

FAKE ROBBERY GAME FAILS

Thieving Agent of Wisconsin Corporation Nearly Got Away With Bundle

HOW HE WAS BAMBOOZLED

Resort was Had to an Ingenious and Elaborate Ruse—The Counter-Fake—How it was Worked—Got the Victim's "Goat" and He Confessed.

It was a fishy looking story. The local agent of a New York corporation out in a Wisconsin town, handling its funds daily, reported a robbery. Two men had come into the office late at night, when he was at work on the books, and at the points of pistols he had yielded up \$5,000 of the company's funds. Two days later the confidential traveling agent of the corporation dropped into the town and talked it over with the local man in a quiet way. "In five minutes," he told Tip, "I knew there had never been any robbery. How did I know? Instinct. The story he told was too sweet. There wasn't a flaw in it. It was like a framed-up alibi. You know the best alibi, until you can knock it out, is the one that is invented for the occasion."

Queerest of all things, the "victim" had no bad habits. There was no sign of extravagance anywhere to confirm the visitor's impression that the robbery was a myth. Yet he could not get the conviction out of his mind that the thief was the employee. With the time of the alleged hold-up fixed by the suspected one, resort was had to an ingenious and elaborate ruse. When it was proposed to the Chief of Police he revolted. "The Third Degree!" He wasn't going to get into trouble with those New York tricks. Our agents argued the interests of justice. At last persuasion won.

There was one policeman who stood ready to assert that at the hour the local agent had fixed for the hold-up by his two men in buckram he and another policeman were in front of the office where the mythical robbery had occurred. An accommodating bartender, slinking home, as he said, from a clandestine rendezvous, had passed the spot at the same hour and had seen the policemen. If there had been a robbery, if there had been any men near the office, they would have been sure to see it come off. Oh, yes, they had looked in the windows and there was no one within; they were sure of that, too. "But suppose this scheme doesn't work?" demanded the Chief of Police. "A fine mess my policemen will be in!" The confidential agent met this quickly: "They will not be under oath. If the trick doesn't go through, then the policemen can come out and swear to the truth and no harm will be done."

The frame-up complete, the victim of the supposititious robbery was taken to Police Headquarters. Again he repeated his story, which was taken down by a stenographer. Then the policemen and the bartender, in his presence, related theirs. A convenient "judge," who threw in an occasional question and was deferentially addressed by the skillful inquisitor, lent to the impression upon the mind of the culprit that he was about to be confronted with an accusation of theft and that the circumstantial proof against him was overwhelming. Next came a private interview with the envoy from New York, and in exactly seven minutes the two men went to the spot where the \$5,000, down to the last dollar, had been hidden by the local agent. Not a threat had been used against him. No torture, no intimidation. He went up and took his dose without a murmur—one year in the penitentiary—and unless he chances to identify himself with these lines he does not know how he got his tumble, how nearly he got away with his little pile.—Tip, in the New York Press.

A Rat with Brains.

While standing in a large wood shed, one end of which he had partitioned off with narrow slats as a fowhouse, Mr. X—heard a gnawing noise and, looking about him, saw a large brown rat darting away from a dog biscuit lying on the floor of the shed. He decided to remain quiet and watch if this thief of his dog biscuit would return. Presently he did, and, slyly glancing at Mr. X—as if to say, "Now, you let me alone, and I'll let you alone," his rathship began dragging the biscuit over toward the slat partition, behind which were the fowls clacking and scratching. He reached the slats and tried to drag the biscuit through them after him. It would not pass, being flat and broad. After some vain struggles with it, the rat vanished, to return with another of his acquaintance. The newcomer he stationed inside the fowhouse. He himself came out and seized the biscuit by one corner. He then began tilting it up on its side, and the adroit friend poked his head through the slats and steadied it with him. In a few seconds the biscuit was held between them "up and down," and between rat No. 1's pushing without and rat No. 2's pulling from within the barrier the prize was forced triumphantly through the slats.

"Since the soap factory was built in our street the autoists have not troubled us at all."—Megendorfer Blaetter.

THE HORSE IN BATTLE

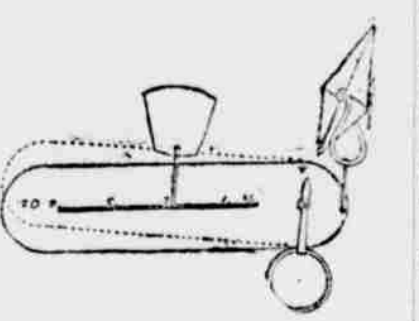
His Place Can Never Be Filled by Any Machine, No Matter What Its Capabilities.

The horse seems, in the hour of battle at least, to take on characteristics which belong only to a being endowed with reason. He partakes of the hopes and fears of the conflict, the same as his rider. If he has been six months in the service he knows every bugle call. As the column swings into line and waits the horse grows nervous with waiting, and if the wait be long will often tremble and sweat. As the call comes to advance the rider can feel him wincing at the bit with his tongue to get it between his teeth. As he moves out he will either try to get on faster or bolt. The lines will carry him forward, and after a minute he will lay back his ears, and one can feel his sudden resolve to brave the worst and have done with it as soon as possible. A man seldom cries out when hit in the turmoil of battle, and it is the same with a horse. Five troopers out of six when struck with a bullet are out of their saddles in a minute. If hit in the breast or shoulder, up go their hands and they get a heavy fall; if in the leg, foot or arm they fall forward and roll off. Even with a foot cut off by a jagged piece of shell a horse will not drop. It is only when shot in the head or heart that he comes down. The horse that loses his rider and is unwounded himself will continue to run with his set of fours until some movement throws him out. Then he goes galloping here and there, neighing with fear and alarm, but will not leave the field. When he has come upon several riderless steeds they fall in and keep together, and the rally of the bugle often will bring them into the ranks together.—New York Herald.

Pocket Mail Scales.

A pocket scale for weighing mail matter recently has been awarded a patent to a Philadelphian. Most instruments of this character are usually rather bulky and not at all suited for the purposes of stowing away in the pocket; but this device has the advantage of being quite compact. The principal part being made of thin sheet tin celluloid or similar material, it may be easily carried in the pocket.

This device consists of an improvement on the well-known Roman steelyard, and primarily constitutes



an efficient and convenient weighing machine, and, incidentally, furnishes a suitable medium for advertising purposes. The inventor accomplishes this by providing a plane surface for the beam, instead of the ordinary bar, by confining the movable counterpoise in a horizontal slot, instead of by protruberance at the extremity of the long arm, by having a spring clip provided with an eye or a hook at the extremity of each limb at the end of the short arm to hold the matter to be weighed, in place of the usual hook or pan, and by providing an index, which constitutes part of the hanger, to correspond with a fixed mark on the surface of the beam to indicate when the same is in equilibrium in lieu of the separated means ordinarily employed to that end.

Natural Barometers.

If the chickweed and scarlet pimpernel expand their tiny petals, rain need not be expected for a few hours, says a writer. Bees work with redoubled energy just before a rain. If the flies are unusually persistent either in the house or around the stock their is rain in the air. The cricket sings at the approach of cold weather. Squirrels store a large supply of nuts, the husks of corn are unusually thick and the buds of deciduous trees have a firmer protecting coat if a severe winter is at hand. If the poplar or quaking asp leaves turn up the under side rain will soon follow.

If the camphor bottle becomes oily it is going to storm. When it clears settled weather may be expected. This idea has seemingly been utilized in the manufacture of barometers. The main trouble is, they seldom foretell the change until about the time arrives. Last, but not least, the rheumatics can always tell in their bones when a storm is approaching, and of this prognostication the oenogerman of to-day is as firm an advocate as were his forefathers.

Astronomy in the East.

It is now nearly 200 years since French astronomers went to Peru to measure "an arc of meridian." The purpose of such arcs is to furnish data for calculating the size and shape of the earth. The arc in Peru was about 220 miles in length, and with the exception of a short arc in South Africa, it is the only one ever measured in the southern hemisphere. This year a commission headed by army officers has been sent from France to remeasure the arc in Peru. The remeasurement is regarded as of great scientific importance on account of the advances that have been made since the first measure was taken.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Sheriff's office, in the Court House at Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, NOV. 20th, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Borough of Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Situated on south side of Fourth street between Walnut and Chestnut streets, being lot number six in Gilbert Fowler plot of lots bounded on the south by Third street, north by Fourth street, east formerly by F. E. Brookway now Laura A. Garr, and on the west formerly by lot of H. W. Bower now J. W. Sittler, said lot being forty-nine and one-half feet wide on Fourth street and one hundred and eighty-one and one-half feet deep, whereon is erected a large

TWO STORY DOUBLE FRAME DWELLING HOUSE

and outbuildings. Being same premises conveyed to Elmer E. Garr by deed of L. H. Fowler and wife dated October 18th, 1894 and recorded in Deed Book No. 56 at page 430.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of L. H. Fowler now to the use of Nelson W. Bloss vs. Elmer E. Garr, and to be sold as the property of Elmer E. Garr.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

William E. Elmes, Attorney. 10-25-4t.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levavi Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Sheriff's office, in the Court House at Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY NOV. 27th, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate:

All that certain town lot situated in the Borough of West Berwick, Columbia County and State of Pennsylvania, on the east side of La Salle street, being lot Number Two, in Section Thirteen, of the Berwick Land Improvement Company's Addition to Berwick, being bounded by lot Number Three, of Sterling Dickson on the north; on the east by an alley; on the south by lot Number One; and on the West by La Salle street, being forty feet in width on La Salle street and one hundred and forty feet in depth.

Being part of the same premises conveyed by George S. Fleckenstein and Lizzie E. Fleckenstein, his wife, to Mary A. Pettit by deed dated January 21st, 1902, recorded in the office for the recording of deeds, etc., in and for Columbia County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book No. 73, page 1. On which is erected a

TWO AND A HALF STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, and out buildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Harry T. Stoddart, Receiver for the Eastern Union Building and Loan Society of Philadelphia, Pa. vs. Hiram W. Pettit and Mary A. Pettit real owners, with notice to all terre-tenants, and to be sold as the property of Hiram W. Pettit and Mary A. Pettit.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

James L. Evans, Attorney. 10-4-4t.

DIVORCE NOTICE.

Tillie Harley vs. John Harley. In the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania. No. 191 September Term, 1909.

To John Harley, Respondent in the above cited case.

You are hereby notified, in pursuance of the order of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county of Columbia and state of Pennsylvania, to be and appear in said Court on or before the First Monday of December, 1909, being the 6th day of said month, to answer petition heretofore preferred by the libellant, Tillie Harley, your wife, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Tillie Harley should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Hereof fail not, under the penalty of having the said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted against you in your absence.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

C. A. Small, Attorney. 11-4-5t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan Markle, Deceased. The undersigned, Auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the balance in the hands of M. A. Markle and David Markle, administrators of said estate, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, Pa., at No. 44 Main Street in said town, on Wednesday, Nov. 10th, 1909 at 10 o'clock A. M. to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested will appear and prove their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

WM. C. JOHNSTON, Auditor. 10-21-4t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, an auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the balance in the hands of Frank Ikeler, Esq., Trustee in part of the estate of Delilah Cramer, late of the Town of Bloomsburg, deceased, will sit at his office in Farmers' National Bank building in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Thursday November 11th, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties in interest may appear.

CHRISTIAN A. SMALL, Auditor. 10-21-4t.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levavi Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Sheriff's office, in the Court House at Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, NOV. 20th, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain lot of ground situate in the said Town of Bloomsburg, in Neal's Addition to said town, lying north of East Fifth street and south of E. st Third street, and more particularly bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the north of East Fourth street at the intersection of Lot No. 25 with The Bloomsburg Land Improvement Co. Line, thence westward along the northern line of East Fourth street one hundred and sixty-four and seven-tenths feet to eastern line of lot No. 25, thence northwardly along line of said lot No. 25, one hundred and eighty-four feet to an alley, thence e-southwardly along southern line of said alley to line of land of said Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company, thence southeastwardly along line of said Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company to place of beginning. This tract embraces lots No. 25, 26 and 27 on said plan. Whereon are erected

FOUR (4) GREENHOUSES AND BOILER HOUSE.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Matthew McReynolds, Executor of Evelina K. B. McReynolds vs. James T. Davis, M. Edith Davis and Clem R. Weiss, Mortgagees, John W. Davis, Stewart E. Reynolds and The Davis Brothers Company Corporation under the laws of Pennsylvania terre-tenants, and to be sold as the property of J. mes T. Davis, M. Edith Davis and Clem R. Weiss, Mortgagees, John W. Davis, Stewart E. Reynolds and The Davis Brothers Company Corporation under the laws of Pennsylvania terre-tenants.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

T. J. Vanderslice, Attorney. 10-25-4t.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Sheriff's office, in the Court House at Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, NOV. 20th, 1909, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following described real estate:

All that certain piece and parcel of ground situated in the Borough of Catawissa, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a fence post, corner of Mrs. Hamilton Fisher's lot, on the south side of East Main street twenty feet distant from the center line of said street, thence by the lot of Mrs. Hamilton Fisher five and fifty-three and a half (55 1/2) degrees west one hundred and seventy-six and three-tenths feet to line of Harry A. Harman, thence by the said Harry A. Harman north forty-two and one-half degrees west twenty-four and two-tenths feet to the line of Sarah Fredericks lot, thence by the said Sarah Fredericks north fifty-five and one-half degrees west one hundred and ten feet to a stake, thence by the same north twenty-nine degrees east, fifty-four feet to the south side of East Main street twenty feet from the center line of said street, thence along the south side of said street twenty feet distant from the center line thereof south sixty and one-half degrees east forty-five feet to the place of beginning. Containing nine one-hundredths (9/100) of an acre, be the same more or less. Whereon is erected a

TWO AND ONE-HALF STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE and outbuildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suits of L. C. Mensch, attorney, vs. J. C. Fox, and Franklin Shoe Company vs. J. C. Fox, and to be sold as the property of J. C. Fox.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

L. C. Mensch, Attorney. 10-25-4t.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Levavi Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be sold at public sale at the Sheriff's Office, in the Court House at Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

SATURDAY, NOV. 27th, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate:

All that certain town lot situated in the Borough of West Berwick, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, west of Monroe street, being lot Number Two Section Seven of the Berwick Land Improvement Company's addition to Berwick, Pa., being bounded on the north by lot Number three, Section seven, one hundred and forty feet; on the east by Monroe street, forty feet; on the south by lot Number One, Section Seven one hundred and forty feet, and on the west by an alley forty feet to the place of beginning. Being part of the same premises conveyed by Freas Fowler and wife to George E. Sponser by deed dated August 21st, 1903, recorded in the office for the recording of deeds, etc., in and for Columbia County in Deed Book No. 53, page 457, and by said Sponser to Margaret A. Kendrick by deed dated May 22, 1906, intended to be recorded forthwith. On which is erected a

TWO AND A HALF STORY FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, and out buildings.

Seized, taken into execution at the suit of Harry T. Stoddart, Receiver for the Eastern Union Building and Loan Society of Philadelphia, Pa. vs. Lawrence Kendrick (now deceased) Margaret A. Kendrick owner and The United States Lumber and Supply Company terre-tenant, and to be sold as the property of Lawrence Kendrick (now deceased) Margaret A. Kendrick and The United States Lumber and Supply Company.

CHARLES B. ENT, Sheriff.

James L. Evans, Attorney. 11-4-4t.

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Eggs is Eggs. The Danville Morning News discourses thusly on the subject of hen fruit. "Oh classic hen, the poet now Will lay for thee, I ween. Such feeble little lays as thou Hast made can scarce be seen. Our hearts will bleed ere long, I know. The bard now gets in trim For well he knows you cannot throw A single egg at him. It's all off. The die is cast. The epicure in moderate circumstances must now eschew his succulent goblet of milk punch and the soothing sherry flip and cast all visions of the puffy waffle into outer darkness. No longer may the wrinkled omelette tickle the thorax of mere man and shed its golden ray across the breakfast table to gladden the hearts of the kiddies. For, lo, the plump and motherly hen, the origi-

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