

The Way Uncle Sam is Swindled Through the Mails.

WATCHES IN WEDDING CAKE.

A Scheme That Was Disclosed by a Gleeeful Girl Who Could Not Hold Her Tongue—Gloves That Came One at a Time and Corsets in Sections.

Too few people think it a crime to swindle the customs. For that reason many bright and brainy persons think hard how to get goods from abroad without paying toll to Uncle Sam. As most of the successful operators in this line are women, who have more time to think about such things than men, it can be imagined that the customs officers have to be eternally alert to protect the government.

The avenues through the steamship passenger route are pretty carefully guarded, and as comparatively few people go abroad the great mass of dwellers in this protected land are debarred from sharing in the humorous little game of hide the diamond or smuggle the silk. But there is another avenue that is being used enthusiastically by the anti-duty aggregation. It is the United States mail.

With the immense volume of foreign mail delivered to this country it is manifestly impossible to open and examine every package that seems to contain newspapers or merely a bulky letter to see whether or not some dutiable article is concealed therein. So far as it is possible, however, it is done, and the addressee has to go to the postoffice and pay duty on the amount at which the dutiable article is appraised.

The custom house experts at the postoffice have their hands full checking the clever moves of those who are constantly devising new ways to disguise dutiable things as innocent looking parcels.

"We used to pass cakes through without question," said one of the examiners. "It seemed too bad to lay hands on a Christmas pudding sent by relatives in England to some exile in this country. It also disturbed the sentimental side of a customs officer to demolish a section of wedding cake that had been sent from the old home in Germany to Fritz in America. So we let these sacred things pass through. But one day we had an awakening. One of the customs men heard that a neighbor had obtained a new watch from abroad. It had come through duty free, and the gleeeful girl, who was wearing it could not keep quiet about the clever way the postoffice had been deluded. It seems the watch had been baked right into the cake and had come through without discovery. Now, this forced us to take some step to prevent a repetition of such smartness, and ever after that we held on to all cakes or puddings that came in packages through the mail. A letter is sent to the person to

whom the package is addressed, and this person (it is almost always a woman) has to come to the postoffice and cut the cake or slice the pudding right in front of the customs officer. Do we catch a Tartar occasionally? Well, you may take it for granted that any one who would try this trick is a Tartar, to begin with, and so we don't get off without a scene when the cutting time comes.

"A trick that fooled us for a time was the sending through the mail of one glove a trifle creased to give the idea that it was merely a worn glove that had been left in Europe by a tourist. With the glove would come a letter to that effect, 'You went away without one of your gloves,' etc. Of course we passed it through unsuspectingly. But we got so many of these that it began to look suspicious. So we held on to one of them, and by the next mail there came another glove from the same address to the same person. The glove was the fellow to the other. Then we got another left-hand glove and later the right-hand glove to match it. The trick was simple and admirable in its simplicity. Gloves were being sent through in quantities, one at a time.

"But the queerest trick we exposed the other day. A woman was accumulating a large stock of fancy corsets without troubling about the duty that should have been paid on them. The trick was to send half a corset through the mail. We knew of no rule about paying duty on half a corset. It appeared to us to be a mere remnant of the up to date woman's attire and not important enough to consider as dutiable.

"So we passed the half corset along and thought no more of it. But half corsets began to drop in with all too great frequency. It looked as though corset remnants had suddenly attained considerable importance in some one's estimation. So one of the men put it up to his wife, and she took something less than a fraction of a second to puncture the scheme. The half corset was useless in itself, but when the other half arrived there was a French corset ready for wearing.

"We find fine silks done up in packages of herbs, watches, diamond rings and bracelets concealed in the leaves of books in holes cut for the purpose and separate diamonds hidden away in bottles of transparent liquid where the gem is scarcely visible. No doubt many dutiable articles escape us, but we are getting wiser every day to the tricks of the mail smugglers."—New York Tribune.

Remorse Caused Suicide.
Harry S. Blunck, eighteen years of age, committed suicide at Trenton, N. J., by taking a dose of strychnine. Blunck was arraigned earlier in the day on the charge of having robbed a local grocery store, and his suicide is believed to have been brought on by remorse.

\$2500 Stallion Burned.
An Arabian stallion valued at \$2500, Fred Atherton, a race horse, and other stock perished in a fire which destroyed the stables at the country home, near Pittsburg, of R. C. Hall, president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce.

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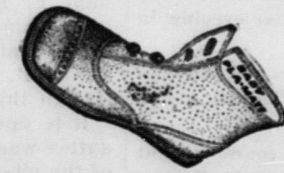
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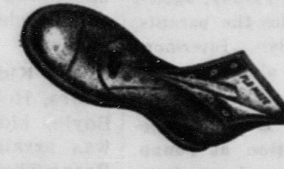


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A HOTEL DINNER.

The Husband Ordered It, and His Wife Criticized It.

On the midnight train ride from town, where he and his wife had been entertaining one of his best patients at dinner and the theater, the suburban doctor spoke bitterly:

"What a dinner! And it cost \$15. The cooking in these big hotels is atrocious. They smear sauces over everything. I suppose it is to hide poor materials."

"It isn't the fault of the cooking that our dinner was a failure. It was its selection that doomed it."

"What was the matter with the selection?"

"You should not have done the ordering. You have your meals chosen for you almost every day in the year. It is the women of people in our circumstances who ought to arrange the menus at restaurants. Look what you ordered! Bisque of lobster—a soup with a body of thick white sauce. Sweetbreads—cooked, as usual! cream dressing. Virginia ham with champagne sauce—a brown sauce as thick as molasses. Then for dessert you took a chance on pudding Reine Victoria—candied fruit and lady fingers swimming in soft custard."

"Well, how is a fellow to know? Lobster soup, sweetbreads, Virginia ham and pudding Reine Victoria—it sounds fine."

"But a woman knows that it is a wretched combination of splendid dishes. It is the woman's dull duty to choose menus for 365 days in the year. She learns a good deal about selection. Yet when a sum of money equal to a week's food expenses, is to be squandered on one dinner at a hotel it is the man who seizes the menu and tries to look capable. He makes a failure frequently, as you did tonight. It would have been a pleasure for me to order a fifteen dollar dinner—a change from manipulating submit the menu to their wives for assistance."—Exchange.

Another Kentucky County Dry. Ashland, Ky., April 6.—Boyd county voted dry by a majority of 107. In Ashland, which is the center of the iron industry and the commercial capital of the Big Sandy valley, church bells were rung hourly and women stood at the polls and worked, while children paraded the streets singing and bands played. Now 96 of the 119 counties in the state are wholly dry under the county unit law.