

THINGS THAT ARE NEW IN THE ART OF CROOKEDNESS.

I ran across ex-Superintendent Byrnes this week, and found him as full of information as in the old days when he was Chief of Mulberry street. He is now engaged in professional detective work, I believe, and seems to find rare delight in unearthing new forms of rascals and mail appropriation.

"Every day," he said, "views the creation of new schemes for the transferring of property from an owner's pocket without his consent through some imposition practised upon him. Each of these is promptly ventilated by the press and so comes to a speedy end. But while it is being shown up in the columns of the daily papers other varieties of Mercury, the god of thieves, are busily finishing new projects."

New Frauds.

In the past thirty days several new tricks of new varieties of old ones have been brought before the eyes of the police or the courts. A very pretty one was worked by a clever woman, who is believed to be in league with a professional criminal. She advertised for a loan upon rich jewelry, and when the victim visited her she displayed a large and magnificent diamond.

To insure its genuineness in value she went with him to his own expert, who examined and approved of it, giving it a valuation of a thousand dollars. She replaced it in the little box, and went with the victim to his office, where he gave her a cheque and took the stone and box. Thirty days afterward, when she did not appear, he called at the address she had left, where nothing had ever been heard of her. He went back and the jeweller informed him that the new stone was "paste and worth about three dollars."

The sweet-speaking dame had substituted one box for another while en route from the jeweller's to the office.

Millionaire Are Legitimate.

A millionaire who comes from other parts to settle in New York watched and studied by many baleful eyes. If he and his wife attend a church with any regularity and especially if they take a pew they are apt to be called upon by some superbly dressed dame or benevolent white haired old man, who drives to the house in a swell carriage with monograms in every direction. They are asked to do something; to raise a purse of five thousand dollars, to send their beloved pastor to Europe, or to make a fund for the decoration of the church interior or to build a chapel among the poor dear people of the tenements. Whatever it may be it involves a disbursement of anywhere from \$200 to \$1,000. If the millionaire is like clay in the hands of a beautiful pouter, he is very sure to have a series of unique experiences, especially if he is married and has children.

The boldest thing in this line ever done was when three swindlers arranged a conspiracy whereby one posing as an injured husband had wickered off an elderly wealthy man and haled before a police court. The third man gave the name of the intended victim as his own and as his address gave the home of the victim. A week afterward, the pretended husband brought suit for absolute divorce against the bogus wife, and a genuine suit of crim. con. against the victim.

The latter, luckily, was a man of great nerve, and fought the matter tooth and nail. He made so fierce a fight that the swindlers got alarmed and sought safety in flight. In working the case, the lawyers and detectives were astonished to find that no less than seventeen wealthy men had been caught in clever traps similar to this and had paid sums ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 as hush money.

THE ROYAL SUNDAY.

How the Present King and Queen Used to Keep Sunday.

When King Edward and Queen Alexandra were the Prince and Princess of Wales, the following interesting account of how they were in the habit of spending Sunday appeared in "The Quiver." The writer says: "Sunday with Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales is passed in much the same quiet way as Her Majesty the Queen, inasmuch as religious observances are faithfully observed, and the household and servants are spared all unnecessary duties. The guests wend their way, as the hour of eleven approaches, towards the little Church of St. Mary Magdalene in the Park. There they private footway direct from the church gate; by this, the Royal Family and guests often proceed, driving round by the road only in some unpropitious weather. Sunday afternoon is quietly spent in a house or park. Dinner is served at half-past seven. Occasionally, however, dinner is a little later, as the Prince and Princess may be attending evening service in one of the village churches near. The small stables, some two miles away, where the Royal Family have their own waiting rooms, is closed on Sunday as no train whatever is run on that day. By this means, the church is kept clear of an attendance prompted by curiosity, and also the men employed have the entire day's rest necessary work in any shape or way is performed on Sunday in any one part of the Prince's domains.

Sunday at Marlborough House differs slightly from Sunday at Sandringham, but the day is spent in comparative quietude. In the morning, their Royal Highnesses attend divine service held in what is known as the German (Lutheran) chapel. After luncheon, the Princess and her daughters may possibly attend one of the West End churches to hear some popular preacher, or to be present at a children's service. In every way, the Prince and Princess have always faithfully observed the Sabbath, and we, as a Christian people, may congratulate ourselves that our future King and Queen will steadfastly uphold the sanctity of the Day of God, and the doctrines of the Christian Church."

Five Hundred Dollars Demanded.

On the day of the arrival he would hand over the property, which she would open, thinking him and then she would demand the five hundred dollars which were in the inside compartment of the pocket-book in every instance the man rather than have trouble paid the money and went away a sadder if not a wiser man.

While in London the captain of one of the vessels on which she had made a scene pointed her out on Oxford street to two other captives whom she had happened to meet, one of whom was the officer of a Canadian mentioned. They looked at her critically and then passed on. When the officer saw the woman, he said nothing, but the next day he noticed her walking with a frequent transatlantic voyager. The captain knew him and had the steward ask him to call in his private cabin. He told him:

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CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS.

When is Yours? And Does Each Make You Better?

In all directions steadily and surely the world is getting better. It is getting better morally, physically, socially, industrially—in every direction.

Some social developments are temporarily discouraging and some are generally understood—but, as in the growth of a child from feeble infancy to mature manhood, the tendency is constantly to a better state. Mumps, measles and whooping cough correspond to revolutions, strikes and trust formations in society.

Many of the most important agencies for improvement are ignored and misunderstood.

The earth worms that the boy digs up when he goes fishing are as absolutely essential to the agricultural growth of the nation. How many realize the importance of these little wriggling worms?

How many people know that the dust in the air gives color to the sunlight, colors the clouds, makes the fruitful rainfall possible?

The day which marks the boy's extraordinary good will comes in the world because of the universal habit of celebrating each person's birthday?

When is Your Birthday?

Has not every single birthday made you at least for a time a better person?

We may ignore the beginning of the new year, for that is a very general celebration.

No man ignores his own birthday, the day which begins all of his years on earth.

And very few human beings, indeed, fail on each recurring birthday to make good resolutions, determine that they will try and do better.

Even a man's apparently selfish birthday resolutions are good for all the people.

He resolves to succeed better—that is, that he must work harder, or add to the productiveness of the race.

He resolves to be temperate, to exercise self-control, to give up gambling, or in some way to improve himself by such resolutions, multiplied by millions, is good for the whole race.

Of the 1,400,000,000 human beings on the earth, 4,000,000 on an average celebrate their birthdays every day.

Every single day 4,000,000 of human beings begin a new year. Every single day that great number of people form good resolutions, and determine to do better than they have done.

Nobody can estimate the power for good on earth of this constant exercise of the greatest moral force, the will to do right.

When your friend has a birthday, encourage him if you can in this noble human tendency toward good resolutions. And when your own birthday comes make up your mind that as one little drop in the ocean of humanity you will do what you can to make yourself a better man or woman, more worthy of the approval taken by your father and mother, and more useful to the other human beings who cling to this little ball of earth with you.—N. Y. Journal.

Expensive Coronations.

It may be of interest to point out at this time that the most expensive coronation on record was that of the present Czar of Russia. Upward of \$15,000,000 was spent by the Government alone, and fully another \$5,000,000 by the public authorities of the various Russian towns. The representatives of other powers vied with each other in lavish outlays, and, counting the sums spent by other persons, the coronation of Nicholas II. cannot have cost less than \$25,000,000.

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"I've got to think a while first," the man insisted.

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The policeman saw, and, much against the kindly disposed man's protest, he called the lady up and submitted the question to her. She took the man in.—N. Y. Herald.

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(Montreal Witness.)

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THE TURPENTINE WOULDN'T WORK

The Pitiful Experiments of a Young Man to Cure Himself of Rheumatism.

Liniments, Oils and everything failed to relieve his affliction. He used Doda's Kidney Pills and they cured him.

Boisevain, Man., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Five years ago Mr. C. S. Holden, of this place, then quite a young man and a farmer's son, became afflicted with a crippling rheumatism. His own account of his experience is very interesting. He says:

"For about a year and a half I had a dull pain in my right shoulder. It grew much worse in cold weather, and in winter was so bad that I could scarcely use my arm at all. When I went to bed I would have to take my left hand and hold my right shoulder to turn over. The pain was nearly unbearable. Words cannot express it. I often said if I had to endure such pain all my life I would rather have no arm.

"I was almost crazy and could not help complaining very bitterly. Everybody had something to tell me to do. One said, 'Rub on Spirits of Turpentine.' I did so, but only grew worse. Besides this, I tried every other liniment and oil I could hear of or get, but all to no purpose. Nothing seemed to give me the slightest relief. I was growing very impatient, as it looked as if I was never going to find anything to cure my dreadful pain.

"Now it happened that we had some of Doda's Kidney Pills in the house—always kept them—and having tried every other remedy, my father suggested that I take some, and when I had taken three doses I felt some better, and I kept on till in a few days the pain was all gone.

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FORTUNE TELLING IN RUSSIA

A Russian writer, Miss Kondachoff, tells in the February St. Nicholas two ways of consulting the Fates:

It might perhaps interest the readers of this magazine to hear something about fate reading in Russia, this snowy land, still so full of eastern lore, customs and traditions. Of course, it is, nowadays, a pastime and an amusement indulged in chiefly during the Christmas holidays, and more for the fun of the thing than for any belief in the truth of the prophecy.

There are a good many ways of looking into the book of fate, and I will here give a short description of the two that are most in favor among young folks. New Year's Eve and Twelfth Night are considered the best occasions of the year for these amusing experiments.

Whenever a number of young people come together during this time of the year, whether it be for dancing, playing games, or just spending a pleasant evening together, some one of the party is sure to propose "fate-reading," or "gadat," as it is called in Russia.

Seeking to know beforehand the name of one's future sweetheart, is a very amusing experiment, and there are two methods of going to work. The first is managed thus: A sheet of paper is cut up into strips about four and a half inches long, on every one of which a name is written. A basin is half filled with water, and by wetting one end of the strips of paper these are made to adhere to the rim of the basin all round the dry ends pointing horizontally toward the centre. A nutshell containing a bit of lighted wax taper is then set afloat by one of the party, the water being previously been slightly disturbed with the fingers so as to give it a rotary movement. Sometimes the skill will pass by many names without harm, or again, it may stay a pretty long while before one without igniting it; but the name set fire to is believed to be that of the person who is to play a prominent part in one's future life.

The next question of importance is to ascertain in "what direction lies your fate"—that is, from which point of the compass you are to expect it. The answer is obtained in the following way: You step outdoors and throw your slipper high into the air; then, the quarter to which the toe points when it alights is that whence will come the person who is to influence your future.

Everything Looks Different.

Jack—When a man is in love everything looks different to him.

Harry—Yes, it's the same way when he knocks his head against a gas bracket.

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His Choice.

"Who is your choice for Governor, Uncle Dave?"

"Well, said; does at dis time my min' is free an' open, but I'll say dis much: De old man mightly hard up dis year!"—Atlantic Institution.

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The shell of a fresh egg looks dull. That of a stale one, glossy. If the yolk appears round and light; white surrounding it clear, it is probably fresh.

It is judicious in cooking to break the egg first into a cup; this prevents all possibility of spoiling an entire dish, should the egg prove of doubtful freshness.

The King Gets Vaccinated.

Precautions against smallpox are now being taken in the very highest circles. The King himself was vaccinated before he went to Sandringham, but his arm has not been very much inflamed. The Duchess of Connaught has been vaccinated on no less than three times, as the first and second time there was scarcely any reaction; while the third time was so successful that she is only now recovering from the rather a bad arm. More people are being vaccinated than ever before, and it is quite the exception now to meet any one who has not undergone the inconvenient operation. Moreover, so deep-seated is the conviction that this is a very necessary precaution that a number of well known people have been vaccinated more than once.—London Daily Mail, Jan. 18th.

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