

SARTORIAL SNOBBERY.

That elusive individual whom the New York tailors owe a large debt of gratitude—which may be more than planned by the amount he owes the tailor—has tendered the public another profound statement. He says that a man "who doesn't go out much" can dress decently on \$5,000 a year, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Observe the subtle malignity of that qualifying phrase. The man who goes out much, the fellow who romps through parks and dinners and teas and all fresco twaddles, must pay his tailor—no matter what he does for the meter. While the poor chappie who is hampered by a measly \$5,000 will cut his pleasures carefully according to his cloth, being so closely menaced by that deadly line of decency. Just this distinction will be regarded by the possessor of two coat hangers, with only one in active use, can easily be imagined. He will smile at the pique and snap his fingers at a code of decency that is based on 20 coats and countless trousers. Nevertheless, if you are ambitious to be of the patricians you must do as the patricians do—provided your income exceeds the paltry \$5,000—and it will be an exhibition of extremely bad form if you regard this sartorial declaration of the man who knows in any other save the most serious light.

A customs official in New York advocates prison sentences for wealthy smugglers, as he declares fines have no deterrent effect. This applies to all rich violators of the law. Fines may not please them, but they can afford a money penalty, when interest or pleasure tempts them to the breaking of the law, as a fine simply buys them immunity from the disgrace of jail and the inconvenience of losing their personal liberty. A few jail sentences in such cases would have an almost immediate reformatory effect.

A Chicago physician declares that the armor-plate mince pie diet of the average American is causing a deterioration of the American race. Evidently he never knew anything about the kind of mince pie mother used to make.

Trust science to rise to every emergency. It says we are all going in sane from living in flats, and now a French surgeon is going to saw open our heads and scrape away the foolish fancies.

Had Napoleon waited a few generations he could have transported his army over the Alps in aeroplanes, thereby saving much toil and suffering, to say nothing of the moving-picture royalties.

Another man in the big woods has been shot, being mistaken for a deer. In order to be reasonably safe the hunter might disguise himself as game.

A Pittsburg man has received a legacy of \$850,000 because he didn't marry. Not being married we can't see that he needs the money.

A Washington man dropped dead while using his lawn mower, and his neighbors rolled over and enjoyed a little morning sleep.

It is about this time that the summer girls at the shores begin to get busy with her letters to the winter stand-by in the city.

A Pittsburg woman was badly hurt while trying to skate in a hobble skirt. There's such a thing as taking too many chances.

Professor Garner has mastered the vocabulary of the chimpanzee. We suggest that he now study that of the Cholly boy.

It is reported that 200,000 horses a year are eaten in Paris. Cultured she may be, but Paris certainly isn't fastidious.

Japan has changed the name of the late Emperor of Korea to Prince Gi. Perhaps "Gi" is Nipponese for "Git."

The comic opera producers are going crazy trying to put on a high-kicking dance in hobble skirts.

One thing aviation records lack is staying power. They are broken almost as they are made.

LOCAL MEN FLEECE BY CARD SHARKS

Statement Made That Professional Gamblers Ply Trade on North Western Trains; Company Acts?

Gambling on Chicago and Northwestern trains continue to flourish and so far as known no arrests have been made despite the frequent assertions of the railway officials that the practice is to be stopped. Whether or not the company is sincere in these declarations is not known but it is a fact that there are few trains that ply between Chicago and Waukegan on which gambling of one sort or another does not exist.

This condition of affairs is of more than ordinary interest because of the statements that have been made that professional gamblers from Chicago ply their trade on these trains and reap a rich harvest from the uninitiated, Waukegan and other suburban men are said to have lost considerable money to these cardsharps. It has come to such a pass that men who like a friendly game of cards where no stakes are played for steer clear of strangers and possible sharpers by refusing to play for money and by choosing the men with whom they play from among their friends only.

There was a time when pitch was the only game played on trains but of late poker of one kind or another has become very popular with some of the men who patronize the company. To avoid detection and possible arrest the game is so disguised that it would be difficult to detect it except upon close observation.

For instance—instead of dealing out all the cards as in a game of straight or draw poker a game that is closely akin to stud poker is played. The men make verbal bets which are written down on a slip of paper. Then the man who wins the hand collects the money from the men who did the betting. This prevents a display of money on the board. High stakes are played in many of the games.

Whist and even hearts are played for money by many of those who play on the trains. In these games as in poker the bets are marked down on a piece of paper and the money is not turned over until the end of the game. One local man is said to have claimed he lost \$10 while riding to Chicago a few days ago.

If the railroad company really desires to arrest gamblers, especially the card sharpers who are said to make a practice of fleecing players who do not know their real character, the only way they can do it is by placing "spotters" or inspectors on the trains. There are some who claim the company does not care very much about the gambling so long as no serious complaints are lodged.—Waukegan Gazette.

Think of it. In the first place those men that complain of being fleeced had no business to be there; but no, they were there for the purpose of winning, they lost, therefore made a great howl. To bad they have not run up against sharks enough to learn such squallers a little sense.

WHITNEY THEATRE

The biggest musical hit in the history of the Whitney, Chicago, is "Lower Berth 13" the new Jos. E. Howard, Arthur Gillespie and Colin Davis offering now playing to capacity nightly at this cozy little playhouse.

The production is pretentious but in keeping with the atmosphere of the story while the costuming could not have been more beautiful and appropriate.

Gus Sohlke, who staged the production, boasts of the fact that he has in "Lower Berth 13" the greatest novelty ever put on any stage. This is a series of tableaux used in connection with "In a Bungalow," one of the song hits of the show. This number is one of the musical number surprises of the year, and so much so, that it is taking ten encores every night, and then every audience keeps applauding for more.

One reason why "Lower Berth 13", at the Whitney, Chicago, is a laughing hit,

than which there has been no greater, is because it has an even half a dozen comedians, and the authors have not failed to give these funmakers something to do.

The average musical offering has only one or two comedians, but "Lower Berth 13" has, William Clifton, last appearing as Mr. Newlywed in the New York production of the "Newlyweds", Arthur Deming, the well known minstrel, Eddie Hume last season in "A Knight for A Day"; E. P. Jerome, four years one of the principal funmakers in "The District Leader"; Charles Huntington last seen in the Chicago production of "The Flirting Princess" and Gus Cohen. These together with, Anna and Ruby Fitzhugh, Grace Sloan, and five other principals and a picked chorus make "Lower Berth 13" Chicago's best musical offering.

MAJOR TAGGART IS DISMISSED ON ALL CHARGES

Former Fort Sheridan Officer Who Married Highland Park Belle is Freed.

Is Exonerated and Restored to Full Duties of Office in The Army.

Watertown, N. Y., Oct. 27.—Major Elmore F. Taggart of the 24th Infantry, whose divorce suit against his wife, a Highland Park girl, five years ago at Fort Sheridan, stirred the entire service and who was recently summoned before a court-martial at Fort Porter on charges of conduct unbecoming an officer, has been exonerated. He has been restored to full duty.

The charges were made by former Captain H. Peck of the 24th, who was dismissed from the service recently on charges brought by Major Taggart. The major declared that Peck had spread reports concerning the major's household and who was dismissed made the allegations against Major Taggart which resulted in the court martial.

Major Taggart's personal affairs have been made unfortunately prominent on several occasions. When he brought suit against his wife in 1895, charging her with the use of intoxicants and mentioning of names of other officers of the army, the entire service was interested. He won a decree and received the custody of his elder son Culver, 11 years of age. The mother took the other boy.

In 1906 she went to Paris with both children and has remained there ever since, the major evidently making no attempt to assert his authority over the older boy.

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