

BUSINESS OF THE SOAKER.

An Expert in Pawnbroking Who Has His Regular Customers.

In the neighborhood where pawn shops abound the soaker flourishes. The soaker acts as middleman between the pawnbroker and his customers. He explains his mission and accounts for his usefulness thus:



FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION

"I am so thankful for what Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done for me," writes Mrs. John T. Smith, of Slovan, B. C., Box 50.

MAKES THE DIFFERENCE.

"As recompense for my services I charge my customers 10 per cent commission. I have regular customers, and then, of course, I do many odd jobs for occasionals. There are families down here for whom I pawn the same things over and over again, one week after the other. On pay day they take their things out in pawn. Three days later they put them in pawn, and the next pay day they take them out again. And so it goes, month after month. I canvass the houses just like a book agent or corn plaster peddler or insurance solicitor.

"Anything to be pawned today? I ask. "And if there is I take it around to some shop and raise the necessary dough and take it back and get my commission. Once in awhile I come across somebody who abuses me and calls me a shark, but I'm nothing of the sort. I'm earning a decent living at a legitimate business."

A Testamentary Puzzle.

An Englishman who recently died and three children, one son and two daughters, had mentioned all of them in his will.

The Mary Fisher Home.

Aged authors, artists, teachers, and other professional people are spending their declining days in comfort and happiness under the care of Miss Mary Fisher at Nos. 114, 116, 118, 120 and 122 St. Ann's street, Boston.

Speculation and Theft.

Some statisticians, in emulation of ombroscopes perhaps, have been figuring out the habitual employment of conflicts. He concludes that more men than women employers are the national, state or municipal corporations fall into evil ways and come to toward ends than those who work for private individuals or corporations.

An Affront to Cupid.

"Daughter, what makes you look so serious?" "Well, pa, what would you think of a young man who took advantage of Lent to drop from his customary \$1 box of caramels to a 5 cent bag of peanuts?"—Detroit Free Press.

Classics.

He—Which do you prefer, Homer or Virgil? She—Virgil. He—Why? She—Didn't he begin the "Eidid" with something about arms and the man?—Syracuse Herald.

An Artful Beggar.

Miss Believe—Beggars are all frauds. I met a blind man yesterday who said, "Please gimme a penny or two, lovely lady." "That," said the hostess, with evident emotion, "is a picture of my husband's brother, who died eight years ago and who was very dear to us both."—Youth's Companion.

Popular Song.

"What's your fare?" asked old Plintskin of his caddy the other day and was met with the stereotyped reply: "Well, sir, I will leave that to you."

His Good Wife.

Gilbert—Believe in a man being the master of the house. He should have the say in everything. Mason—How about the naming of that baby of yours? Gilbert—My wife gave way to me in a very proper and wifely manner. She said she didn't care what name I gave the little fellow so long as it was Henry. So that's the name I gave him. You know I felt, after the hearty manner in which she deferred to me, I ought to yield a single point merely out of appreciation of her humility.—Boston Transcript.

A Traveler's Opinion.

Mrs. Quizer (who wants to know everything)—Now, what do you consider to be the most curious thing you ever saw, professor? Professor Trotter—A woman, madam.—Havem Life.

No Easy Job.

"Scuse me, boss," said Hoxey III as he stopped Mr. Smithers, "I want to ask you a question. If I was to offer you 50 bucks a day to do de work I'm doin now, would you take de job?" "What are you doing now?" "Sleepin in box cars with an mosey-in around in de cold little women fer hand outs in de daytime. Would you take de job at 50 cents?" "No, indeed! Why do you ask?" "Oh, some cheap plug back dere just asked me why I don't work."—Indianapolis Sun.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg. But writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by Pauls & Co. Druggist.

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