

The Lucky Man.

The bank was closed, because the cashier and paying teller had gone to Canada for a few years' vacation.

'May I see the receiver?' asked a shrewd, happy-looking man of the president.

'Certainly; but won't I do as well?' 'Who are you?' the visitor inquired.

'I am the president.' 'Yes, I guess you'll suit me. I want to deposit some money in this bank.'

'Money in this bank! Why, it has failed - 'busted' - stopped payment. The cashier has got away with all the money.'

'Yes,' answered the stranger; 'I know that well enough. That's the reason I came here.'

'Maa alive! you don't want to put your cash in an insolvent bank! We have no idea of resuming.'

'I don't care a straw for that. I want you to take my deposit.'

'Can't do it,' said the president, firmly. 'You'd lose it.'

'Lose it? Not much. Never lost a cent in my life.'

'What do you mean?' 'I mean just this - that I'm the unhappiest man in existence, because I'm so lucky. It is luck that is just killing me, and I want it to turn. I have heard that in my theological history there was a man who could not touch anything without it turning into gold. I must be a descendant of his.'

'Well, my friend, your luck will certainly turn this time. If I took your money, it would be thrown among the assets, and you'd get in return but a small dividend. But I won't do it.'

'Nothing of the sort,' returned the would-be depositor. 'The bank would be open again in a week, everybody would be paid in full, and I should double or treble my money in some way or other. Oh, if you'd only let me leave it here!'

'No, sir.'

'It is always the way,' returned the visitor, dejectedly. 'Nobody will take pity on me, and this abominable good luck will continue to follow me throughout life. Listen, kind sir, to my sad story.'

'When I was a young man I sent my little brother to make a deposit in a savings-bank. Johnny fell down on his way and didn't pay it in. The next day that bank 'busted' and paid but one cent on the dollar. I bought a lottery ticket, and won the capital prize and received the cash. The following week all lotteries in the State were suppressed. I went to a club at a watering-place, threw a five-dollar bill on the 00. It came up ten times running, and I left. That night all gambling houses were raided by the police. I found my way to Wall street. I bought a hundred shares of the first stock that came on hand. It was 'cornered' in the morning, and I cleared a little fortune. A rich widow smiled on me at Saratoga. I offered myself, and was accepted. We were married. Our happiness was short-lived. In less than ten days she fell overboard in the lake and was drowned. Her immense fortune became mine.

Now my misery began. I had too much money, and I knew not what to do with it. I threw myself in the way of bunco-steerers, in the hope of being swindled. They would let me draw real prizes, and send me home with genuine coin and greenbacks. If I buy a piece of swampy land full of malaria it will rise in price over night and bring me five thousand dollars a foot. I once tried to lose a big roll of large bills. I dropped it in the gutter. It was of no use. A tramp who had seen me do it ran after me, and put the roll-back in my pocket. I sped like the wind; he went faster, and I was foiled. I offered him a thousand-dollar bill for his trouble. He declined to take more than fifty cents. And now you refuse the trifling boon I ask. The world is in a conspiracy against me. Would that I were poor!

Then the unhappy man went forth from the 'busted' bank, looking the picture of despair.—Puck.

Girls in Odd Stockings.

'Scarlet stockings? Yes, they're all the go,' said a Chestnut street hosiery dealer yesterday. 'But that isn't the latest craze by any means.'

'What is the latest fashion then?'

'Why, on Saturday morning I had three young lady customers who came in and bought three pair of red and three pair of black hose. I was somewhat surprised and asked the object. In each case I was told that it was not considered the proper caper to wear two red stockings now, any more than it is to wear two black ones.'

'Well, what on earth were they going to do?'

'Wear one of each kind—a scarlet stocking on one foot and a black one on the other. It's a fact I assure you. And the fashion is gaining ground, for this morning I have had several more customers on the same errand. Black and red, you know, are striking and at the same time becoming contrasts.'

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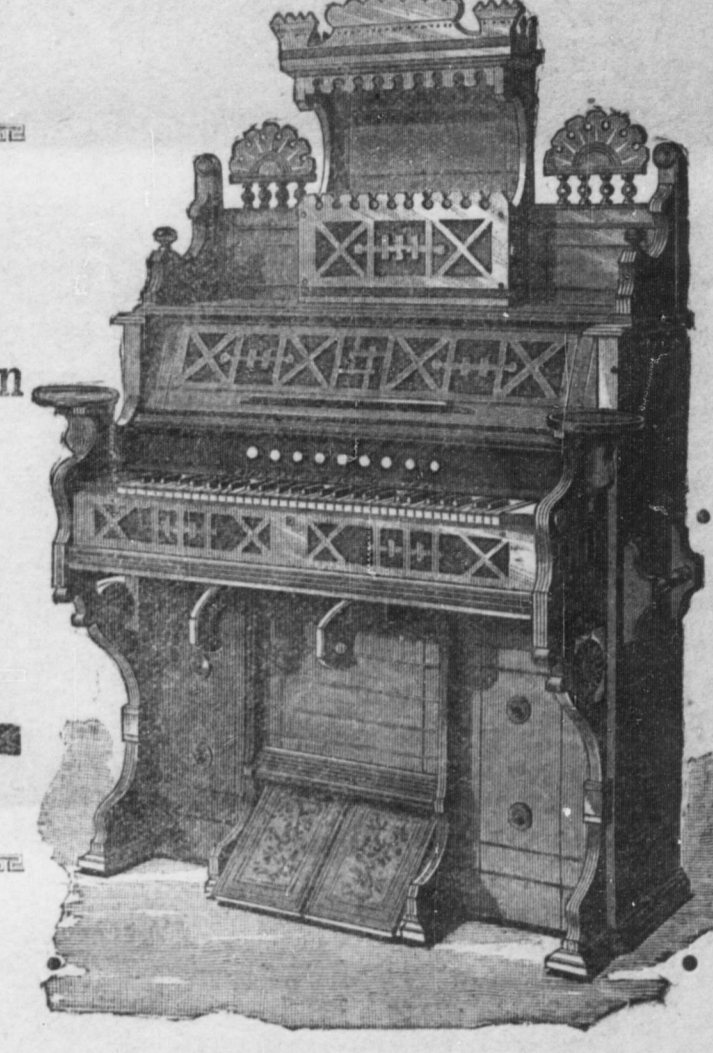
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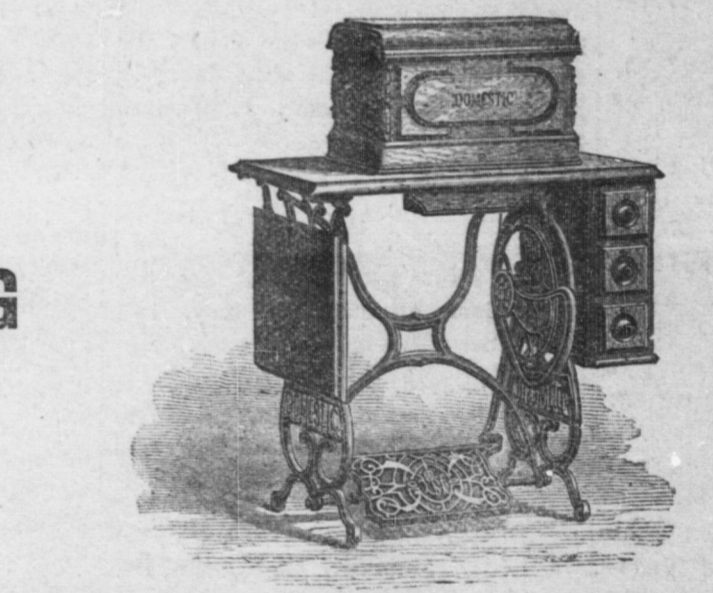
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