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MEANWHILE Paderewski's return to the concert stage should find him not only renewed artistic triumphs, but also sympathy from a public with some understanding of the chasm dividing esthetics and political battlegrounds.

FAKE PROMOTERS AND BROKERS LIVE BY FISHING FOR GUDGEONS

If the Poor Fish Did Not Bite Such High-Flying Gentry Could Not Do Business Even for a Month

IF THERE were no gudgeons no one would go fishing for them. The human gudgeon is a poor fish who will bite at the bait even when, if he used his eyes, he could see the hook barbed to catch him.

This is why there are so many wild-cat securities on the market and why so many fishers for gudgeons open elegantly furnished offices and call themselves stock brokers.

Adam Recklein, the manager of his Pittsburgh office, has just been telling the New York District Attorney something about what went on. Among the things he said was that when customers wrote asking for the delivery of the stocks which they had ordered, the manager of the office would hand the letters to a clerk with instructions "to make some kind of a reply."

But what became of the money? Mr. Recklein threw some light on this by explaining that when the clerks knew how business was being transacted they demanded an increase in salary and got it.

The best that can be said of them is that they were fishing for suckers and found them plentiful enough to provide the firm with money to take care of a payroll of from \$700,000 to \$900,000 a year.

The men engaged in this kind of business are skillful at it. They do not solicit business from sophisticated men and women. They employ handsome and well-dressed salesmen with a gracious manner and a determined air, who tell their victims that the opportunity to make money is so unusual that it should be embraced without delay.

Some three-quarters of a century ago Lamartine and Quinet were similarly disillusioned. The case of D'Annunzio is not precisely an analogous instance, since the aspirations of the Italian poet were so strongly tinged with an egotism and vanity that his failure cannot be wholly ascribed to external circumstances.

There are reputable bankers and brokers, any one of whom will be glad to give advice about investment to whoever seeks it. If the inexperienced will only go to them they will conserve their funds and will not be likely to become involved in such a deplorable failure as that of the high-flying Dier firm.

A SHATTERED LEGEND

THE pleasing fancy that the artless and untutored Polynesian, celebrated by Motilone in the past and O'Brien in the present, originated the haunting music which, wafted by the ubiquitous ukulele, has girdled the globe is widely shattered by an obituary announcement.

aboriginal inhabitants were victimized by modern civilization. The Kanakas, it is true, were mauling; that is, they appreciated harmonies and juxtapositions of notes imported mainly by missionaries from a distant continent.

BOYS, GET THE JACK!

NEARLY every one who tries can succeed in life. Duty and determination are disdainful of obstacles.

It is true that success is elusive when it is vaguely defined. Choose your goal, exact in its nature and nine cases out of ten you will win.

Standards of achievement naturally vary in disparate times and climes. The Eskimo with twenty different kinds of fish hooks is a millionaire. The Igorrote measures his distinction in human heads, the Ottoman in human wives.

And yet the spiritual kinship in their accomplishments must be profound. The relativity of glory, the arid compensation of mere cash, the respective beauties of patient endeavor and quick performance are themes on which Dr. Frank Crane, Orison Sweet Marden, Samuel Smiles, Lubbock and lately Lord Riddell have discoursed freely.

It is best, however, to leave such analyses to experts, which is why no further attempt to point a moral will be made here.

SHORT CUTS

Old King Coal's fiddlers are still playing out of tune. Lord George has lost his whip, but he still carries a big stick. J. Cleve Dean would seem to be courting trouble in Tennessee.

Curiously enough, the truth in a nutshell never appeals to a nut. If Old Doc Sawyer isn't careful he'll be getting as much publicity as Laddie Boy.

One may step from a party platform to a train of thought, but it isn't usually done. Of course, the "branded" apple would not remain on the market if it were "branded."

If the territorial limit is extended to two leagues beyond the coast, the respective captivities of the respective captives would be a matter of some importance.

A SECOND MARK TWAIN

How Senator Flinn Lost a Gold Mine. Dr. Warren's Story About Cannibal Birds—Labor Leaders Who Have Dignity

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN. STATE SENATOR WILLIAM FLINN, of Pittsburgh, is a millionaire several times over, I presume.

He has been a State and national figure in politics for more than a generation. All sorts of stories and anecdotes have been told about him. Here is a new one.

It puts the Senator in the same class as Mark Twain—the real Mark Twain, who actually lost a gold mine in Nevada over night.

Senator Flinn—it happened before he lost the senatorial dignity—did not lose his mine over night.

He lost it over some litigation, and according to the veracious citizen who told the incident it was by all odds the oddest bit of "lawing" the erstwhile Czar of Pittsburgh ever engaged in.

SOME years ago, which is the modern version of "once upon a time," William Flinn, of Pittsburgh, became interested in some mining properties in California.

They were good mines up in Sierra County. It was a big mine in the mountains. After some examination of the property, subsequent to his purchasing one-sixteenth interest in the mine, Mr. Flinn arrived at the conclusion that he had been "taken in."

He began suit for the return of his money. The ground upon which he demanded the return of his cash was that the mine had been "salted."

In other words, that the other fellows had planted gold where there was no gold. In the subsequent legal proceedings in California the present United States Senator, Sam M. Shortridge, acted as attorney for the defendant.

The case was argued in Washington the United States Senator from California and the former State Senator from Pennsylvania met at a dinner.



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

MRS. LIBORIO DELFINO On Library Work for the Blind. The growth of library facilities for the blind has been one of the most conspicuous features of public library work in the last quarter of a century.

"The extent to which blind persons use the books of the Free Library of Philadelphia," said Mrs. Delfino, "may be estimated from the fact that we have had 3543 registrations since the work began in 1898."

"The reason for this is probably that when a person deprived of his sight wants to read at a library, it usually means the care and the time of another person who must serve as his guide at least to bring him, and then either wait or return for him."

"The public generally does not know perhaps that there are several kinds of printing for the blind. The Moon type, so called after its inventor, William Moon, is the largest, and it is especially adapted for older persons whose sense of touch is no longer delicate."

"In Philadelphia the work was practically started by Mr. Rhoads. The funds of the Bible Society were not available for any purpose except the publication and distribution of Bibles, and Mr. Rhoads raised a sum by his own efforts and bought other books for the blind. As the work grew the Free Library of Philadelphia was asked to take it over."

"The system now most generally used is called the Braille Improved. The Moon system is what is called 'line type' and the character representing the various letters of the alphabet are made of raised lines, either straight or curved. They are not identical with the printed letters of the alphabet."

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ 1. Who is president of the United Mine Workers? 2. What State manufactures large quantities of corn cob pipes? 3. Where is the great volcano of Chimborazo? 4. At what age do oysters become most edible? 5. When did Horace Greeley run for the presidency? 6. Name three wars of the United States conducted under Democratic administrations. 7. Who wrote "The Story of Konnet"? 8. What is meant by chauvinism? 9. At what age does a citizen become eligible for the United States Senate? 10. What is an "edito princeps"?

- Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. An apocryphal event which took place in 44 B. C. was the assassination of Julius Caesar in the Capitol at Rome. 2. Bohos is black tea of the lowest quality. 3. The lion's den in which Daniel was placed was in Babylon during the period of the Jewish captivity. 4. The Railroad Labor Board was established under the Esch-Carter act, passed in the latter part of the Wilson Administration. 5. The Arabian Sea is a part of the Indian Ocean bordering on the west coast of Africa and the southern coasts of Arabia and Persia. 6. Sir John Froisart was a famous chronicler of the Middle Ages. He was born about 1333 and died in 1400. 7. Dr. Marcelo T. de Alvear is the present President of Argentina. 8. A weevil is a kind of beetle with a proboscis, feeding on grain, nuts, fruits and leaves. 9. Victor Emmanuel II was the first King of Italy. 10. The word valet may be pronounced as it is spelled or derived from the French, "va-lay." The former pronunciation, however, with the final "l" sounded, is regarded as preferable in English.

When Murderer Walks Abroad. To protect him from mob violence the Sheriff of Harlan, Iowa, is hiding a seventy-year-old murderer who for years has moodily walked the streets with an ax with which he threatened violence to all whistlers, and in a manner of good his threat. Having permitted a homicide maniac his freedom for years, it is possible that the people of Harlan wish to furnish further proof of their foolishness? Answer: Yes, it is quite possible. As a matter of fact, it is a common trait the country over.

Shrinking Violets. Rexford, Kan., pastor says he is prepared to go to William Allen White "one better" by avowing himself 51 per cent in sympathy with the strikers, and challenges the Attorney General to prevent his statement. He adds that he seeks neither martyrdom nor notoriety; but the natural presumption is that he will not object to either if it comes, as it were, in a manner of speaking, and not to put too fine a point on it, unthought.

A Communist university has been opened in Moscow. Among other things taught will be the economics of the Russian Soviet Government. Awards, it may be inferred, will go to students who make the greatest mess of examination.

Now that the Irish irregulars have been outfitted and outfought, it would seem to be a good time to quit scraping and to get down to work in amity with their fellows. It is time, in fact, for the irregulars to prove themselves regular guys.

MEET THIS BIRD According to a report from the American Consul at Tenerife to the Commerce Department at Washington, the inhabitants of the island of Gomera, in the Canaries, by the use of a system of whistling signals, which dates back for several hundred years, can convey bits of news over a considerable distance with great rapidity. Ah, when it comes to indoor sports 'Tut tut' with elation, We have the common reports, So full of information. Canary Islanders see know From this most learned philologist While they possess a whistle. So many wines the islands boast. The natives never forgive it. One simply whistles for his host And gets the means to act it. Ah, isn't he the lucky stiff To find in fashion's air Much virtue in a Tenerife With butts of rare Cognac! G. A.