at one or two day festivities, and was sufficiently impressed; but when, at an evening reception, they burst upon him in the bravery of full-dress, the of governor general, said, speaking of admiring Gaul feit at once the handicap of his vocabulary. "I can not say," he confided to one of his hosts, "how beautiful the young ladies appear in

About Quinine.

Of the 7,000,000 ounces of quinine annually produced in the world, the United States uses 3,100,000, or nearly one-half of the entire output. There are eighteen chinchons or quinine factories in the world. This comprises one establishment in Holland, two in England, two in Italy, three in France. four in the United States and six in Germany. If we are not mistaken there is some experimental work in the same line being conducted in Rus-

LIVING BENS. mets Decision to the M

Enormously Active Atoms. If you think your polished diamond is a more aggregation of inanimate

erystals you are away wrong. If you imagine that its components are devoid of orderly, coherent motion, you time ago that he was keeping a pri- are equally mistaken. It has some to wate note-book, and after notifying pass that we are given to understand him that he must stop it all again that diamonds are masses of active molecules Insamuch as every compact body is composed of multitudes services. Mrs. Graham sang several of exceedingly small, yet not indlatinguishatie molecules, it might be concluded that in a solid, at least, these particles would be clustered to-"A surveyor," said he, "in doing a gether in an indivisible muss. This plece of work makes minutes, as he theory as applied to diamonds is idgoes along of the lines he runs, of the correct and has been completely overvarious points marking the bounds of thrown by the researches and experithe lands he is surveying and all such mentations of Sir Robert Ball of Livdata as is not only necessary for the arpent. The facts set forth by Mr. Ball drawing of his plans, but also incl-with reference to the atructure of the dentally that which may aid him in dismond are fascinating. He asserts the case of any other survey being that were the sensibility of our eyes increased so as to make them a few "This data, you see, really con million times more powerful it would stitutes a sort of capital or stock in be seen that the diamond atoms, trade, for if the party owning the which forms the perfect gem when ag gow?" land ever wishes another survey of it gregated in sufficient myriais, are blackmailing cases are got up which for any purpose he will naturally each in a condition of rapid movement

having these old memoranda, can do Each motecule would be seen swingthe work easier and more cheaply my to and fro with the utmost viothan any other surveyor. Oftentimes, tence among the neighboring moleefter many years have clapsed and cales and quivering from the shocks and the usual result is they retire old landmarks have passed away, it receives from encounters with other with the money they asked for in those minutes become very valuable. molecules, which occur millions of from whom all blessings flow." Consequently a civil engineer altimes in each second. The hardness "They solded go into the box, for ways wishes to keep these in his own and impenetrability so characteristic their evidence, as a rule, is so com- hands, and men in his employ are not would at first sight seem to refute the plete that the opposing side gives allowed to make copies of minutes of supposition that it is no more than a way. It is quite easy to get hold of a surveys which they make while in his cluster of rapidly moving particles; man who is willing to swear to an employ. Otherwise an old employe, but the well-known impenetrability ordinary lie for St, while, as for alibi in leaving and setting up in business of the gem arises from the fact that, for himself, could carry away a large when attempt is made to press a steel point into a stone, it falls, because the rapidly moving molecules of the stone batter the metal with such extraordinary vehemence that they refuse to allow it to penetrate or even to mark

A Negro's Pathetic Grief Over the Death

of His Wife. There recently died in Louisiana an old negro woman named Aunt Harriet Moore, who left to mourn her the husband with whom she had lived something over fifty years. Uncle Nuggie seemed brokenhearfed over the loss, and it is thought finally had his mind unsettled by his bereavement. Atany rate after Aunt Harriet had been dead and buried several days her husband went by night to in such a position that the wind would the cemetery and disinterred the re-He was met on the road by a man of his own color, who, taking him for a ghost, fled from him. He, however, to the scene of disaster, equipped with Hited its head and squirted two drops bors went to Uncle Nuggie's cabin and everything necessary to care for the of black duid upon his neck; which, found him engaged in rubbing the tion on the skin. An Arab guide, who leet of the corpse with mustard, and had heard the cries of the explorer's trying to force down the rigid throat hot whisky and water.

The old man said he had been warned in a dream that his wife was only in a trance, and that if he would fotch her home and use measures to revive her she would come to life again. His grief when the body was again taken from him was pitiful, and he seemed unable to attend the second burial. But, as the coffin was being lowered into the grave, Uncle-Nuggio suddenly appeared, and, breaking through the party about the grave, throw himself into the hollow on the casket. He was gotten out with all speed, but he was found to be quite dead though no injury to him was visible, and the vardict given by physicians is that the old man died in the act of casting himself down of ally of a broken heart.

Got Even With the Judge-

It is told of Henry W. Paine, the Boston lawyer, who recently died in that city, and who more than once refused a seat on the Massachusette supreme court beach, that while he was arguing a case one day before Chief Justice Gray the latter interrupted the course of the argument with the impatient remark: "Mr. Paine, you know that is not law." The nature and manner of the inter-When you speak of a man's hat be ruption were of a kind to throw even the most self-possessed advocate off his balance. Mr. Psine, however, without any outward manifestation of annoyance or embarrassment, replied with simple dignity, "It was law until with his argument.

Where Suicide Was Execution A beggar at Pesth, Hungary, who was arrested for throwing himself inch and in hats one-eighth of an inch. | manity, with, long, patriarchal beard, and acknowledged that he was peut 94 years of age. His excuse for attempting to take his own life was that he was no longer able to take care of his father and mother, who were aged 125 and 120 years respectively.

So Tender Hearted.

She sat down with the flerce light of controversy shining in her syes. What's the reason you think women should not be allowed to vote?" she aggressively inquired. "I don't object to the single women voting," he snswered, "but I think a poor married woman who has a husband to look after has all the trouble on her hands she deserves. That's my only reason." She arose with her face exwreathed in smiles.

Well-Cared for by Others.

The soldier is the best fed individual of his class in Europe. The British soldier receives for his daily ration 16 ounces of bread, 12 of mest, 2 of rice, 5 of dried vegetables, 15 of potatoon, and once a week he repelves a conces of mait, 4 of coffee and 9 me

An affecting incident in connection with the distribution of sharity in the Bethel mission, which is loosted at the foot of Canal street, Newark, N. J., some time ago, has just become known. The mission is conducted by T. Graham and Damean Forbes, sided by Mrs. Graham. They gave a free dinner to all who kad attended their

While the most was being served to the motley orowd of homeless man Mrs. Graham was particularly struck with the appearance of one ragged but intelligent-looking individual, and romarked to her husband that he much resembled a brother whom she had not seem or heard from in many years. Mr. Graham thought little of the suggestion, but the longer Mrs. Graham looked at the man the stronger the impression grew.

As she filled his plate the second time she asked:

"Are you John Coleman from Glas-

"Yes," he replied. "Are you Au-

Mie?" "I smy she said, and brother and sister chapped hands as the tears started from their eyes. The astonished gathering of poor and hungry took in the situation—and some one of them started the hymn, "I'raise God,

Coleman said afterward that he recognized his sister's voice and his mothor's favorite humn while she was singing, but was afraid to speak lest he might be mistaken. He has a good home in Glasgow, but came to Amerien to better himself.

He was employed for a time in Findlay, Ohio. He lost his position when times graw hard and he had walked all the way to Newark.

AN UNSIGNED CHECK.

The Ansount Was \$34,000 and it Was Casked by a New York Beak.

The story of a check passing through a number of channels without anyone discovering that it was not signed was related a few days ago. It apbears that a certain Bostonian, while in New York, found it successivy to nav the Union Trust company, of that city, \$34,000, which he did by giving it a check on one of the Buston banks. The check was accepted and was deposited in that company's bank for collection. The following day it was presented at the Boston bank, when it was discovered that there was mo name signed to it to show by whom the check had been issued, as it was written on one of the blank forms of checks of that institution. It looked saff there was nothing to be done but to return the check to New York, when the cashier thoughthe recognised the handwriting, and going to the telephone called up the party who he believed had issued the check.

"Were you in New Yorklast week?" asked the cashlers "Yes," said the man at the other end of the phose. "Well," continued the cachier, "did you give the Union Trust company a

check for \$34,000?" "'Xon," was the reply; "what's the matter? "Have you not charged it up to my account?"

"I would have done so," replied the cashier. "but there was no name signed to it."

"Great Scotti" was the answer: "can you hold that check matil I get up

The check was held, and in a few minutes a man came in all out of breath and affixed his signature.

BELIEVED IN CIGARETTES. Why Me Debated the Question of Their Decirability.

"You can say what you like against rigarettes," said the quiet man to the stranger who had been condemning the use of the little cylinders in unmessured terms, "but you will never get me to say a word against them." . "Why not, sir?"

"They have been of the greatest beneži to me." "In what way? Do you use them sparingly?"

"Not I don't use there at all." "Perhaps you are a manufacturer of signretten?"

"No, sir." "Then you must be a doctor, with a good practice among eigeratic-smoking youths?"

"That isn't it either." "Then I should really like to know how eighrettes could possibly have

benefited you, sir?" "I'll tell you. A young follow of twenty-one was the only life between me and \$200,000. He was very fond of cigarettes, and about a month ago he was buried."

Does Foreign Missienary Work Pay? Pessimists say that it does not Optimists say that it does. Whether the one is right or the other must be judged from facts. One fact is that in Indie the number of heathen is increasing continually. There are 2.036.660 native Christians cat of a population of 287,000,000. The Mohammedans number 57,000,000, the Hindoos 200.000,000. It is said that there were 30,000,000 more Christian souls in 1891 than in the previous decade. Here is the other fact, stated. in the Missionary Review of the World. The native ordained pactors of India have increased by ninety per cent within nine years."

Hor Occupation.

A pretty typewriter who is employed at a large Indianapolis office was talking in a rather elevated tone of voice to a gentleman of her mequaintance in a car. He was evidently unacqualuted with the character of her occupation, and asked her what it was. "Punching holes in the English learness" was the engine and



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