

A SAD PICKPOCKET.

"HOOT" MCGHEAN'S STORY OF HIS MOST RECENT AFFLICTION.

Has After a Hanson and Wanted Nearly a Day to Turn out a Super Pearl-Long Cannon for a Free Lunch Counter—No Perjury for His Own.

The pickpocket stood on the corner looking very disconsolate. His coat collar was turned up, his hands were thrust down into his pockets, and his hat was tilted forward until the rim was almost level with his eyes.

"What's the matter, Hoot?" he asked. Dungen, the pickpocket, known on the row as Hoot, glanced up at Silverstein, grunted out an oath, and then letting his head fall on his breast again relapsed into silence.

"What is it, Hoot?" Silverstein was growing curious. He had done light fingered work for a time himself and knew something of the changing conditions of a man's life when he made himself an ostensive enemy of society.

"See that, Jew?" said the pickpocket, holding a script from his vest pocket. It was a short gold pin, topped with a large pearl of that rare virgin pink. It seemed to be a valuable bit, and Silverstein's eyes glistened as he looked at it.

"Take it to Cooney," he said in a whisper. "He's safe." The pickpocket laughed in hollow fashion. "Too safe," he said. Then he straightened up, threw his hat back on his head and said:

"Silverstein, in these days a man like me ain't got no license to live. What's the skill of my hand, that can take most anything from a scoundrel's pocket, I must from a man without his knowing it, against the brain of a man that can make them things?"

"Are you nutty, Hoot?" inquired the fellow in, edging away. "No, Jew, no, but listen to me. You know the hotels are my graft and this region down here my market. Well, I was out spotting today, and finally along comes a fellow that's a confound my nuts. He was a dandy guy, with all color ribbons on his hat and then he spreads out on his shoes. He had a big pink necktie on, and in it this here pin was stuck. From the time I saw it, I said to myself that the punk on the end of it must be a bird, but when I see that pink pearl I decided to let the wad go and make for it."

"Well, he was a nervous cuss, and I couldn't get a chance at him for a long time. I followed him out Broadway and laid for him outside a restaurant while he took lunch. Then he met a lady, and they took more lunch together. When he came out, the two took a hansom, and I hear him say to the driver, 'Around the park.' Well, I follow the hansom to the park, and, so next minute I see the lady in a lay around the circle for it to come out again. Two hours I waited there, Jew, and then I see the hansom and run, two pounds a following it down to the corner of Broadway and the lady at a house, then drives to the corner of Broadway and starts walking down slowly. Now, says I to myself, 'I've got him.' But I didn't get him. My eyes were fixed on the lady, and she was looking at the hillyards for two more hours. Well, I was busting, I was so mad, but I made up my mind to stick. I see a dozen juicy chances go by, but I couldn't leave that pink pearl. My eyes were at thinking of it and my fingers itched for it. By and by my man comes out, and he and his friend go in a saloon, one of them places where you stand up at a tableboard. I followed and just as my man lifts a glass up to drink I push against his friend. The friend pushes against him, and he turns around. I was waiting, of course, and next minute the year was over and I was a long chance, Jew, but you know a feller'll take them once in awhile. When the guy turns around, I was chewing a sandwich from the counter and leaning to the waiter for a check.

"Well, the guy misses the pin. Damn me I know what put him on. You know I don't mess a job like that, Jew. My heart was a going hard, Jew, but almost falls over to see him put his hand up to the tie, feel around and then, instead of hollering murder, police, watch and a dozen other things, just grin and say to his friend, 'Some sucker's got a gold brick.'"

"There was me with the pin in me palm all ready to drop it in the salad on the counter. When he don't make a whole, though, I smacked the back of my pocket and in two minutes am on the way down to Cooney."

"I saw every time and no chances for a couple of weeks and the strength of that pink, Jew, and when I tossed it over to Cooney I said, 'Give me \$250, a quarter value.' Cooney whistles at the pin and picks it up. Then he begins to look queer. Finally he dips the pearl in a glass of water and, picking up a knife, 'help me, goes a peeling off that pink cork.' 'Cooney, I yell, 'what are you doing?' 'Fish gunk,' says Cooney. And he throws the pin back."

"Well, it was one of them fish gunk pearls. You've seen 'em—just a bit of glass painted over with fish gunk, just rappers for the real thing, but worth about ten cents. I was out of Cooney's in a trance. I comes over here, and I ain't moved for an hour. Think of it, Jew, think of it, all day and a long chance for that thing? Take it and give it to get gal the next time you go to Jones' woods. S'help me, if I ever find that guy I touch him that I'll pick a fight with him and lick him. Goodbye. I'm going home and get some rest. Chasing hansom is hard work." And the pickpocket strolled down a side street the picture of melancholy.—New York Sun.

As English Shop. Shopping is a task at any time, and not always a pleasant one, but imagine looking for bargains in 56 different departments of a store. That is the number the largest department store in London contains, and we may expect yet to see it on this side of the water, as American enterprise and energy have been leading in that direction for several years past. In the London store everything from a cannon to a needle may be purchased. You may have your photographs taken, hair dressed and nails manicured, your household goods stored or insured. You may have a home built, decorated, furnished all complete, with the servants and insurance on the property, from one establishment. Piano, iron bars and tie-die tickets may be obtained, as well as drugs, ribbons and lace. Altogether it would be an interesting place in which to spend a week or two shopping.—Philadelphia Press.

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BALL PROGRAMMES.

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Ball programmes are made in hundreds of styles. A wholesale dealer in New York prepares a sample book, which is of the size of an atlas and the thickness of a dictionary. Year cards for some other uses are shown in this book, and of ball programmes, there are like to be 500 styles. The book is like a great album. The dealer sends out 2,500 such books to printers and stationers.

Programmes can be bought at almost any price, including many at extremely low prices. Nearly all are more or less crumpled, many of them with crumpled work finished with gilt or in color, and in a great variety of designs. There is scarcely any society, perhaps none, that could not find here an appropriate programme. There is, for instance, a ball programme for the manufacture of a number of programmes, suitable for yachting club feasts, have a yacht surrounded by various emblems of yachting and of the sea. There are programmes for a medical class, with appropriate emblems, and for railroad men, for bicyclists, for military organizations, for letter carriers, for a fireman.

The core and facets for the programmes are a separate article of manufacture. They are produced in great variety of colors, qualities, sizes and styles and sold in enormous numbers and at prices that range from a few cents to a dollar. It is probable that nearly all the programmes of the kind referred to, landside and elaborate as many of them are, would be completely sold at prices under \$5 a hundred. There are folded ball programmes, with a picture decoration, that are sold at wholesale, without printing or card and tassel, as low as 85 cents a hundred.

The production of smaller programmes, such as for \$5 a hundred and upward, is a business by itself. These are made in about 150 different designs, ranging in price up to \$1.35 each. They are made in a great variety of shapes and sizes, and with the less costly programmes, of designs appropriate to the occasion on which they are used. The more costly programmes are adorned with hand-painted pictures. Colored in various forms is employed in the making of these programmes, and satin, lace and paper mache are also used. All these programmes are of larger size with a smaller card, and each one is put up in a box. A programme of the highest price is an elaborate production 14 inches square. The programmes most commonly sold are of the smaller kind, being about \$18 a hundred.

There are sold of the cheaper varieties of ball programmes annually, of 500,000 for every year. These are made in thousands. Winter is the season of the most active demand for ball programmes, but they are sold the year round. Some ball programmes are made in the form of a book, and are sold in the form of a book. Many of the designs are equally suitable and appropriate anywhere. The printing is done in the countries in which they are used.—New York Sun.

Household Celebrities. Dr. Paul Garnier, a French specialist in beauty, has been giving some interesting facts about the hair of men and women who follow celebrities about and fall in love with them. The doctor has told two or three women of this sort to say what they were doing and what they knew of the cases by the public. Good looking priests, the doctor declares, are notable marks for the attention of such females. After the priests, but in a lesser degree, come the members of parliament whose names are most frequently read in the newspapers or who make good speeches in the chamber, the authors and the handsome actors. The latter, like the first mentioned, are distinguished by their jealous admirers. In some instances women have gone to the first with loaded revolvers ready to fire at them, but for some reason or other have failed to carry out their purpose. As to actresses, Dr. Garnier states that their dangerous admirers are terribly numerous. Miss Sarah Bernhardt has a devoted following of admirers who follow her in all sorts of places in order to see her enter or leave her theater or her residence. The special detective has been known to follow her, and on one occasion in order to save the famous actress from the bullets of the daggers of maniacs who resolved to injure or kill her because she refused to respond to their flatulent and passionate declarations of love.

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Why George Was Not First.

Scene—American schoolroom. Teacher—"Who was the first man?" Little boy at the rear of the class—George Washington, ma'am.

"Why do you think George Washington was the first man?" "Because he was first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Another boy raises his hand. "Well, Johnny, who do you think was the first man?" "Don't know what his name was, but I know George Washington wasn't the first."

"What makes you so positive?" "Well, my history says he married a widow, so there must have been a man ahead of him."

Water for the Kentucky.

When the jettish Kentucky glides from the ways at Newport News, next March, her prow will not be bathed in champagne, nor in good old Kentucky whisky. The fair woman, Miss Christine Bradley, will instead unroll a beautifully embellished silver vessel full of pure water and will christen the big freighter.

On the farm in Lane County, where Abraham Lincoln was born, there is an unfolding spring of cold, crystal water, where, in his boyhood, the late President was wont to shake his thirst, using a gourd as an oak leaf for the purpose. A committee will visit the spring, fill a silver vessel with the sparkling water and seal it with appropriate ceremonies. Then the vessel will be given to Miss Bradley, who will guard it carefully until the time for breaking the seal at the launching of the Kentucky.

THE PRECARIOUS CONDITION OF PROF. A. H. NYE.

A Prominent Iowa Educator's Painful Experience as Related by Him to a Newspaper Man.

From the Gazette, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

The grippe, that dread disease that had run through this country three and four years since, left many who were previously in robust health with shattered constitutions and seemingly confirmed invalids. Prof. A. H. Nye, living at No. 2505 Olive Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was among the number left by the disease in a precarious condition, his nervous system shattered, and with a general debility of his entire system.

At the department of Public Instruction the returns upon which the distribution of the tax money will be based are received, but it will be late in April or the beginning of May before the department officials will have the data necessary to make up the figures for each district. One blank the County Commissioners are sending to the department the number of taxable residents in the several school districts of each county; on another the superintendent of schools sends the number of teachers—not including substitutes or teachers employed to fill vacancies occurring during the present school year—regularly employed and paid by the school boards of the several districts. There is also an enumeration of the school children between the ages of 6 and 16.

Mr. F. C. Helbig, a prominent druggist of Lynchburg, Va., says: "One of the best remedies I have used for rheumatism of two years standing, is one bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This liniment is famous for its cures of rheumatism; thousands have been delighted with the prompt relief which it affords. For sale by all druggists."

Lincoln and Stanton. A story appears in the Youth's Companion concerning the application of a man to President Lincoln for appointment to a position as Army Chaplain.

Attached to the original document are a number of endorsements which are not only interesting in themselves, but as disclosing the character of the two men whose influence largely molded the policy of the Government in those turbulent times. The endorsements read as follows:

DEAR STANTON: Appoint this man Chaplain in the Army. A. LINCOLN.

DEAR MR. LINCOLN: He is not a preacher. E. M. STANTON.

The following endorsements are dated a few months later, but just come below:

DEAR STANTON: He is now. A. LINCOLN.

DEAR MR. LINCOLN: But there is no vacancy. E. M. STANTON.

DEAR STANTON: Appoint him Chaplain-at-Large. A. LINCOLN.

DEAR MR. LINCOLN: There is no warrant of law for that. E. M. STANTON.

DEAR STANTON: Appoint him anyhow. A. LINCOLN.

DEAR MR. LINCOLN: I will not. E. M. STANTON.

The appointment was not made, but the papers were filed, and remain as evidence of Lincoln's friendship and Stanton's obstinate nerve.

Hens that are being "coached" for egg production should not be "stuffed." Their food being of the proper character their crops should never be more than moderately full. It is a common error to suppose the hens will not eat more than they need for themselves. As in the case of human beings, when tempted by appetizing viands, they will gorge themselves, and thus bring on indigestion, and waste energy in the effort to get rid of the surplus.

FLORIDA. Personally-Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The next Pennsylvania Railroad tour to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia by special train of Pullman Palace Cars Tuesday, February 8. Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, meals, and baggage, on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$30.00; Philadelphia, \$45.00; Camden, \$25.00; Baltimore, \$35.00; Washington, \$50.00; Pittsburgh, \$35.00; and at proportionate rates from other points.

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Attached to the original document are a number of endorsements which are not only interesting in themselves, but as disclosing the character of the two men whose influence largely molded the policy of the Government in those turbulent times. The endorsements read as follows:

DEAR STANTON: Appoint this man Chaplain in the Army. A. LINCOLN.

DEAR MR. LINCOLN: He is not a preacher. E. M. STANTON.

The following endorsements are dated a few months later, but just come below:

DEAR STANTON: He is now. A. LINCOLN.

DEAR MR. LINCOLN: But there