UNCOVER NEW SORT OF OCEAN SWINDLE

Many Englishmen Taken in by Clever Trick.

New York .- Old-timers in the de tective division who had insisted there was nothing new in crime, recently admitted, after the lineup at police headquarters, that a new wrinkle in windling was revealed in the grand larceny case against two brothers, Henry Benjamin. twenty years old. and Joseph, eighteen.

Headquarters was so impressed with the originality of their alleged operaion and with the information that the pair had mulcted many Englishmen that a cable was sent to Scotland Yard asking whether that agency had any data on the brothers.

Their method centered on the flashing of letters of credit and a hurried equest for a loan from strangers bout to sail. Thus, the police said, hey succeeded in obtaining \$150 from Maj. Cuthbert Johnson of London when he left on the Homeric. They were arrested on the Olympic, just before it was to sail, their capture resulting from a radioed complaint and description given by Major Johnson Letter of Credit.

Henry, the police said, boarded the Homeric during the sailing hour and struck up an acquaintance with Major Johnson. Inasmuch as the brothers have a decided English accent, Major Johnson was impressed with the likelihood of a companion from the homeland for the voyage. In the course of their conversation on the Homeric deck, Henry took occasion to draw forth, somewhat casually, a \$12,000 letter of credit in Lloyd's bank, London, professing ignorance of its use and asking how it was to be cashed. While the major was engaged in the friendly gesture of explanation, Joseph rushed up, out of breath, and asked Henry if he were Mr. Benjamin. The reply being affirmative, Joseph announced there was a package for Mr. Benjamin on the pier for which \$150 cash payment was necessary. Flustered by his shortage of cash, Henry. according to the police narrative, expressed vexation that his \$12,000 letter of credit was of no avail at the moment, and with a convincing show of embarrassment, induced Major John son to advar.ce him \$150. The broth ers hastened from the liner, Henry calling back he would return with the package in a few moments. A Clever Swindle.

down on a bit of blank paper, or card, in his pocket; but of "The Wreck of But the Homeric sailed without Henry. And, after a bit of thought. the Hesperus," he said: "I feel pleased with the ballad. It hardly cost me an Major Johnson decided he had fallen for a clever swindle. He notified the effort. It did not come to my mind purser, learned "Mr. Benjamin" was by lines, but by stanzas." not booked and radioed the police.

LIGHTS By GRANT **River and Human Life** Without sermonizing too grossly, we of NEW YORK may say that a river is like a human life, Prof. William Lyon Phelps writes, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The source is often obscure and humble, Human Dynamos

Poetic Similarity of

and somewhere

er existence.

where a river once has been.

Camel Teams Utilized

Many camels are used in Australia

as beasts of burden. For instance,

from Wyndham, in northwestern Aus-

tralia, the cattle stations are served

by camel trains which carry supplies

for hundreds of miles into the interior.

says the National Geographic society.

"Camel teams are familiar sights in

the street of the little township, haul-

ing in the great wagonloads of fire-

"The first camels were brought to

Australia for the use of the early ex-

plorers. Later a fine type of drom-

edary was imported for breeding pur-

poses and it is this type of animal

that is bred in central Australia. It

is considered by leading authorities

to be the largest and strongest drom-

edary found in the world. It proves

invaluable for pack work in waterless

Writers Who Worked Fast

There are many instances of works

that come full-grown from their crea-

tors' brains. Robert Louis Stevenson

wrote "The Strange Case of Dr.

Jekyl and Mr. Hyde" on waking from

a troubled sleep, while desperately ill;

and he wrote the whole amazing work

at literally fever heat, then rewrote it

from start to finish, and all within six

days. Longfellow's "Psalm of Life"

was built up from notes he jotted

regions."

wood from the outlying district.

"The camels are driven by Afghans,"

In discussing the head of a big New then a tiny stream, then growing bigger and more important (the widening York bank, a man, who is himself of influence), then flowing tranquilly important in the financial world, crit-(prosperous, happy days), now getting icized him as follows: into sand flats, hardly moving (seri-"He's a guy who exercises every ous illness), now roaring tempestuousmorning." ly in rapids (times of excitement and

I don't know whether this can be adventure), yet going on, somehow called a complete characterizer in view of the large amount of propaganda that there is now for matutinal Furthermore, they always arrive ulexercising, but it certainly fitted the timately at the same destination-the subject under discussion. What the mysterious, open sea, leaving narrow author of the statement meant to say circumstances for a deeper and greatwas that the bank president had accomplished the success he had made And even those streams that seem in life through brute strength and ento perish without fulfilling their desergy rather than through superior tiny, are in their subsequent influence thinking and unusual mental adroitlike the lives of obscurely good men. ness. He is the type of executive who Travelers in a desert sometimes is always driving and pushing, and, come to a bit of green meadow. when one stops to consider it, a great deal can be accomplished by application and brute strength without an unusual quantity of talent. in Parts of Australia

. . .

Luncheons Get Complicated A young society woman gave a luncheon for twenty junior leaguers the other day, and her menu looked like one of these buffets. Her friends were on the eighteen day diet, and she had telephoned each of them to ask what day of the diet she was on. Proper meals were served at all times. and the hostess was obliged to provide twelve of the eighteen "days" on the diet.

* * * The Resourceful Dramatist

Louis Weitzenkorn, editor of a New York paper, has written a play which has been accepted for production. One of the scenes is at a Long Island house party, and it shows the week-end guests who are complaining bitterly about the service and the dull time they are having. The owner is trying to think of a name for this country place, and he has heard his guests crabbing. Instantly he has an inspira tion, and he calls it BELLYACRES.

Carbon Copies

Irvin Cobb was talking about the son of a great man the other day. To prove his point that the sons of great men do not usually measure up to the standards of their fathers, the name of this man is not necessary for the ancedote, and therefore will be omitted. Cobb's comment on the son was that he was a faint carbon copy of his father about eight times removed from the original made on purple carbon paper.

It's the Upkeep

I am informed that a banker ha

Scions of Ancient Race

of Mayas Still Exist Representatives of the ancient Maya race still live at Cozumel, nine miles 74-23-4m off the coast of Yucatan, Mexico. They are direct descendants of that half fabulous and mighty race which built the ruined wonder cities of Yucatan; which offered human hearts to Kukulkan, the feathered serpent god, at Uxmal; which flung sacrificial maidens, decked with jade and gold and flowers, into the deep subterranean pool at Chichen-Itza. Having seen those mystery cities, those sacrificial altars and that pool it gives you a start—as if you had miraculously pulled aside the curtain of time-to behold Maya faces in the living flesh, faces that we so often call Aztec. Yet there on Cozumel those faces still exist by the hundreds. A short and stocky race, almost beardless and with coarse black hair, they remind you of the Japanese. Though all memory of their former imperial glory has utterly departed, they still speak the ancient Maya tongue, for thousands of years even before the Spanish conquest. This tongue, by the way, is one of the very few aboriginal languages that have ever stood off a white man's speech. Even today, Spanish controls only the cities of Yucatan. The country at large still conducts its business-especially the chicle business--in Maya, and on Cozume! you hear it everywhere.

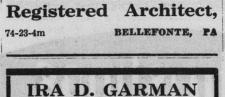
Wise Parent Will Stay Young With Children

Whatever else parents do, let them hold fast to imagination. If they have ever believed in fairies, let them not shut the fairy people out now. Let them not make growing up like traveling along a level road where everything must eventually disappear behind the lorizon, but let them make it like the ascent of a steep hill, where the view constantly widens as one goes higher and nothing once seen is ever again shut out. Then they will never say to their children, "You're too young to understand," and what is quite as important, their children will never need to say of them, "They're too old to understand." What is even more important, they will never reach the deadly dull state of being completely grown up, because they will realize that if we have wings we can never reach the place where we cannot go higher .- Parents'

Odd Scottish Structure

Magazine.

John O'Great's house was located on a spot on Duncansby road, the northeast extremity of the mainland of Scotland, marking one of the limits of that country. It is also the terminus of automobile and cycling record rides from Land's end, Cornwall, which is the southwest extremity of England.



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Detectives, since then, had been watching departing steamships.

A short time later the brothers were seen talking to an Englishman on a deck of the Olympic. They were arrested. Their "chance" acquaintance gave information that convinced the detectives the Major Johnson episode was about to have been duplicated. On Henry was found a letter of credit made out to Stanley Carter, Esq., purporting to establish that \$12,000 had been paid into the Corn Exchange bank to be drawn from Lloyd's. Joseph's pocket disclosed a letter of credit for \$10,000, made out to James Kingston, Esq., by the Bank of Montreal in Toronto and to be paid by the Bank of England.

Malaria Is of Help in

Treatment of Paralysis London.-Induced malaria as a successful treatment of paralysis is revealed in a recent report of Surgeon Rear Admiral E. T. Meagher covering experiments on a number of cases in English and Welsh hospitals.

"The treatment of general paralsis," his report states, "by induced malaria offers more promise of success than any other form of treatment that has been given extended trial."

The treatment, which included either artificial malaria inoculation or exposure to malarially infected mosquitoes, has been found, says Doctor Meagher, to increase the length of life, to render existence more natural, and to produce improvements in the physical condition and mental state.

"The response in individual cases," ne states, "varies from a negative result to apparent complete recovery." Over a period of five years 1,59% cases have been treated in this manner. Of this number 3.9 per cent died, 40.8 per cent are still in hospitals, and 25.3 were discharged. Five out of six of the discharged cases still retain life and liberty.

Relics of the Old Days of Forty-Niners Found

San Francisco.-Workmen excavating for a new building brought to the surface several relics of gold rush days. Among them were a hand pump still capable of pulling water, a stove, tools made nearly 100 years ago, a smoking pipe of the kind favored by forty-niners and a 14-foot slab of Aberdeen granite. Masons said such stone has not been brought to the West coast since it was shipped around the Horn in windjammers.

Million Lepers in China Shanghai.-China now contains more than a million lepers, according to estimate of Dr. C. T. Wu, general secretary of the Chinese Mission to Lepers.

Smart Six-Year-Old

When almost six years of age Benjamin Blythe, who afterward became a noted Scottish engineer, was walk ing with his father when the child asked "Papa, at what hour was 1 born?" He was told 4 a. m., and he then asked "What o'clock is it now?" He was told 7:50 a. m. The boy walked on a few hundred yards, then turned to his father and stated the number of seconds he had lived-which upon calculation turned out correct, even allowing for two leap years .-Grit.

Served His Purpose

An artist, painting in the open air was startled to see a red-faced, perspiring motorist at his side. "Don't put another stroke to it!" urged the newcomer. "I'll give you five pounds for it as it stands."

"It-it is very kind of you," the artist stammered, "but it's not quite tinished."

"Doesn't matter one jot," said the motorist, as he got his money out, "I only want the canvas to mend a burst tire."-Weekly Scotsman.

The Word "Anecdote"

Today we know that the word 'anecdote" simply refers to a pithy account of any incident, usually a short entertaining narrative. Originally, however, an anecdote was a secret history, a sort of a sub-

rosa story of unpublished events, this significance being indicated by its root source. It is in this sense that it is used,

tor instance, by Procopius in his portrayal of the private life of Justinian and Theodora.-Kansas City Star.

Tit for Tat She could keep her secret no longer. "Dearest," she exclaimed to her husband, "I can't wait until your birthday to tell you what I've bought you for a present . . . I've get you a new rug to put in front of my dressing table and a bronze statuette for the drawing-room mantelpiece!" And then she added: "Now, what are you going to get me?"

"Well," he replied, contemplatively. "I think I shall get you a new razor and some ties."

"Simple Life" in Burma

The Turkestan women have no win dows to wash, their furniture being limited to a few benches and tables A vauuum cleaner in Burma would be a drug on the market. Their houses are built about eight feet above the ground. The dust that blows into the Burman house sifts right through the bamboo cane floor. Meals are cooked and eaten outdoors as long as the weather permits.

moved into the most expensive apartment in the city. It is on Park ave nue, and occupies three floors. The living room is three stories high. The apartment was built to the banker's order, and cost \$400,000. The cost of maintaining co-operative apartments is at least 10 per cent, so the bank er's "rent," on top of the purchase price, is \$40,000 a year. And that doesn't include the interest he might be getting from a \$400,000 investment (G by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Church With 3 Members

Opens Once Each Year Middletown, N. Y .- Although the congregation numbers only three members, the Old School Baptist church at Slate hill, near here, is opened once a year for the annual meeting.

The church, which was founded in 1783, once was a flourishing religious community, but for a score of years has been used for only one purpose, the annual meeting.

Mrs. Charles Stickney of Sussex N. J., clerk of the church, is the sole officer of the congregation. She and Mrs. Charles Wood of Slate Hill were the only ones at the meeting, which took place recently, the third member of the congregation, Mrs. Francis Stickney of Middletown, being ill.

"Enplane" Gets Into Dictionary New York .- Have you enplaned and deplaned yet? The next edition of the New Standard Dictionary is to recognize the words to be as legitimate as entrain and detrain.

Find Bull Lost in Heart of Huge Stack

Frankfort, Ind.-The prize bull story of the year if not of all time came from Postmaster Edward Spray.

For eight days a prize bull was missing on the Spray farm near Simpson Stop, south of lere.

Jess Lucas, tenan, on the tarm, notified Spray that all search for the bull had proved fruitless.

Spray had about given up nope of finding the animal. On the eighth day Lucas noticed a new tunnel in a large straw stack that was approximately 40 by 66 feet.

He investigated and round the bull clear in the center of the straw stack, slowly eating his way through to the other side!

The bull appeared to be in dairly good physical shape exept that he was thirsty, not naving had a drop to drink for eight days.

a distance of 994 miles. According to tradition, in order to settle a family dispute as to precedence an eight-sided house with a door and window in each side, which contained an eightsided table, gave each of the eight brothers of the Groat family the power to enter his own house and eat at his own table in company with his brothers.

Short Canal-Boat History The first canal boats were for freight only and provided quarters merely for

the captain and crew. But the demand for passenger accommodations brought canal boats with two cabins, one at the bow and one at the stern, with cargo hatches amidships, the forward cabin for women and the after cabin for men. Within a few years passenger traffic became so heavy freight was carried entirely on freight or cargo boats, while fast expresses were operated for passengers alone. The boats were drawn by two or three horses, which followed a towpath along the bank. The express boats averaged about 4 miles an hour.

Goldsmith Couldn't Dictate Dictation is no new thing, though

commoner today than of old. A friend of Oliver Goldsmith once suggested to him that he use the services of an amanuensis, to avoid the physical labor of writing. He tried it. It did not work. He paced up and down the room while the amanuensis sat and waited for the words to be set down. At last Goldsmith turned to him, put the agreed-on fee into his hands, and dismissed him with these words. "It won't do, my friend. I find that my head and my hand must work together."

Coueism Among Finns

The ancient Finns, when troubled by the hiccoughs, sought relief by addressing the hiccoughs as follows: "Go hiccough, to a clump of limes; I'll come to strip the bark; go, hiccough, to a clump of birch; I'll come to strip the bark." This was repeated over and over again-or was supposed to be repeated-until the hiccoughs became discouraged and took their departure. Gout, when making an attack, was greeted in this wise-"Good gout, thou lovely gout, depart, turn back elsewhere."-Gas Logic.

Naturally Interested

A parson delivered a sermon based on an extract from the book of Maccabees.

At luncheon that day a rich new parishioner thought fit to compliment him on his address.

"It was particularly interesting to me," she gushed. "You see, I've got a delightful old Maccabean sideboard at home."-London Tit-Bits.





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