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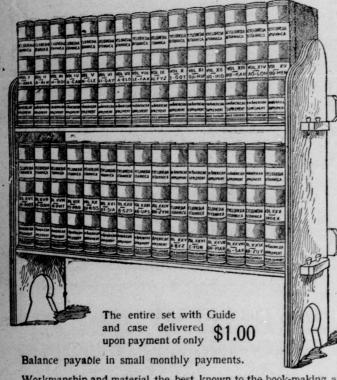
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great smallpox swindle," said the hotel manager. "The facts of that remarkable affair were withheld at the policy, and even now I prefer to tell For if the story without names or localities.
It happened in the fall of 1886, when a certain hotel in a large western city was crowded with tourists. One day, at the height of the season, two genttemanly looking strangers put up at the house and were assigned to what we call a 'double room.' About a week

fice and requested a private interview with the manager. 'I regret to inform you,' he said, after the door was closed, 'that my friend is down with a severe attack of smallpox.' "The proprietor nearly fell out of his chair. There was known to be small-pox in the city, and the bare suggestion that the disease had appeared it the hotel was enough to empty it in a twinkling. To let the news get out meant the less of thousands upon thousands of dollars. It meant the ruin of the season's business. 'He must l quietly removed at once,' said the pro prietor, trying to control his agitation.

later one of them appeared at the of-

to! Why, man, that would be mur ler! I'll not permit it!"
"The hotel keeper was thunder "The noter keeper was change; struck. 'Do you mean to say he must stay here?' he gasped. "'Certainly,' said the stranger. "It was a ticklish situation. The ho-tel keeper dare not enforce his sugges-

"Removed!" exclaimed the other Taken through the cold air to a laze

ion, while to let the case remain was like storing gunpowder in a furnace room. He pleaded, protested, begged threatened and blustered, but all in vain. The man was firm as a rock. If you attempt to eject my sick friend,' he declared, 'I'll publish your inhumanity

to the entire community.'
"Finally it occurred to the distracted proprietor to see, first, whether it was really a case of smallpox. So he sen for a physician, swore him to secrecy and hustled him up to the room. The doctor took one look at the disfigured face on the pillow and reported that the malady was there in a malignant type. He advised the man's immediate oval at any cost. 'If you keep hir pread, and it would ruin you for life You owe something to your guests.' Again the proprietor interviewed the friend, and again the latter refused to

"'Where can I take him?' he demand ed. 'You know very well I can't get comfortable quarters for such a purose, and I won't have him butchere on earth!' The hotel man felt his hair stand on end, but concluded to let things stand as they were until morn

riend and asked him whether he had any suggestions to make.
"'Yes,' he replied; 'I thought up plan over night, which you may adopt or not, as you like. As I said before,' he continued. 'it is useless to try night, however, buy a small cottag nd take him there. I have figured the hing up and the total expense would hand over that amount, I will take him away and assume all further respon-

sibility. I make the offer entirely out f sympathy for your guests.'
"The landlord looked him in the eye too, have thought the situation a confidence game pure and simple. I'm convinced there's nothing the matter with your dear friend up stairs, but I am also convinced that the slightdamage the reputation of the house. As a business proposition 1 consider it worth \$5,000 to get rid of you.'

"The other man smiled ironically Call a cab and get out your money had been spirited through a side door swathed in blankets and driven away.

"As the landlord shrewdly spreads."

"As the landlord shrewdly spreads." "As the landlord shrewdly surmised the whole thing was a confidence game and he learned the particulars later on through a sport he had once befriend ed. There was nothing the matter with the rascal up stairs except that his face had been pricked a little with a quill dipped in croton ofl, something that makes a horrible looking pustule, which disappears in a few days and leaves no mark. I always thought the hotel man showed good sense in tak-ing the course he did. He-was caught In a trap and took the cheapest way out. The bare rumor of even a suspected case would probably have in-volved a loss of \$50,000 or \$60,000. It

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