

A Smuggler's Ruse

By ARTHUR W. BREWSTER

"The only man I ever knew," said the customs inspector, "who smuggled for a long while without being caught was a man by the name of Tunker. Tunker was a short, fat man, just about such a fellow as his name would indicate. He wore very good clothes, but nothing to attract attention. His countenance was cheerful, amiable, and honest looking out from every feature. He returned from Europe so often that after awhile we inspectors came to know him. He was a very good fellow and often, after all his baggage had been examined, would offer us cigars and occasionally make some one of us a little present he had brought from abroad.

"Here's a bottle of French brandy I want to give you, old man," he said to me one day after I had passed the labels on all his baggage, enabling him to remove it from the dock.

"I declined the gift, with thanks, but some of the other inspectors took such things, and I noticed ever after they were not very thorough in searching the giver's baggage. But Tunker didn't care whether they searched it or not, for they were sure to find nothing dutiable there except what he had declared.

"One day while walking on the street I noticed Tunker ahead of me. As I was going in the same direction, I kept on hastening my steps a bit, thinking to join him. But before I reached him he turned into the store of a large importer of jewelry.

"It is marvelous how little things suggest other things of much greater importance. I suppose in my case it was natural enough it should occur to me that the man was going in to sell smuggled goods because it is my business to look out for smugglers. At any rate, the idea popped into my head that Tunker's frequent visits to Europe might have something to do with the diamond trade.

"Following up the suggestion, I made inquiries about Tunker. I could learn nothing further than that he appeared to have no business, and if he had any property it could not be found. He lived in the style of a man who would spend about \$2,500 a year except for his European trips. It seemed likely that some one was bearing the expense of these trips.

"I made up my mind that the next time Tunker came from abroad I would search him. It was several months after this that I saw him coming down the gangplank of a newly arrived liner. He had a half smoked cigar between his teeth, a satchel in one hand and a cane in the other. Jolly as usual, he was smiling and waving his cane at some one on the dock. I turned to see who was greeting him and noticed that there was no one on the exact spot at which he was looking—at least no one that seemed to be interested in him. This confirmed my suspicions.

"How are you?" he said when he saw me. "Going to let me through easy this time?"

"I can't, Tunker. Some one—an enemy, I suppose—has been telling stories about you, and we've got an order from the collector himself to search you."

"I watched his countenance while I spoke and saw that my information startled him. But he recovered himself in an instant and said:

"All right; search away. I know a man who hates me like poison and is just mean enough to do anything like that."

"I took him into a private room, and the search began. The first thing done was to unscrow the head of his cane. Hollow, but nothing in it. Then we went through his clothes, ripped off the soles of his shoes, felt the lining of everything he had on, looked for secret pockets in his satchel. Not a thing could we find. We took off his hat with a view to search for a false bottom in the crown. There was nothing in the hat, but the uncovering of his head revealed a bald spot on the top of it which was near the size of half a lemon.

"Tunker," I said, "why don't you have that thing removed? The surgeons can do it and not hurt you a bit. I know a man who had one of them taken off without any trouble."

"Wouldn't have that touched for a farm," he replied, striving to appear easy. "Doctors say that if they cut it they'd open an artery and I'd bleed to death."

"Here was a puzzle. If the wen was built on to his head to conceal gems one couldn't prove it without cutting it open, for it looked for all the world like the real thing. It was of a purple hue and altogether unlovely. Nevertheless I resolved to test it. I applied the sense of touch. I put my finger on it.

"I am going to operate on it myself," I said. "I studied surgery when I was young. Sit down in that chair."

"Great heavens, man, are you going to kill me?"

"I assure you the operation will be without the least danger."

" Hoping that I was bluffing, he tried a bluff game himself. He sat down in the chair. I took out my penknife and thrust it into the wen. Out came a lot of diamonds. The cover was made of wax.

"We unearthed other ingenious contrivances, but nothing so fine as this. Tunker confessed that he had been bringing over diamonds for the firm whose store I saw him enter for twelve years."

PROVED HER WORDS.

The Ladies Knew Each Other Even Before Their Introduction.

There was a great crowd at the picture exhibition, and empty seats were at a premium, when two pretty women spied and made for a place at the self-same moment. They reached the prize together, both pretending ignorance of the other, and flopping themselves down, succeeded in squeezing breathlessly and miserably in. There they sat then, each scowling and staring at the rudeness of her respective neighbor, each wriggling and squirming as much as possible in order to crowd that neighbor still further. Finally the situation became acute, and one of the women spoke, with fine sarcasm, "I beg your pardon, but do you need the whole seat?"

"I beg yours," the answer came, "but I never talk to strangers."

Just then a third pretty woman passed, stopped and addressed the two at once: "Why, to think of finding you two here together! And I have always wanted to introduce you, because I know you will just love each other. Mabel, this is Maud, and Maud, this is my dear old Mabel. You are bound to love each other because you are so exactly alike in disposition."—New York Press.

Resting a Model.

Adolphe Manzel, the German painter, at one time was engaged on a work of mural decoration and kept a man posed in an exceedingly fatiguing position on a scaffold for two hours. The great painter worked away, heedless of his model's discomfort. Finally the victim called down, "Herr Professor, how about the recess?"

"Certainly, my dear sir. Come down right away and you shall have your recess."

As the model was descending from the scaffolding his limbs assumed a position which was one for which the artist had long been looking. "Hold! Ah, fine! Keep that while I make a little sketch of it!"

The artist drew vigorously for half an hour, at the end of which he called out imperatively: "There, that will do for now. Get up on the scaffold again. We have had our recess."

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The Poor Poets.

"Poets are born, sir," said the bard to the editor.

"Yes, I know they weren't hatched from duck eggs," answered the editor. "But the question is, Why are they born?"—Cleveland Leader.

Schenectady, N. Y. Edward S. Wagner had a most satisfactory experience from the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. He says:—"The cold got on my chest and I was in a serious condition. After taking Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for three days I was all over my cold and felt fine. I know it will help others as it has me." B. H. Gorrell.

Wet Shoes.

If shoes have been thoroughly wet don't attempt to dry them near the stove. Rub in plenty of vaseline or plain lard and let stand in a cool place several days, and much of the original oil will be restored.

Mrs. M. A. Leininger, 413 No. 19th St., Reading, Pa., says she used Foley Kidney Pills with the best results for backache and a bad case of kidney trouble that had caused her suffering for a long time. "Since taking Foley Kidney Pills I have been free from those backaches and I suffer no more with my kidneys. I gladly recommend them." B. H. Gorrell.

Farmer's Son (watching copyist in gallery)—Wotever be she doing, ferther? Farmer—She be copying, she. Ye see, some o' these 'ere old master-pictures be very old, so coorse they a to replace em every now an' again, same as wall paper.—London Punch

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The One to Be Pleased.

"No," said Packham, "we never have boiled ham at our house any more."

"Why," said Ascum, "I thought you were very fond of it."

"So I am, but my wife's pet dog won't eat it at all."—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Mattie Gamill, Chatham Hill, Va., says:—"I want to advise all who read this not to be without Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in their homes. My little girl was taken one night with a severe attack of croup, but a few doses promptly given her of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound relieved her and she went quietly to sleep." B. H. Gorrell.

A Fiver.

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COURAGE.

Many a man has died up in a little wayside opportunity merely because he lacked the courage to acknowledge to himself that his judgment had landed him in the wrong spot. Fortune deals more liberally; brain is nothing without bravery. The man who can be thrashed by a sneer has retreated before he is defeated.—Herbert Kaufman.

The Demons of The Swamp

are mosquitos. As they sting they put deadly malaria germs in the blood. Then follow the icy chills and the fires of fever. The appetite flies and the strength fails; also malaria often paves the way for deadly typhoid. But Electric Bitters kill and cast out the malaria germs from the blood; give you a fine appetite and renew your strength. "After long suffering," wrote Wm. Fretwell of Luana, N. C., "three bottles drove all the malaria from my system, and I've had good health ever since." Best for all stomach, liver and kidney ills. 50c. at B. H. Gorrell's.

Hobson's Choice.

An eastern man who was on a business trip through the west stopped at the small hotel in a country town one day. He entered the dining room and was shown to a table by a waiter.

"Will you have some pork and beans, sir?" asked the waiter as he brought the customary glass of water.

"No, I don't care for them," answered the man. "I never eat pork and beans."

"Dinner is over, then, sir," said the waiter as he moved away.—Youth's Companion.

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Justice Eli Cherry of Gillis Mills, Tenn., was plainly worried. A bad sore on his leg had baffled several doctors and long resisted all remedies. "I thought it was a cancer," he wrote. "At last I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was completely cured." Cures burns, boils, ulcers, cuts, bruises and piles. 25 cents at B. H. Gorrell's.

Her Left Handedness Was Complete.

A little maiden, quick to notice peculiarities, asked a guest at her father's table if he were left handed.

"Partially so, my little miss," replied the visitor.

His answer puzzled her, but after due reflection she remarked:

"I'm full-blooded left handed."—Kansas City Star.

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Ventriloquism in the Bible.

Ventriloquism has its first historic mention, as far as we are aware, in Isaiah xxix. 4. "And thou shalt be brought down and shall speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust."

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Sure Things.

The only sure thing is the thing that has already happened.—Philadelphia Record.

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MAKING THE LITTLE FARM PAY

By C. C. BOWSFIELD

A DAIRY pays just in proportion to the skill and care with which it is managed. Owners of little farms who have transportation facilities can afford to make a dairy the basis of their operations. A place of thirty to fifty acres will maintain a dozen cows, without excluding poultry, vegetables and fruit.

The way to make such a dairy pay is to establish a reputation for high grade milk, cream and butter. Private customers can be secured who will pay liberally for these commodities if they are sweet and wholesome and show evidence of intelligent handling. The owner must insist on cleanliness about the barn and in the pails and cans.

One problem of the dairyman is to keep the milk from being contaminated, either through dirt falling into it or by its absorption of undesirable odors. If the stables are clean, dry and well ventilated there will be no bad odors for the milk to absorb. Of course there should be no cesspools about the stables, and the ground under the barn should be well drained. Poor drainage cannot help but cause objectionable odors about the barn. The udder and the flanks of the cow should be thoroughly wiped with a damp cloth before milking.

One of the cardinal points that a good dairyman will observe in handling his cows is regularity in all his work. He will feed the cows at definite hours and milk them at stated intervals. If a cow is milked at 6 o'clock in the morning she should be milked again at 6 at night, the best results being obtained when the time between milkings is twelve hours.

If for any reason it is advisable to

* To produce a perfect plant there must be a perfect seed, planted in a perfectly prepared soil and cultivated by a trained intelligence. In just so far as there is a deficiency in any one of these particulars will the result fall short of a perfect crop. *****

KEEPING "BOARDER COWS?"

Or Are Your Animals the Kind That Pay For Food and Labor? The cow, from an economic standpoint, is simply a manufacturing plant through which is run so much raw material in the form of nutrients to turn out the finished products—milk and cream. Many of these manufacturing plants are run at a dead loss, but their owners do not know it, as they are too indifferent to take the trouble to keep books so they can find it out. This is one of the lamentable defects



Photograph by University of Wisconsin agricultural experiment station.

SPECIMENS OF THE "BOARDER COW."

In farming as in a manufacturing enterprise, in any other phase of industrial activity such negligence of business methods would spell bankruptcy. The Babcock test and a pair of scales make it possible for every farmer to keep accurate accounts with each cow in his herd, and where this is done it does not take long to convince the owner that the cow that does not pay her board had better move on. But as yet the major portion of dairy farmers have not risen to the point where they test each cow's production. Through the organization of co-operative cow testing associations in a number of different states improvement is being rapidly made, but it is probably a safe estimate today to assume that 20 per cent of the milk producing cattle in this great dairy state of Wisconsin are not paying their owners for the feed and care which they require.

In these days, when modern machinery has so greatly reduced the relative use of hand labor, a lamentable lack of efficiency is shown where a man spends his time milking and caring for a number of animals whose returns often do not pay for the feed consumed, let alone the labor expended.—Circular of Information, University of Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station.

Value of Alfalfa Hay.

That alfalfa hay contains more pounds of protein for each 100 pounds than any other kind of cured hay and also contains a large amount of carbohydrates are interesting facts brought out in a recent bulletin of the college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin.

Protect Your Post.

When making a cement blanching post re-enforce it with a good stout bar of iron. If you do not, first thing you know some one will run against it with a heavy wagon and break it. The iron rod will strengthen the post.—Farm Journal.

change the feed of a herd it should be done gradually, so that the cows will become accustomed to the change and not get "off feed" so readily.

Cows should not be abused, as any ill treatment affects their milk production. On the contrary, they should even be petted, as they respond wonderfully to kind and gentle treatment in a way that is profitable for the owner.

One milker may be able to get 20 per cent more milk than another. The milker should not worry the cow by loud talking or abuse of any kind. A cow should be milked quietly and quickly, and as the last milk drawn contains far more fat than the first, special care should be taken to get all the strippings. In milking the whole hand should be used, closing first that part next to the udder. The cow's teats should be dry when she is milked. Wetting the teats is not only a filthy habit, but it also allows the teats to chap in bad weather. If there is difficulty in milking a cow dry a small amount of vaseline may be rubbed on the hands.

In the summer the cows get plenty of exercise, but they should be provided with a shady place where they can rest. In fly time it may be advisable to keep the cows in the barn during the day, darkening the windows to keep the insects out.

With ten or a dozen cows the farmer needs a reliable hired man, for there is a great deal of work in running a dairy, and it should be performed in a thorough manner. The family will find much to do in connection with the poultry, vegetables and fruit without undertaking all the drudgery of the farm and dairy.

* It's the exceptional year—the season of adverse conditions—when really good farming shows itself superior to poor farming. Many a farmer loses his labor by failing to do the right thing at the right time in the right way.—Kansas Farmer. *****

FEEDS FOR DAIRY COWS.

Corn Silage is Better Than Mixture of Field Peas and Oats.

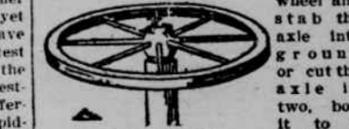
Canada field peas and oats sown on good soil and under favorable conditions will be ready for soiling or ensilage in about two and a half months. The growing of oats and peas together, says Hoard's Dairyman, produces a larger amount of nutrients per acre than when grown separately. The combination works well and produces a very palatable feed.

In 100 pounds of corn silage there are 17.2 pounds of digestible nutrients and in 100 pounds of oats and pea silage about 13 pounds. The composition of all feedstuffs varies, especially when cut green; but, on the whole, it is safe to say that corn silage will contain more digestible nutrients than oats and peas, although the oats and peas are richer in protein.

It would not be advisable to sow clover or timothy seed with oats and peas, for they form a very dense growth which would not permit the young clover or timothy plants to grow, and, if they did, they would be so weak that after the peas and oats were removed, the sun's rays would be very apt to kill them. We do not think it advisable under any conditions to sow grass seed with oats and peas.

Novel Chicken Roost.

G. Dever, an Oklahoma subscriber of the Iowa Homestead, sent a unique plan for a chicken roost. Take a cart



CHICKEN ROOST.

post and stab the axle into the ground or cut the axle in two, bolt it to a post and set the post in the ground. When the chicken house needs cleaning all you need to do is to lift the wheel off and it is out of the way. Then, too, if there is a chicken on the other side from you that you wish to catch, just turn the wheel around. This makes a very convenient chicken roost.

What the Lawyers Tell Us.

A lease which is altered after its execution and without the consent of the lessor by changing the dates of the commencement and termination of the term is void.—St. Louis Advertising Company versus Babbate, Mo. 116 Southwestern 438.

A landlord who furnishes supplies to enable a tenant to make a crop is entitled to a lien for the price of the supplies, and it is immaterial whether the tenant could or could not have had the crop without them.—Fernan versus Nowlin, 120 S. W. 870.

Every contract made for or about any matter or thing which is prohibited and made unlawful by statute is void, sed bece, under the Arkansas statutes, which require the killing of glandered animals, the sale of an animal affected with glanders is void.—Compagnonette versus McArmick, 120 S. W. 400.