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## FEAR OF HYPNOTISM

IT GIVES A SINGLE YOUNG MAN ANXIETY.

He is Afraid He is Going to Be Married in Spite of Himself, and So He Gives the License Clerk a Timely Warning.

Lowell Putnam is in a predicament. He is afraid he is going to be married. He doesn't want to be married yet, but he is afraid that he will awaken some morning and find a wife among his possessions. This he fears, because a certain young woman has set her cap for him and will carry her desire into effect by hypnotizing him.

Putnam called at the marriage license office yesterday and explained matters, partially. He did not go into many details, but he wanted it thoroughly understood that if he called at the Courthouse, and asked for a license to wed, and the clerk refused, he said he did not want a license and if he came for one it would be evidence that he was under the hypnotic influence of the young woman who accompanied him.

The rather peculiar remarks led a member of the Republic staff to ask Mr. Putnam for an explanation. Mr. Putnam was at his home, 1121 North Second Avenue, and he recalled the reporter in a room whose walls were liberally covered with guitars, mandolins and violins. They were hung in racks which extended from the ceiling to the floor. There were also tables and chairs were other instruments. Piles of music lay upon the mantle shelf and filled the bookcase. Mr. Putnam explained the array with the remark that he played a little sometimes. In the directory he is accredited with being a professional musician. He became ill at ease when the subject of his visit to the marriage license office was broached, and said that hypnotism had caused him a great deal of trouble and anxiety which, he said, he was anxious to avoid in the future. After a time, however, he consented to say a little about the case.

"Some time ago I met a young woman who has since manifested an unusual interest in me. I did not mind this at first because she is refined and pretty. But a week or two ago I discovered she was in love with me and wished to marry me. Perhaps she did not say so in so many words, but I interpreted what she said and her actions correctly. I know.

"Then I realized for the first time the power she had over me. I followed her suggestion without being able to tell why. I have done as she suggested. Sometimes these suggestions were spoken, sometimes not. At any rate, I obeyed them."

It was remarked that perhaps Mr. Putnam, because of his previous experience with hypnotists, was an unusually good subject, and the young woman was simply experimenting upon him. Mr. Putnam shook his head.

"No," she said, "I am not going to tell you how I found out it was her intention to marry me, but it was in a way that leaves no doubt in my mind as to her intentions. She has resolved upon it, and my trip to the license office was simply for my own protection. I have no objections to the young woman personally, but I do not intend to marry her if I can help it."

"I know from what I have done at her suggestion that it would be an easy matter for her to come here some morning, place me in her power and compel me to obtain a license and marry her. While in a hypnotic state my actions do not betray the fact to any one, and, therefore, no preacher would refuse to marry us. I know what is going on, but am powerless to break away from the influence which this young lady exerts over me."

"I explained matters at the license office fully, and told the man I saw there not to give me a license under any conditions. He said he would not do that if I did apply I might plead ever so hard for the license and offer him any reward if he would issue it, but he must not listen to me, as I would be in a hypnotic state if I applied for the paper."

"Of course, if the girl learns of this—for I do not think she understands the complete control she has over me—the whole thing will be blown, and her control and take me to some other city for the purpose of marrying me. For that reason I have taken other precautions of which I do not care to speak."

Mr. Putnam refused to give the name of the pretty young woman who is trying to hypnotize him, and his brother Joseph, who is employed in a Washburn store, and who has done as she said he could not imagine who she might be. In fact, he was surprised to hear of the affair, he said. He claimed to know of no one whose actions might lead a brother to believe she was trying to marry him.

Mr. Putnam is about 30 years old. He received considerable advertising a few years ago when a hypnotist and spiritualist left town rather suddenly after interesting a number of young persons in his work. The occasion of his departure was a tragedy in which the son of one of the best known families in town figured.—St. Louis Republic.

### Phonography.

Shorthand of a rudimentary sort was practiced by the Romans. Jiro, the freedman of Cicero, introduced a system which was only an abbreviated shorthand. The ideal held before them by inventors of more modern systems is more rapid and accurate. It is described by one of the early fathers of the art, Peter Bales (1547-1610), in these words: "To write as fast as a man speaks is treatable." He acknowledges that this may seem hard saying, but insists that in effect the method is very easy, "containing a many commodities under a few principles, the shortness whereof is attained by memory, and swiftness by practice, and sweetness by industry."

Not even an approximation, however, to this ideal was reached until 1837, with the publication of Isaac Pitman's system of shorthand, entitled "Phonography." He revolutionized the art by making his stenographic signs represent the sounds of the English letters. Other inventors like Anderson and Taylor, have made more or less important improvements upon Pitman's system, but Pitman remains the master of modern phonography and his books the master works in this line of human achievement.

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## RIDING A BUCKING MULE.

A "Puncher's" Adventure From the Indian Territory.

The Century Magazine's prize for the best short story submitted by a college student has been awarded to John M. Oakton of Lehigh University, whose home is in the Indian Territory, and whose blood is partly Indian. "Only the Master Shall Preach" is its title and one of its scenes is a description of a ride on a bucking mule.

Out of a knot of excited men Hanner went straight to the waiting, restless mule. With a mock air of bravado, he struck the excited mule across the flank with his sombrero, after roughly seizing the reins. No one who has not learned by experience how to mount a plunging horse can understand how Hanner lifted himself out of the chaos of rearing and plunging animals and clung to the saddle before he was flung to the men to turn the animal loose.

When the mule found itself free to act there was a momentary pause. Hanner was a man of steady nerves, straight into the air, with the animal's back bowed, its legs stiff, and its head lowered. It was the first powerful effort of the angered beast, made with deadly endurance. Hanner was scarcely shaken by these first straight jumps, but then began the twisting series which is the second expedient of a bucking animal. A jump high into the air with a seemingly impossible twist to the side, landed the mule with its head turned almost half round. Before the rider caught his breath another jump and another half-turn were made. These are the motions which make a bronco-buster's life shorter. Hanner was bleeding at the nose in half a minute. The twisting jumps were continued until the strength of the mule was exhausted. Hanner, yet only the hat of the puncher had been dislodged. A short pause followed placed upon the paper-covered plate during which the mule changed its tactics and Hanner thrashed its sweet neck with his open hand. The next motion was a sudden rearing by the mule. As it rose on its hind legs, the rider yanked forward on the reins, and, slipping to the ground on one side, allowed the brute to fall on its back. The saddle horn buried itself in the earth, and the mule's hoofs beat the air a moment before it scrambled to its feet.

Hanner was cooler than the mule now, and swung himself back into the saddle with the first long leap of the desperate animal. This was the easy part of the trial for the rider, and that, the mule ran straight away for the opposite fence of the fair-ground with long, lurching strides, and pitching forward with the speed of a racing yacht. Hanner brought his craft about before it sailed into the fence, and beat it fore and aft with a flourish, and the mule, with a snort, stopped now, his hair blowing in the wind. He leaned forward as in a race, urging the thoroughly tired and conquered mule straight for the crowd. A snort and a flick of the tail, and the mule leaped into the air, scattering a knot of spectators and rise to a four-barred gate. At the opposite side of the track no fence barred his way, and it was a matter of minutes under the awning of a lemonade-vender's stand, scattering glasses and confectories to the winds, and wrecking the stand. Hanner slowly dismounted, and, slipping to the ground on one side, picked up an unbroken bottle of soda, proposed a toast "to our gentle old family-buggy horse."

### SCIENCE EXPLAINS.

Bible Miracles Are Not Essential to Christianity.

Miracles as an article of faith were taken out of Christianity by Prof. Benjamin W. Bacon, of the Yale Divinity School, the other evening. He spoke before the Men's Club of the United Church on the theme "Is a Belief in Miracles Essential to Christianity?" At the outset Prof. Bacon declared that it was not, and he said that the greater part of the miracles of the Bible can now be explained by scientific reasoning. They were regarded as signs which were not understood, were not understood. He pointed to the alleged miraculous destruction of armies and multitudes of people according to the Old Testament, asserting that some plagues which were not understood, fell upon the armies, and that because of the enormous number of deaths which followed a miracle was said to have been wrought.

Prof. Bacon explained the crossing of the Red Sea by the children of Israel by saying that it had been found that high winds actually drive the sea back at the exact spot where the miracle is supposed to have taken place, and that probably the children of Israel arrived at just the time when one of these was blowing.

He declared that the test of the miraculous was "permanent incomprehensibility." The two miracles which have stood the test of science in attempts to explain are, he said, the Resurrection and the Crucifixion. He referred to many of the miracles of the New Testament as "legendary accretions," declaring that the narratives were written down from memory, years after their occurrence, by the Apostles.

Prof. Bacon's address is said to have been based on the doctrine taught in the Yale Divinity School.—N. Y. World.

### Skyscrapers in Paris.

A new departure in the building trade has been made in Paris. Hitherto houses of a dozen or more stories have been rarely erected outside the United States. The French capital, however, is soon to have one of fourteen. A correspondent states that it is being built in the rue Saint-Thomas, and will be fireproof throughout, being constructed entirely of cement and steel. When completed the archives of the Ministry of Finance will be housed in a dozen or more stories within its walls.—Birmingham Post.

Since the Senate decided to pay for all telegrams sent by its members the Capitol has been kept constantly busy. On day last session Senator Quay sent 240 dispatches to Attoons, the expense for which was paid by the Senate.—Correspondence Brooklyn Eagle.

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## UP TO THE MINUTE

TRIALS OF A NEW YORK CREDIT MAN.

Tricks Some Persons Use to Defraud Big Stores and Measures Taken for Their Prevention—People Who May Be Trusted—References.

Up to date is not enough for the credit man at a big New York department store. He must be up to the minute. The tricks that were tried on him an hour ago are ancient history, pigeon holes in his memory. His business at the present moment is with the trick which the latest croaker after credit may be trying to play on him. He must be careful not to drive away a good customer when it is safe to trust, and he must be equally, or more, careful not to give credit to one who really will not pay. His employers do not accept any excuses. He must not say that he did not know about so-and-so's financial condition. It is his business to know. His value to his house depends on the amount of credit he grants and the small per cent of loss which comes of it. There is also, however, a sentiment about the matter.

"Suppose a man whom you knew to be perfectly honest, but in temporary straits, should ask you for credit? This was the question I put to the credit man of the department store doing the largest credit business in New York.

"He would not get it," was the answer. "Attention does not count for much. Ability to pay is the thing."

Last year this store lost barely one-half of one per cent. of the credits it extended.

The credit methods of the several large stores in New York are substantially the same, the only essential difference being in the degree of skill with which the various credit men deny people without offending them. First, there is the Retail Dealers' Protective Association, composed of most of the New York retailers who do any credit business. For the benefit of its members this association issues from time to time a book of ratings of habitual credit croakers. The latest book contains more than thirty-two thousand names, the ratings being based upon actual dealings with members. The association also makes a special investigation of the members and undertakes the collection of accounts.

Supplementing this, each large store has a system of cards, on which are written the standing of every known New Yorker who is at all likely to ask for credit. For instance, a white card indicates that the person whose name it bears is worthy of credit. Memoranda of the extent of his credit and of any facts concerning him are recorded there. Should future information show that he is slow in his payments, his name is transferred to a red card, and the reasons recorded there. Should he at last turn out to be unworthy of credit, his name is placed on a blue card, and he is stopped from getting anything save for spot cash.

The credit man's assistants are constantly at work on these cards. They study all the daily newspapers and every other source of possible information concerning the financial condition of New Yorkers. A birth may mean either increase or a decrease in expense, which makes it the harder for them to pay their way. A death may have lessened the earning power of a family. A marriage or a divorce may either increase or decrease a man's or woman's financial responsibility, according to the circumstances of it.

If judgments are entered, if mortgages are given, if any kind of trouble comes to anybody whose name is carried in the credit department, note is made of it.

But the shrewdness of the credit man is most called into play when he has to deal with persons of whom he has no record, and these come by scores every week.

"My first impressions are always best," said one of these keen men to me. "The first time I see a person I am guarded with all my faculties. The next time I may be influenced by some little thing which would have made no impression at first. I don't believe I ever changed my first impression that I did not make a mistake one way or the other; and it is as bad for me to refuse credit to a worthy person as to give it to an unworthy one."

"We don't care much for bank references," he added. "They are apt to be too sanguine. I know that bankers are often loose in their recommendations, so I set the Retail Dealers' Protective Association to making special investigations. They often find that large properties are more than covered by mortgages, that unsatisfied judgments stand against very well recommended names. References are necessary, of course, but we have to take them with many a grain of salt."

"We divide people into three general classes. For example, the recommendations of public men are seldom of any value. A politician will usually recommend anybody who has a vote or an influence on him. And as to clergy, their sympathies get away with their judgment. The woman who comes with the recommendation of her pastor is pretty sure to be disappointed."

"What general class do you regard as the safest class?"

"Army and navy. They are apt to have the credit they wish; and no questions asked. The standard of business morality in the army and navy is positive assurance that we will get our money."

There are about one hundred Bibles rendered rare and curious by misprints or errors. Among them are the "Vinegar" Bible, wherein that word is substituted for vinegar in the parable of the "Placemakers" Bible, where that word takes the place of peacemaker.

Mrs. Emma Elton, of Milwaukee, who has been commissioned by the Dowager Empress of Russia to paint the history of "Russia" in wax, was born in Denmark 22 years ago, and came to America when her parents died. She first established herself in Chicago.

The Empress Frederick of Germany possesses a curious little tea service. The tray is made of an old, Persian half penny. The teapot was once a German farthing, and all the tiny cups are made from coins of different German principalities.

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