

# COONEY'S FAKIRS PUT OUT OF BUSINESS

## Police Closed All "Sure-Thing" Games, and an Army of Cappers Was Idle.

## TO GET OUT INJUNCTIONS Captain Langan Declares That Swindling Under a Show License Must Cease.

NEW YORK, July 20.—A four night show, but marred, went up from the proprietors of scores of sure-thing games yesterday when Captain Langan and his detectives invaded the "Bowers" and the side streets at Coney Island and ordered everything that looked suspicious to close up. The order was obeyed, but the fakirs of the "people's playground" gnashed their teeth and they vow revenge.

"Graft" was easy at the island for a while early in the season, for as fast as the police stopped one form of swindling the public it opened up around the corner. Then, when the police became really energetic, many of the proprietors secured injunctions from the Supreme Court restraining the police from interfering.

The knife and ring-board men, with the owners of the art galleries and kindred games were put out of business because it was discovered that the operators were in the habit of working in cappers who would win all the big prizes, while the public got nothing but a good general idea that they were up against a skin game.

Under protection of the injunctions, the games opened again, but the police kept them closed yesterday and last night. The operators rolled largely on human nature, and professed great interest in the police. Usually the cheating was done on a small scale, a dollar or two at a time and a few complaints were made. Here and there the fakirs made what is called "a rip," which means that the victim was separated from everything of value he possessed. Care was exercised in the operation. Only the most glib victims and those known to have money were selected for the sacrifice.

A show license was obtained. An ordinary show was opened with glancing banners to indicate to the passing throngs that within there was some wonderful exposure of the opium habit or a forbidden dance to be witnessed. Two reasons are behind this. The fakir figures that a man who is so glib as to be attracted with such bait will easily fall a victim to the further schemes to be unfolded on the inside.

Having taken ten cents admission and given little in return, the fakirs put the second test to the victim by offering another and more attractive show for a quarter. If the intended victim swallowed the bait, and said he was willing to pay to "see more," the fakirs knew that he was not only good grist for the mill, but that he had money to spare.

They call the second show "The Blow-Off," and once inside the work of getting the victim's money is fast and usually sure. A crowd of cappers gather around and profess great interest in the operation of a four-ball Tivol game. This is at all times under the control of the operator, and apparently offers great odds as an inducement. Advantage is taken of the cupidry of the average man, and where he expects to win a big stake for a small risk, the victim always finds himself poorer in pocket and no richer in experience. For there are a dozen ways of taking his money, and only one way for him to keep it.

Threats to get more injunctions were made last night, but the police felt strong in their position that swindling and stealing will not be protected by any court, and the way for the least twenty-four hours found an innocent Bowers and a safe refuge from the city's heat.

### TRIP DOWN RIVER.

Teachers Now Studying at Fredericksburg Summer Institute Have Sail. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 20.—Through the courtesy of the Maryland, Virginia and Delaware Railway Company, of which Captain Willard Thompson is the general manager, the faculty and members of the Summer Institute, in session here, and the city officials gave complimentary excursion on the Rappahannock River this afternoon from 4:20 to 9 o'clock on the steamer Lancaster, of that line.

The party was composed of about 250, nearly 200 of whom were members of the institute, the balance being composed of friends and city officials. The Fredericksburg band furnished music on the trip, and refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, ice cream and cake, were served aboard the steamer.

### WEEK AT IDELWOOD.

Sacred Concerts Will Be Given This Afternoon. Two sacred concerts will be the offering this afternoon and evening in Idelwood. The concert will be given by the Sacred Chorus, directed by Signor J. LaFratta and Professor J. C. Seibold, soloists. The selections are among the most famous compositions known to sacred music. The first concert will be from 4 to 6 o'clock, and the second from 8 to 10 o'clock.

This week the big double free vaudeville bill will be the attraction in the summer theatre. The program, including the new moving pictures, includes Rose and Ed. expert barrel jumpers; Tonga and Leo, a Chinaman and clown; a comedy; variety act; Houston and Company, comedy jugglers; and Wood Brothers, ring experts. These acts, together with the swimming pool, where an expert swimming instructor is in charge; the dancing pavilion, under the direction of two expert dancing teachers; and the many other attractions along the boardwalk and the midway, will make

For This Week, Rich Bridal Suits, all styles; summer chairs, iron beds, and best baby carriages.

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Idelwood an enjoyable place to spend an afternoon or evening. The shady grove in the park is open every morning and afternoon free to picnic parties who can spend the day there and have luncheon on the tables prepared for that purpose.

### WEEK IN CITY HALL.

No Important Business, but Several Committees Will Meet. The meetings of the City Fathers are called upon to attend during this week are rather numerous and very important. Tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock a Subcommittee on Streets will hold a short session to wind up some business that has been referred to it.

Tuesday night at 8 o'clock two committees will hold their monthly session to pass upon bills, pay-rolls and such other matters as may be brought to their attention. They are the Committee on Electricity and Ordinance, Charter and Reform.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock another subcommittee from the Streets Committee will hold a meeting, and at 8 o'clock on the same evening the special committee investigating the charges of the Mayor against the Finance Committee will hold a meeting to wind up the business assigned to it and formulate its report.

Thursday night at 8 o'clock the Committee on Water will hold its monthly meeting, and on Friday night the St. John's Cemetery Committee will audit bills and dispose of other business.

### YOUNG MOTHER LEAVES CHILD IN WOODS TO DIE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WEST POINT, Va., July 20.—Alma Cary, a negro woman, just across the river in King and Queen counties, aged twenty years, last week took her child, aged twelve months, and carried it off in the woods, where no one could hear its cries, and there left it to starve. The woman then came to West Point, and got a place as cook in a family. The child was missed, and the woman was arrested four days afterwards, and made to reveal the truth. A posse found the child just where she said she left it, dead. The woman is in jail awaiting trial.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. England gave a delightful birthday party in honor of their daughter, Miss Julia England, a few evenings ago. Music both vocal and instrumental was the chief pastime of the evening's pleasure. The parlors were prettily decorated in palms, potted plants and pink-shaded lamps. The dining-room decorations were especially attractive. Miss England was assisted in receiving her guests by her mother. She received many pretty tokens of esteem from her friends. Among those present were: Rev. John H. East, Mrs. Henry Giesenhause, Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Usher, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. England, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. England, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fidler, Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Binford, Mr. and Mrs. James Woodin, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. S. R. Gault, Mrs. Jesse Binford, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Pendleton, Misses Nellie Smith, Fannie Shenault, Mary Tiller, Inez Robinson, Julia England, Elva Pelvis, Mrs. Gorman, Odile Wilham, Julia Jeter, of Hanover county; Lizzie Alston, Bessie Gentry, May Gentry, Blanche Grubbs, of Hanover county; Nannie Traylor, Myrtle Gentry, Corinne Gentry, Florence Gorman, Minnie Finko, Beulah Gorman; Messrs. Joseph Miller, Robert Carter, Linwood Fidler, Berry Wright, Walter White, Allie Roberts, Willie Gorman, Clyde England, Raymond Bottoms, Charles Gentry, Walter Gentry, Ray England, Mr. Clayton and many others.

### CYCLE FIVE SPEND DAY IN RICHMOND

Young Men from Bridgeport, Conn., Traveling to Jamestown on Bicycles. Five athletic youths, all the way from Bridgeport, Conn., spent a few hours in the city yesterday on their way to the Jamestown Exposition. They form a little close corporation of the own name, "Bridgeport Cycle Five." The members are Fred Peachell, Charles Lindstrom, Paul Larsen, Dan Larsen and Charles Anderson. They are all expert bicycle riders, and they left Bridgeport on the 8th of July to tour that part of the country between their home and Jamestown. They have come by New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and are here yesterday afternoon, just from Fredericksburg. They have made the entire trip on their wheels, except one day, when, because of heavy rains, they decided to ride about thirty-five miles by rail between Washington and Fredericksburg.

They carry a tent, which is divided into sections. Each wheelman carries a section, and when night overtakes them they put the sections together, erect the tent and camp out. The young men called on Mayor McCarthy at his office yesterday. They left in the early afternoon, and expect to reach New York before noon today. They will then go on to Jamestown, where they will spend a week taking in the big show, returning home by a route different from that which they whizzed it coming down to Dixie.

### MR. DOS PASSOS A MAN OF MUCH PROMINENCE

Bar Association Orator Has Written Widely on Interesting Subjects. Mr. John R. Dos Passos will deliver the address before the Virginia State Bar Association on August 1st at its annual meeting, which will be held at the inside inn on the Jamestown Exposition Grounds on July 30th and 31st and August 1st. Mr. Dos Passos is a New York lawyer of prominence, and owns a handsome estate in Virginia. He was born in Philadelphia, but shortly after his admission to the bar removed to New York, where he soon gained prominence and a lucrative practice. He has been identified with many cases of note and has written several books and some valuable articles for legal and other magazines. He has made a special study of stocks and stock transactions, and his book on that subject is recognized as the leading authority. Mr. Dos Passos has also taken an interest in the "negro question" as it related to the South, and in June, 1903, published an article in the Yale Law Journal in which he advocated the repeal of the second section of the fourteenth and the whole of the fifteenth amendment to the United States Constitution, and favored leaving the entire question of suffrage to the several States.

Mr. Dos Passos has the reputation of being an instructive and interesting speaker, and those who attend the meeting will have reason to rejoice at the happy selection for the principal address. In addition to the 215 heretofore listed, the following have indicated their intention to attend the meeting: Hon. E. B. Thomson, of Richmond; Judge C. F. Moore, of New York; Judge Thomas E. Blakey, of Tappanhook; Judge J. F. West, of Waverly; Hon. Michael Woods, of Charlottesville; Hon. A. C. Campbell, of Charlottesville; Hon. John A. Lamb, of Richmond; Hon. J. M. W. West, of Waverly.

The meeting promises to be one of the most interesting and enthusiastic ever held, and indications are that the attendance will be very large. The annual meeting of the Virginia State Bar Association will be one of the largest ever held, and there will be many others during the course of the meeting.

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# Women's Wash Suits and Waists Half Price

## Waist News For To-Morrow of Decided Interest

So much so that no woman can afford to neglect reading it or neglect coming to-morrow to look at the Waists. Bear this fact in mind, that our sales of ready-to-wear garments this season have been far in excess of what we'd even hoped for. Lots have become broken in various styles, and now's the time that careful buyers secure the best bargains of the season.

59c 98c \$3.95

Waists for White Lawn Waists that formerly sold for \$1. Various styles. Some plain tailor-made, others trimmed with lace and embroidery. Long or short sleeves. Varies from \$1.25 and \$1.48.

## Store Editorial

This house has never in its nearly twenty-two years of existence put the QUANTITY of merchandise sold above the QUALITY of goods offered or the character of SERVICE rendered. It has been, and is, an absolute rule of the Miller & Rhoads Store that merchandise offered for sale here must be of the highest standard that the prices asked will furnish. Our store service is one of the best in the country, but we always keep in mind that the perfect service of to-day will not necessarily be the perfect service of to-morrow. "Constant improvement" is the idea and ambition that permeates every part of our store life. Richmond people determine the QUANTITY of merchandise we sell. The finest store and the largest business in Virginia are evidences of their appreciation.

## Women's Summer Suits Many of Them at Less Than Half Price

Another piece of store news that you'll do yourself an injustice by not investigating.

Handsome Silk Suits of a good quality taffeta. Blue and white, black and white, and green and white stripes, plaids and checks. Originally made to sell this season for \$25. Does it seem improbable that they're now but \$10.75. Taffeta Silk Shirt-Waist Suits in pin stripes of navy, green and brown; also, black with red dots. Marie Antoinette style or beautifully trimmed with lace. \$13 and \$14 values to be sold to-morrow at \$9.75. Tub Suits of White Union Linen Cutaway and pony styles; stitched strapings on coat; plaited skirt. The trimmings are in reseda, light and dark blue. \$8 and \$8 Suits for \$4.95. Examine them closely to-morrow. Biggest value of the season.

## Women's Skirts, \$2.95 Instead of Their Former Price, \$4.98

Nearly one-half cut from their original price, but not one cent less valuable to you. Our reason for reducing the price is this—There are only a few garments in each style, although a goodly collection when put together. Plaited Skirts in Wool Plaids, Panamas and Fancy Mixtures, brown, blue, gray and black.

## Half Dozen Silks for Hot Weather Dresses

Thin, cool, summery stuffs, than which there's nothing better for summer dresses. The prices should commend themselves to you. Black India Silks, 29c yard. Black Japanese Silk, 50c yard. Black Waterproof Jap. Silk, 75c yard. Black Swiss Waterproof Habutai, 75c yard. Black 35-inch Taffeta, \$1.10 yard. Cream Japanese Silks, 25c to \$1.25 yard. Louise Shepherds Checks, 59c yard.

## Silk Gingham, 19c yd Reduced From 25c

We've cut the price to reduce the quantity on hand before stock taking. Some of the prettiest patterns of the season are here in checks, plaids and tartans. Special sale begins to-morrow morning.

## 39c French Cotton Voiles, 25c yd

27 inches wide, in light blue, champagne and white and black plaids. They've been among the best sellers in cotton goods this season, but as we only have a few hundred yards left, we've reduced the price to 25c a yard to close out.

## To-Morrow's Trunk News

Only a little of it published. Canvas-Covered Trunks, 30-inch size, double strap, good brass lock, iron bound, \$3.75 and. Fibre-Bound Trunks, 32-inch size, brass trimmings, double strap, Excelsior lock, \$4.35.

Many other Trunk values equally as good, but these two will appeal to you when you see them as being the best in the market at the prices.

## Infant's Gauze Shirts, 15c

Low neck and sleeveless; strap over shoulder, with buttons. Mothers that wish to be sure of the best in Infants' Furnishings, buy them here.

## Women's Wash Stocks, 25c

Swiss Stocks in Four-in-Hand and Ascot styles. Some trimmed, others plain. All new, quite a variety of styles, and all pretty. They'll launder beautifully.

## New Tub Suits for Misses Twenty-five Per Cent. Cut From the Price

White Union Linen Suits, sailor style; shield on the blouse; monogram of dark blue or red silk on the sleeve. Accordian plaited skirt from the knee down. Sizes 14, 16, 18 and 20. Decidedly handsome Suits, and a \$4 value for \$2.98.

## Gingham Dresses for Girls Between 6 and 14 Years, 59c

Fast colors; so you needn't be afraid of putting them in the wash tub. Plain pink and blue; also pink and white and blue and white checks. Full skirt, deep hem, yoke of white plique, trimmed with a large ruffle.

## New Patterns in Tapestry Brussels Rugs, \$15

9x12 feet, all colors in Oriental and floral patterns. We haven't seen anything this year that equals these Rugs, either in texture or design, under \$18.

## Velvet Carpets, 85c yard

You'll probably need new Carpets for your stairs, halls, or one or two rooms. May we suggest your looking at our new patterns in velvet; reds, greens and tans. Unusually pretty patterns, 85c yard.

## Nothing as Good as Crex Grass for a Summer Floor Covering

Fact is, many people use it all the year round on account of its being perfectly sanitary. Can be easily and quickly cleaned. Full line of colors. CARPETS, 40c, 45c, 50c yard. RUGS, 50c, 75c, \$1, up to \$8 each.

## Cream Storm Serge, 59c yd

All wool goods, 37 inches wide. You'll have to see this fabric to appreciate its worthy qualities.

Looks well and wears well, and can be used for so many different purposes, such as a separate skirt, a coat, a gown, and inexpensive enough for bathing suits, 59c yard. Cream Voile Nison, 44 inches wide, regular \$1.00, for 69c yard. Cream All-Wool Voile. Cream Mohair. 39c yd. Cream Althraust. Cream Crepe de Paris, 40 inches wide, a 75c fabric, 59c yard. Cream Danish Cloth, 15c yard.

## White Lawn Dressing Sacques, \$2.25

Nothing more comfortable on a hot day than a perfect fitting negligee. Fine quality lawn, fitted back, full front, with belt; V neck; yoke effect of tucks; short sleeves; front neck and sleeves trimmed with wide Swiss beading and lace edge, \$2.25.

## Tourist Ruching, 15c bx

Six yards in each box, and ordinarily the price is 20c. You'll save five cents on each box in this lot.

## HERMIT YIELDS; BRIDE RIDES IN MILK WAGON

SUNBURY, Pa., July 20.—Thomas Shafer, the Sellingsburg Junction hermit, who won Mrs. William Gilbert through advertising, and who engaged the Rev. Mr. O'Boyle here to marry them, had deferred the wedding because they had a dispute as to whether they should walk or ride to the church, to-day hired Kirt's milk wagon, the bride thus winning the first clash. Together they drove seven miles to "Squire John Drum's," who married them. Shafer's house is a dilapidated old structure in the mountains four miles from a railway. Last week, after he had decided to marry, he started to rid his house of snakes that had long made it headquarters. Neighbors aided him and thirty copperhead and black-snakes were killed in and under the house.

## BIG BUGS ARE RAISED TO APPRECIATE MUSIC

CHICAGO, July 20.—Big bugs hopped into prominence to-day. They are fond of music and do things which refute the Darwinian theory, so it is declared. They are of enormous size and are wonderfully colored. They have been raised, after an exhaustive series of experiments at the University of Chicago by Professor William Lawrence Tower, who says that the larger the bugs grow the more sensitive they become to musical sounds. The common potato bug was selected as the medium for the scientific work. Out of this insect he has evolved a monster creature unlike the original and upon which he has written, under

## WALLACE LIBRARY.

Federicksburg Accepts Bequest of \$15,000 From Wallace Estate. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 20.—The city of Fredericksburg has accepted the \$15,000 bequest from the late Capt. C. W. Wallace, for the establishment of a public library here, to be known as the "Wallace Library." The city to maintain the library, which will be under the control of a board of nine directors, to be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council.

## Jolly Hay Ride.

Miss Minnie Cotman, of Glen Echo Heights, gave a hay ride in honor of her visitors, and the following young people from East Richmond and Richmond were invited to join them, and a most delightful time was the result. They went as far down the Nine-Mile Road as Seven Pines in the large farm wagon piled with hay. In the party were Misses Edna Marano, of Eastmore; Rosa and Mary Marano, Edna and Mervin Davis, Hope and Stella Kidd, and Miss Wanda of New York. Who was the guest of honor; Messrs. Harry Goode, Thomas Kidd, Mervin Griffith, Howard Cotman and John Griffith.

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City to Have Ten Scholarships. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 20.—The city has entered into a contract with Fredericksburg College for ten scholarships at the college next session. The scholars are to be furnished from the highest grade of the public schools of the city by the City School Board, the city to pay \$100 for the session.

To Be Rector at Ashland. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LEBESBURG, Va., July 20.—Rev. John L. Cotman, who has for several years officiated as rector of St. John's Parish at Ashland, Loudoun county, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. James Episcopal Church, at Ashland, Va. He will enter upon the discharge of his duties about August 15th.