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WANDERERS WHO HAD TO WHILE AWAY A SUNDAY.

TALES OF TRAMPS

Ghost Stories They Make Up to Fit Different Occasions.

METHODS IN SUMMER AND WINTER

Sunday is the Hardest Day of All the Week

WORKING THE SYSTEMS

Written for The Evening Star.

Besides studying the persons of whom he begs and to whom he adapts his "ghost stories" as their different natures require, the tramp also has to keep in mind the time of the day, the state of the weather and the character of the community in which he is begging.

It is bad form, for instance, to ask early in the morning for money to buy a glass of whisky, and it is equally inopportune to request a contribution toward the purchase of a railway ticket late at night.

The "tenderfoot" is apt to make both of these mistakes; the expert, never. The steady patrons of beggars, and all old hands at the business have such, seldom realize how completely adjusted to local conditions "ghost stories" are.

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Seasonable Begging.

Speaking generally, there is more begging done in winter than in summer and in the east and north than in the south and west, but some of the cleverest begging takes place in the warm months.

Summer and Winter. The main difference between his summer and winter campaigns is that he generally travels in summer, taking in the small towns where people are less "on to him," and where there are all kinds of free "dosses" (places to sleep) in the shape of barns and empty homes.

Each Has His System. The tramps' methods of begging, as has been said, are largely regulated by circumstances and experience, but even the amateurs among them have theories about the profession, and they are never more interesting than when sitting around some "hang-out" camp fire, discussing their notions of the kind of "ghost stories" that go best with different sorts of people.

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They are all glad, however, to return north in April and go over their old routes again. An amusing experience that I had not long ago illustrates the different kinds of tactics necessary in the tramp's summer campaign.

A Clever Tramp's Scheme. In the spring of 1908 I had to make an inspection for a railroad company of the tramp situation on some railroads in the middle west. During the first month of the investigation I lived like a veritable tramp so far as my traveling was concerned, but I paid for my meals out of funds sent me in small installments by a friend in the east.

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more successful were to bring them back "hand-outs."

My "beat" was so sparsely settled that I hardly expected to get so much as a piece of bread, because the entire village was known to hate tramps, but an inspiration came to me as I was crossing the fields, and I got a "set down" and a "hand-out" at the first house I visited.

The interview at the back door ran thus: A Happy Inspiration.

"Madam," she was rather a severe-looking woman, "I have exactly five cents in my pocket and I am awfully hungry. I know that you don't keep a boarding house, but I have come to you thinking that you will give me more for my nickel than the storekeeper will over in the village. I shall be obliged to you if you will help me out."

A look of surprise came into the woman's face. I was a new species to her, and I knew it, and she knew it.

"Don't know whether we've got anything you want," she said, as if I were a guest rather than a wayfarer.

"Anything will do, madam, anything," I replied, throwing into my words all the scraps of French which a hungry man is capable. She invited me into the dining room

and gave me a most satisfying meal. There were no conversational interruptions. I ate my meal in silence, and the woman watched me. The new species interested her.

Just as I was finishing she put some sandwiches, cake and pie into a newspaper. I had made a good impression.

"There," she said, "as I was about to go, 'You may need it.'"

I held out my nickel and thanked her. She blushed, and put her hands behind her back.

"I don't keep a hotel," she said rather indignantly.

"But, madam, I want to pay you. I'm not begging," I said.

"You wouldn't have got it if you had been. Good-bye."

On Sunday Morning.

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faucet they start out. In a small town they feel that something is wrong before they have gone a block, and by 9 o'clock in large towns they decide to go without their breakfast if they have not yet got it. A change has come over the earth; they seem out of place even to themselves, and they return through back streets to their lodging houses or retreats on the outskirts of the towns, sincerely regretting that they are travelers of "the road."

A number of men in the world have to thank this Sunday nausea that they are today, and many tramps. The latter feel the effects of it to the end of the day; it is as unescapable as death, but, like certain sea-faring men who never get entirely free of seasickness and yet continue as sailors, so old vagabonds learn to expect and endure the miserable sensations which they experience on the first day of the week. These sensations are due to the remnant of manhood which is to be found in most practical purposes out-there are for all tramps. The bulk of them are for all practical purposes out-casts, but at breakfast time, on Sunday morning, they have emotions which on week days no one would give them credit for.

Their Tough Luck.

It was my fate, some years ago, to be one of a collection of wanderers who had to while away a Sunday in a "dug-out" on a bleak prairie in western Kansas. There was nothing to eat or drink, and practically nothing to talk about except our dismal lot. Toward nightfall we got to discussing in all earnestness the miserableness of our existence, and I have always remembered the remarks of a fellow traveler who was called "West Virginia Brown." He was supposed to be the degenerate scion of a noble English family, and he was one of the best educated men I have ever met in "hoboland." He took little part in the general grumbling, but at last there was a lull in the conversation and he spoke up: "I wonder," he said, "whether the good people who rest on Sunday, go to church and have their beautiful prayers read, realize how life is turned upside down for us on that day. There have always been men like us in the world, and it is for us as much as for any one so far as I know, that religion exists, and yet the day in the week set apart for religion is the hardest of all for us to wade through."

He was right, and I have never since then been made to look upon Sunday and all that it means with high scorn. I don't believe that there is any one in the world who tries to be any squarer to his pals than we do, and that's what I call being good."

The last "the road" I was on was in a Canadian limbo. His lot cannot be pleasant, but methinks, on Sundays, at least, he is glad that he is not outside.

JOSIAH FLYNT.

ART NOTES.

Owing to the short notice which had been given to members, the continuous exhibition of the Washington Society of Artists has been postponed for a short period. It is the intention of the society to make this exhibition continue through the season, except on occasions when the galleries are occupied by other exhibitions which may be held from time to time under the auspices of the society. The prime object of this exhibition is to give the members a place where their pictures may be continuously exhibited from time to time, and at the same time give the public an opportunity to keep in touch with the work of the local artists. Such an exhibition will undoubtedly be of advantage to both the public and the artistic fraternity.

It will interest the art-loving public of Washington who may go north during the month to know that the National Academy of Design is now holding its seventy-fifth annual exhibition in the Fine Arts building at 215 17th street.

holding the exhibition at this unusual time and place is due to the fact that the new building is not yet in condition for occupation. The exhibition will continue until the 27th of the present month.

A dance was given during the Christmas holidays by the Art Students' League in the galleries of the Societies of Artists. It was enjoyable as a social function, and unusual for an art students' entertainment, being a full dress affair.

Mr. Clary Ray has under way on his easel a large composition, the motif for which he found on his trip to Concarneau. Against background of sedge-covered rocks and water are placed a group of fisher girls with their baskets. He has also made a portrait of himself, in which the light as thrown on the face is the dominant feature.

The artists who formerly made Washington their home, and who visited us during the holidays, Messrs. George Gibbs, Mills Thompson and others, have returned to their present abodes.

Mr. Sawyer has returned from his trip abroad.

During the last year an Association of Art Societies was formed in the District of Columbia, which may become an important factor in the advancement of all art interests. This organization has been named the Fine Arts Union of the District of Columbia, and is composed of delegates from the Washington chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Washington Water Color Club, the Washington Institute of Architects, Frank V. Moss, vice president of the Washington Water Color Club; T. F. Lelst of the Washington Architectural Club, secretary; and J. H. G. of the Washington Society of Artists, treasurer.

At the last meeting of the Union the following officers were elected: Glenn Brown, president, from the Washington Chapter, American Institute of Architects; Frank V. Moss, vice president of the Washington Water Color Club; T. F. Lelst of the Washington Architectural Club, secretary; and J. H. G. of the Washington Society of Artists, treasurer.

St. Gaudens has signed a contract for a statue of Phillips Brooks for the city of Boston, to be finished by the first day of May, 1901. It is quite safe to predict that the work will not be completed at the time stipulated.

While Miss Margaret Downing has been devoting considerable attention to compositions in pen and ink, she intends shortly to recommence portraiture. Her first work will be done in Newport, whence she has received an order.

Mr. A. Muller Ury, a foreign artist of some note, has painted a portrait of President McKinley, which it is said is to go to the Paris exposition next summer. It represents the President seated at his desk. His left hand rests near some papers and his right hand hangs lightly over the arm of his chair. The background there is a green curtain and part of the red wall of the office.

Still another portrait of the President is being painted by Mr. Wm. T. Mathews. This is intended for the Corcoran Gallery, and will complete the set of presidential likenesses owned by that institution. Mr. Mathews painted the portrait of President Harrison now in the gallery, as well as one or two much admired likenesses of Mr. McKinley before receiving the present commission. His full-length portrait of Lincoln is one of the best representations of him ever executed, and should be owned by the government, or placed in some gallery where the public could have free access to it.

A Different Article.

From Life.

Sightseer (in the Senate gallery)—"So these are our national solons, are they?" Guide (amazed at such ignorance)—"Now, Them's the senators."



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CLAIMS TO STATEHOOD.

Why Oklahoma Thinks She Ought to Be Admitted.

Representative Dennis Flynn, the jovial member from Oklahoma, is going to present some strong facts to the House in favor of admitting his territory as a state. He says that everything and every fact is in his favor of this action by Congress.

"In the election of 1896," said Mr. Flynn to a Star reporter, "33,000 votes were polled. Oklahoma in the congressional election last year the total vote was 48,813, with an enormous stay-at-home vote. The poll made by the congressional committees in charge of the campaign showed that there are 87,000 voters in the territory. Take the vote of the last year, and it will show that Delaware polled 35,000, while the total vote in the seven congressional districts of South Carolina was about 28,000. South Carolina has a larger population than Oklahoma, and yet Oklahoma has a representative who is not even entitled to a vote in the House.

"Oklahoma is growing in more ways than one. We are furnishing representatives in Congress. The other day I met a man who was once one of my best friends and managers in Oklahoma. 'Hello, Price,' I shouted, 'when did you leave Pawnee?' Price answered: 'I left there about three years ago and went to Alaska. I am here representing Oklahoma in the House and have been admitted as such to Congress.' This shows that Oklahoma is branching out in all directions."

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"(2) A certificate by the proper authorities of his native or home state to the effect that the authorities know of no just cause and impediment why the marriage should not take place. This certificate must be verified by the German ambassador or a German consul in the United States.

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"(4) Should there be any consanguinity or affinity between the applicant and his intended wife, proofs must be furnished in the applicant's home state such as consanguinity or affinity forms no impediment to the marriage.

"(5) If the applicant has been married before, the decree relating to the dissolution of the marriage must be produced, after having been verified by a consular officer.

"It is well to procure all these documents, for in this way delays and other annoyances may be avoided.

"During the last year a naturalized United States citizen from South Dakota, who wanted to marry in this United States consular district and take to his new home a distant relative, had to wait fully four months before the documents required by the Bavarian authorities could be produced."

MARRIAGES IN GERMANY.

The New Civil Code and Its Effect on Americans.

Louis Stern, United States commercial agent at Hamburg, Germany, writes to the State Department: "On the 1st of January, 1900, the new civil code (Burgerliches Gesetzbuch) comes into operation in Germany. Its laws concerning marriages of foreigners are particularly interesting, and it may not be out of place to publish them in the consular re-

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BRYAN TO TRAVELING MEN. Democratic Leader Discusses Probable Issues of Next Campaign. At the fourth annual banquet of the Nebraska Traveling Men's Bryan Club, at Lincoln last night, Mr. William Jennings Bryan's address was the feature. Touching on national topics, he said in part: "We are now near enough to the national convention to feel assured that there will be no considerable opposition to the reformation of the Chicago platform. The late elections destroyed the last hope of those who sought to modify or subtract from the creed enunciated at Chicago in 1896. The republican party has been driven under the lash of the financiers to the open espousal of the gold standard and espoused by the national banking corporations, it has avowed its purpose to drive the greenbacks out of circulation and substitute a bank note issued and controlled by the national bank.

"The democratic party still contends for the restoration of bimetalism at the ratio of 16 to 1, the only ratio advocated by those who believe in the double standard; it also contends for the greenback as against the bank note."

Mr. Bryan discussed the trust question at some length, and then, on the subject of imperialism, said: "Commercial travelers, who seek the extension of trade by peaceful and legitimate means, will not lend their support to the imperialistic methods employed in the furtherance of conquest. The commercial traveler will not substitute violence for reason.

"The questions now before the people are

but different manifestations of a vicious principle which pervades all republican policies, namely, that the dollar is all-important and that struggling humanity deserves no consideration."

At meetings of the state central committee of the democratic, populist and free silver republicans yesterday it was agreed to hold all three state conventions to select delegates to the national convention at Lincoln, March 19. The populist committee believed it wise for the effect that it would have on the democratic convention, and the democratic committee was addressed by William Jennings Bryan, and at his suggestion a resolution of sympathy with the Boers was passed.

The conference of populist national committee men from western states concluded yesterday afternoon. No formal resolutions were adopted, but the expressed sentiment of those present was favorable to fusion with the democrats with Mr. Bryan as candidate for President.

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