

THE INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS TO CANADA FROM MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.



SMUGGLING TRICKS

WAY UNCLE SAM IS SWINDLED THROUGH MAILS.

A Scheme That Was Disclosed By a Gleeeful Girl Who Could Not Hold Her Tongue—Gloves That Came One at a Time and Corsets in Sections.

New York Tribune.
Too few people think it a crime to swindle the customs. For that reason many bright and brainy persons think hard how to get goods from abroad without paying toll to Uncle Sam. As most of the successful operators in this line are women, who have more time to think about such things than men, it can be imagined that the customs officers have to be eternally alert to protect the government.

The avenues through the steamship passenger route are pretty carefully guarded, and as comparatively few people go abroad the great mass of dwellers in this protected land are deluged from sharing in the humorous little game of hide the diamond or smuggle the silk. But there is another avenue that is being used enthusiastically by the anti-duty aggregation. It is the United States mail.

With the immense volume of foreign mail delivered to this country it is manifestly impossible to open and examine every package that seems to contain newspapers or merely a snuffy letter to see whether or not some dutiable article is concealed therein. So far as it is possible, however, it is done, and the addressee has to go to the postoffice and pay duty on the amount at which the dutiable article is appraised. The custom house experts at the postoffice have their hands full checking-mating the clever moves of those who are constantly devising new ways to disguise dutiable things as innocent looking parcels.

"We used to pass cakes through without question," said one of the examiners. "It seemed too bad to lay hands on a Christmas pudding sent by relatives in England to some exile in this country. It also disguised the sentimental side of a customs officer to demolish a section of wedding cake that had been sent from the old home in Germany to Fritz in America. So we let these sacred things pass through. But one day we had an awakening. One of the customs men heard that a neighbor had obtained a new watch from abroad.

These are types of settlers who are arriving in Canada from the transatlantic steamers running between European ports and St. John N.B. The steamship people have given out statements that they expect that this will be an average year in the immigration line.

It had come through duty free, and the gleeeful girl who was wearing it could not keep quiet about the clever way the postoffice had been deluded. It seems the watch had been baked right into the cake and had come through without discovery. Now, this forced us to take some step to prevent a repetition of such smartness, and ever after that we held on to all cakes or puddings that came in packages through the mail. A letter is sent to the person to whom the package is addressed, and this person (it is almost always a woman) has to come to the postoffice and cut the cake or slice the pudding right in front of the customs officer. Do we catch a Tartar occasionally? Well, you may take it for granted that any one who would try this trick is a Tartar, to begin with, and so we don't get off without a scene when the cutting time comes.

"A trick that fooled us for a time was the sending through the mail of one glove a trifle creased to give the idea that it was merely a worn glove that had been left in Europe by a tourist. With the glove would come a letter to that effect. You went away without one of your gloves, etc. Of course we passed it through unsuspectingly. But we got so many of these that it began to look suspicious. So we held on to one of them, and by the next mail there came another glove from the same address to the same person. The glove was the fellow to the other. Then we got another left hand glove and later the right hand glove to match it. The trick was simple and adurable in its simplicity. Gloves were being sent through in quantities, one at a time.

"But the queerest trick we exposed the other day. A woman was accumulating a large stock of fancy corsets without troubling about the duty that should have been paid on them. The trick was to send half a corset through the mail. We knew of no rule about

paying duty on half a corset. It appeared to us to be a mere remnant of the up to date woman's attire and not important to consider as dutiable.

"So we passed the half corset along and thought no more of it. But half corsets began to drop in with all too great frequency. It looked as though corset remnants had suddenly attained considerable importance in some one's estimation. So one of the men put it up to his wife, and she took something less than a fraction of a second to penetrate the scheme. The half corset was useless in itself, but when the other half arrived there was a French corset ready for wearing.

"We find fine silks done up in packages of herbs, watches, diamond rings and bracelets concealed in the leaves of books in holes cut for the purpose and separate diamonds hidden away in bottles of transparent liquid where the gem is scarcely visible. No doubt many dutiable articles escape us, but we are getting wiser every day to the tricks of the mail smugglers."

Giving Away The Land.

Toronto Globe.
The closing days of the present session have been marked by a waste of the people's heritage that is positively alarming. Following the giving of two million acres of farming land with its pulpwood to the Mackenzie & Mann interests, and the repetition of the western blunder of a checkerboard railway reserve, comes the revival of four extensive subsidies and the granting of two that are entirely new. The Manitowlin & North Shore is to receive 10,000 acres of land per mile from Little Current to White Fish, and 7,400 acres for the rest of the line, and also a cash grant of \$5,000 per mile. The Algoma Central, of which 70 miles are constructed and 100 miles graded, is to receive 6,400 acres per mile, and the Central

Ontario is given time to obtain \$3,000 per mile. The line north from Bruce Mines is to be covered for six miles by a subsidy of 6,000 acres of land and \$18,000 cash. These are revivals, extensions, and modifications of old grants. To the Superior & Western Railway there is 11,000 acres for the eleven miles of line to be built. The Kenora & Keewatin connection between the G. T. R. and C. P. R. will receive, at the same rate, 20,000 acres on twenty miles of road.

HEIGHT OF A HORSE

With Experience One Can Tell With Tolerable Accuracy.

In measuring the height of a horse we strike a vertical line from the withers and say so many hands as 15, 16, 17, etc., allowing four inches to the hand. A horse of 15 hands is 60 inches, or 5 feet high. The four fingers of the hand held at right angles to the arm and at arm's length from the eye cover about seven degrees. And an angle of seven degrees corresponds to about 12 feet 2 1/2 inches in 100 feet, or to 36 1/2 feet in 100 yards, or to 645 feet in one mile, etc.

With a little experience one can soon tell with tolerable accuracy the height of mountains without the use of expensive instruments. In ascertaining the time it is necessary, of course, to have a pretty definite idea of the hour when the sun sets.

Boon To The Municipalities.

Hamilton Times.
The Municipal Committee of the Legislature by a vote of 9 to 4 yesterday approved of an amendment which practically relieves municipal councils of responsibility for maintaining the highways in a condition of safety for travel, by providing that action for neglect cannot lie unless proof is given that notice of the defect to which damage is due has been served on the council. This absurd amendment is one for which the butchers-in of the self-styled municipal associations have been pulling wires. It is hardly to be thought that even the Whitney Government will allow such a clause to become law. The minority, composed of two conservatives, one liberal and Mr. Studholme, promises a fight against it in the legislature. To adopt such a provision would be nothing short of an outrage.

It's difficult for a girl who is engaged to realize how lucky—or unlucky—she is.

CAMELS AS COMPETITORS.

Hard to Overcome Fondness For These Animals.

New York Times.

As far back as in the middle of last century General von Moltke in his descriptive letters from Asia Minor, had many good words to say about the camel. "This animal," he said, "can carry a burden of nearly 600 pounds and is used by the nomads and Arabians in taking their women, children, old men, tents, food, water etc., from place to place. It is able to withstand a march of ten days without drink and a fifth stomach even reserves a drink for its master in an hour of extreme distress."

The hair of the camel is used for clothing and tents. The milk and flesh are healthful. It exists on the most miserable food, such as grass and thistles. Such are the characteristics of this patient, strong, defenseless of all animals.

A camel is never relieved of its load from the beginning of the journey to its end. It eats, walks and sleeps under its burden, often for weeks at a time. The training of the camel is no easy matter, as it takes about three years to teach it to bend the knees in order

to be loaded and unloaded.

While, as the time passes, the camel will not be able to withstand the keen competition of the new railways, which are piercing every part of Asia Minor, yet thanks to the power of tradition over the Turkish inhabitants of the country and their fondness for these animals, the caravan routes to-day are still able to hold their own side by side with the Anatolia, Casaba and Aidin railways. Hundreds of camels pass over the caravan bridge into the city of Smyrna every day and in the market place in front of the Mosque of Mohammed at Constantinople many may still be seen.

MILL USED AS CHURCH

And Known As Chapel of the Holy Cross.

Twenty years ago, says a writer in the April Wide World, when the villagers living off the borders of Reigate Heath, Surrey, England, had no place of worship nearer than the parish church, a service was held in a school-room close by, and was so well attended that the authorities looked around for a suitable permanent building. The erection of a church was out of the question, but there stood on the Heath

the remains of an old mill, a picturesque feature in a beautiful bit of landscape. Inspection showed that once the rats were got rid of a comparatively small outlay would furnish and render the mill fit for public worship, and soon it was opened as the Chapel of the Holy Cross. The interior of the chapel arouses interest. Four buttresses, four feet thick by six feet in height, serve as rests for two massive beams which cross each other in the centre and support an upright shaft, cracked with age and strongly bound with iron bands. The buttresses make four natural alcoves. The entrance door stands in one, and immediately opposite is the altar; the harmonium is placed in a third, and the bell-ringer sits close beside it and rings his bell; the fourth is occupied by the congregation. The rent is 25 cents a year.

The "double strength farin" moth proof bags are sold in Kingston at Gibson's Red Cross drug store. They last for years.

Occasionally you encounter a man who is a failure because it requires less effort to fail than it does to win success.

Probably the easiest way to acquire wealth is to inherit it.

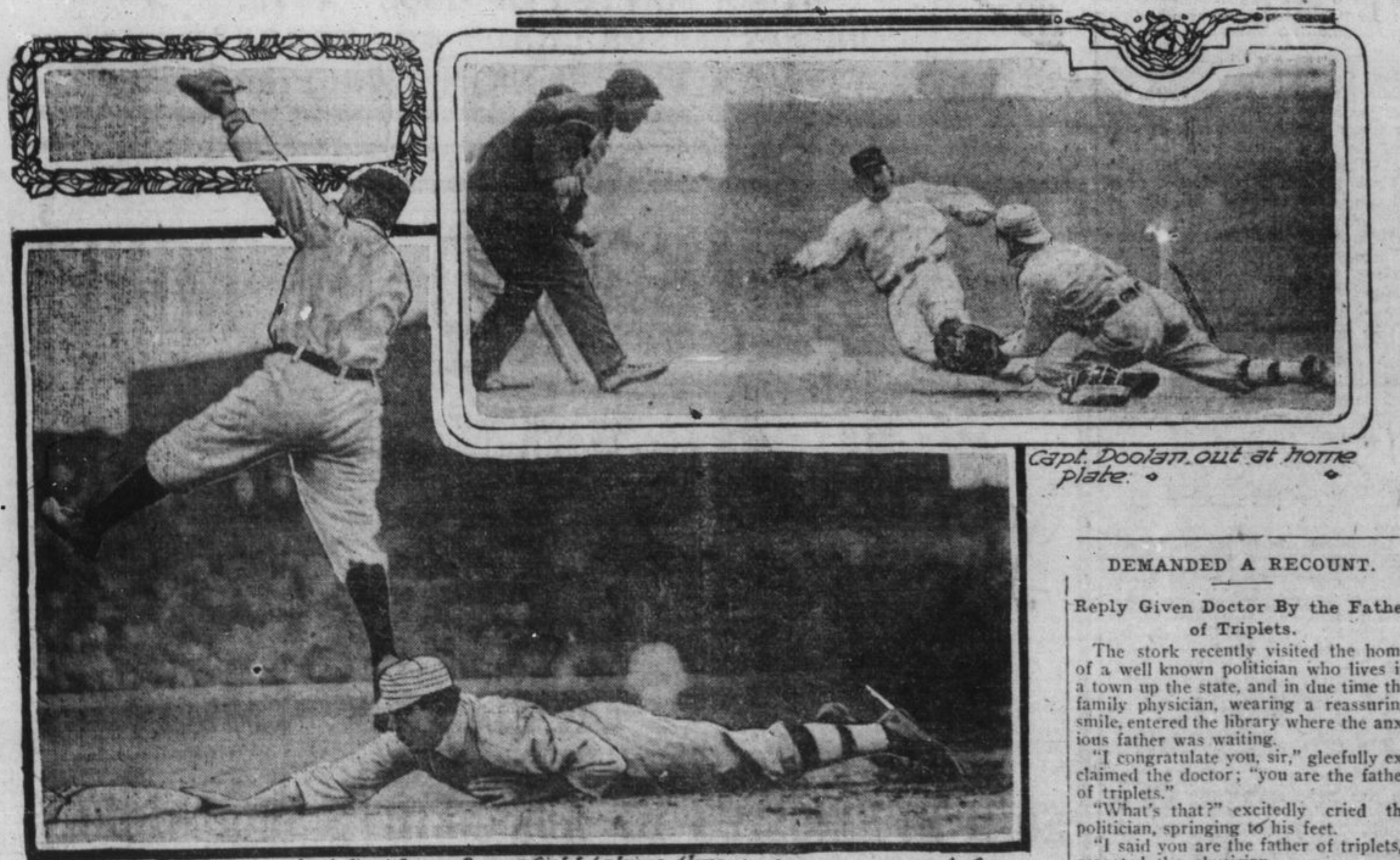
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TWO VERY STRIKING BASEBALL PICTURES



These plays were shown in the first game of the season between the Philadelphia National and American teams for the city championship.

DEMANDED A RECOUNT.

The stork recently visited the home of a well known politician who lives in a town up the state, and in due time the family physician, wearing a reassuring smile, entered the library where the anxious father was waiting.

"I congratulate you, sir," gleefully exclaimed the doctor; "you are the father of triplets."

"What's that?" excitedly cried the politician, springing to his feet.

"I said you are the father of triplets," repeated the physician.

"There is some mistake in the returns," was the startling rejoinder of the politician. "I demand a recount."

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