### SOME QUEER CHARACTERS.

BEGGARS WHO HAVE MONEY. thers Own Property—Cruel "Jock-ers Who Abuse Their "Punks," "High Heels," "Wheezers" and "Johnny Yegge" to be Found in

New York World. There are hundreds of able-bodied men and women in New York who make a comfortable living by begging. Some of them own real estate and have bank accounts. Another class are migratory—ever on the go. They have their resorts here and in every other big town from Maine to California, where they are known and welcomed in

their periodical rounds.

They go armed with revolvers of large calibre, and combine robbery with the more gentle art of asking aims. Many of the bank and postoffice rob-beries in country towns are their work, and when they are cornered they shoot to kill.

They are seldom captured unless taken in the act, for they have, no identi-ty and no permanent abiding place. A tew hours ride on the trucks of a freight train or "blind" baggage car places them beyond the danger zone, ready for some new adventure. About 40 per cent. of the beggars are said to exconvicts.

James Forbes, chief of the mendicancy department of the Charity Organization Society has for the past three years been making a systematic and determined affort to stamp out beggary in the streets of New York. has seven men in plain clothes detailed by the police department to aid him. In the three wears they have arrested nearly 3,000 beggars, and more than 90 per cent. of them have been convicted and sent to the workhouse. At his office in the United Charities building Chief Forbes has photographs.

Bertillion measurements and pedigrees of several hundred professional beg-He is in communication with the police and charity organizations of ing plans for an extensive developother cities, and this, with the information he receives from beggar "stool ons," enables him to keep track of the movements of the more prominent members of the fraternity, and often to anticipate their arrival here from out-of-town points. He has pub-lished a confidential bulletin containing descriptions of several hundred beg-gars, with photographs of many of them, and this has been sent out broadcast to chiefs of police. "WHEEZERS" OUT OF BUSINESS.

Have you noticed that the shrivelledup little old women who used to grind husky-voiced, tuneless music boxes all over New York have disappeared? In beggar parlance they were known as "wheezers." On the coldest winter huddled up in an old shawl over her music box, a shabby hood pulled well down over her eyes waiting for the coins to be dropped into her tin cup. Chief Forbes put the wheezers out of business. He found that men who seemed to be old crones were in reality young women disguised, who had husbands and children in comfortable homes, and preferred organ-grinding and charity to work and wages. There were half a dozen old German women among the wheezers who owned their own homes in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. One of these had \$2,100 in the bank. Another had a bank account of \$1,080 and \$70 in small silver and pennies was found concealed about her clothes at the time of her arrest. Through deceit, and mistaken pity these wheezers had been permitted to ply their vacation in New York for

throw-out" is the name applied to the beggar who crimps up his hand and wife. "flopper" is the cripple or pretended cripple who plants himself on the front of a dwelling house to attract sympathy and pennies. Some of the oppers are minus a limb or two. Other beggars who used to be numerous dress in the garb of a nun, a Salvation Army lassie, a bluejacketof a sol-dier. There are the "high heels" young women who wear an orthopedic shoe and walk with simulated pain as if one of their feet was deformed or crippled. A "bug" is a make-be-lleve sore painted on the body of a

BEGGING BY MAIL. class by themselves are the writers of begging Jetters, male and female, who have all sorts of clever stories to work on the sympathies of ose whom they address. Many of their victims are clergymen and women of means well known for their charity. As a rule the letter-writer is a shabby-genteel person with a fine command of the English language. Sometimes the male will pose as "the man who used to light your street lamp" and tell of a broken leg or a long illness which has left a large family in destitution. The woman may tell of a dispossess notice or a dead baby in the house, with no money to en-

gage an undertaker, In a majority of cases the recipient of the letter is suspicious and fails to reply without first investigating, but are enough of the credulous to make letter-writing a profitable busi-ness to those who are clever with their

The "jocker" is a master tramp or panhandler, and the "punk" is his boy apprentice who travels with him. Chief Forbes says that many of the boys who disappear from their homes are lured away by jockers to a life of degredation that is worse than death or slavery. He thinks that many of the mysterious disappearances of boys and mechild murders may be accounted

cinity of Chatham square where they rendezvous. They are responsible for many of the hold-ups in side streets after dark. In asking for aims they are always bold, and often insolent and domineering. If refused they will use a gun or a black-jack if the locality and surroundings render violence safe. If they ask for the time and you take out a watch, one of them is likely to grab it and run. Drunken men are

NEW PARSONAGE COMPLETED.

Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Dec. 18.—The parsonage of the Spencer Methodist church, which has been under construction for several months, has been completed and the pastor, Rev. J. E. Gay, and his family have moved into the same. The structure is one of the best and handsomest dwellings not only in Spencer, but is said to be one of the most commodious and attractive parsonages in the Western North Carolina Confer-

Beginning with Tuesday morning the Ladies Aid Society of the Methor dist church here will give a bazaar which promises to be interesting and profitable. They will offer for sale a number of useful and ornamental ar-Refreshments will also be served in the Shaver building, where the

The Presbyterian congregation of this place worshipped yesterday in the graded school building, their new church edifice not being finished. Rev. J. H. Gray, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Salisbury. preached two able and effective ser-

Messrs, A. L. VanCampen and W. H Burton, officers of the Spencer Rail-road Young Men's Christian Association, attended a special meeting at High Point yesterday, held in the interest of the hundreds of young men of that place. It is learned that it is the purpose of the State executive committee to establish an association in High Point provided sufficient encouragement is received. A conference of the business men of the town is being held to-day for the purpose of formulating plans for an organization.

A special meeting of the board of aldermen of Spencer was held Saturday night for the purpose of formulatment of the town. Among the improvements to be made in the near future is the building of a water and sewer system electric lights, an adequate school building and macadamizing the streets. Members of the board state that some definite and important announcements will be made within a few days. The anticipated improvements cost approximately \$75,000.

The young daughter of Mr. W. D. Dorton, of the Spencer Clothing and Shoe Company, is seriously ill with pneumonia and Miss Ida Flow, a trained nurse of Roanoke, Va., has been summoned here to care for the patient. learned an effort will be made to induce Miss Flow, who has attained an enviable reputation as a nurse, days one of these creatures would sit to remain in Spencer permanently, the town being in need of a resident nurse. The pay checks for the month of November were distributed to the Southern Railway employes here today. Many of the men are also leaying ton; O. L. Clark, Clarkton; E. W for their old homes in various States to spend the holidays.

Engineers S. S. Moore and H. T. Halshauser, who quit the road several months ago to enter business here, have returned to their first love having employed others to look after their

#### HOWARD-KNIGHT.

A Pretty Wedding in the Methodist at Tarboro - Contracting Parties Prominent in Social Circles.

Correspondence of The Observer. Tarboro, Dec. 17 .- At high noon on Wednesday, the Methodist Episcopal years. In his museum Chief Forbes church was the scene of a very pretty marriage, when Miss Mamie Howorgans and a large collection of rusty and became the bride of Mr. John H. Knight. Rev. R. C. Craven spoke the solemn words that made them ma:

> Wynn rendered the Mrs. Alberta wedding march, and the bridal party entered the beautifully decorated church in the following order: Miss Sue Knight with Richard Howard, Miss Sallie Salisbury, of Hamilton, with Ivey McCabe; Miss Sallie Knight, of Mildred, with Charles Richard, of Portsmouth; Miss Gussie Harrell with L. R. Fleming, of Hassell: Miss Hattie Lancaster, of Rocky Mount, with E. L. Roberson: Sallie Dupree, of Conetoe, with W. W. Salisbury, of Hamilton; Miss Carrie Howard, maid of honor, with K. B. Thigpen, best man. Little Miss Hat-tie Taylor was ring-bearer, and Henry Gilliam, Esq., Walter Howard, J. R. Harrell and D. Williams were the ushers. The bride was given away by her brother, E. L. Howard.

Immediately after the ceremony, a luncheon was tendered the bridal party and friends at the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. boarded a north-bound train for Washington, Baltimore and other cities, where they will spend their honey moon.

### STATES THAT GAINED.

New York One of the Few That Show-New York Sun. Fewer votes were polled at this year's presidential election than at the elections

of 1896 or 1900, and in a majority of the States there were fewer votes cast than at either of these elections. The States which showed gains were New York, Massachusetts, West Virginia. Rhode Island, Indiana, Connecticut, Ida-ho, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania. Utah, Wyoming , Vermont, California. Washington. Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Wisconsin and South Dakota. The other States showed generally a falling off varying from a few votes in Florida to more than 100,000 in Texas. The large loss in the latter puts it out of reckoning for four years, at least, as one of the big States, though the slipping of Missouri into the Republican column, makes Texas the chief of the States in the Deprecaratic electoral column.

to climb through open transoms and unbolt doors from within to give him admittance. The jocker is usually a brute of whom the small apprentice stands in mortal terror."

The "yeg men," or "johnny yeggs," are the most desperate of all mendicants. Some of them are migatory, will others settle in big cities. There tinity of Chartenown dives in the states of the South in which the surfrage has been abridged and in which no vigorous fight was carried on. Georgia for instance, showed a gain compared with four years ago, and Mississippi and the suffrage has been abridged and in which no vigorous fight was carried on. Georgia for instance, showed a gain compared with four years ago, and Mississippi and the suffrage has been abridged and in which no vigorous fight was carried on. Georgia for instance, showed a gain.

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Two States which showed a marked falling off were Kentucky and Virginia. In Kentucky, which has not adopted since the last presidential election any discriminating ballot laws, the falling off was \$5,000, and in Virginia the total vote declined from 255,000, four years ago, to \$25,000, a loss of \$140,000.

The vote of Illinois, too, showed a surprising alump, generally explained on the ground that the result of the election in it was foreseen. In neighboring Indiana, in which a hard light was made by both parties, there was no falling off in the vote. It increased above the figures of 1900.

grab it and run. Drunken men are their easiest prey.

TRAVEL ABOUT IN GANGS.

When "on the road" the yeggs generally traveled a small groups. Reaching the outskirts of a small town or village, one of their number will be sent ahead to beg and reconnoitre and lay plans for the gang to burglarize stores and dwellings after night fall. By daylight the yeggs, with their plunder, will be well on their way, if it has been necessary to shoot at night watchman, a constable or a householder aroused from his sleep, the gang will scatter, to meet at some yegg rendezvous perhaps hundreds of sales away.

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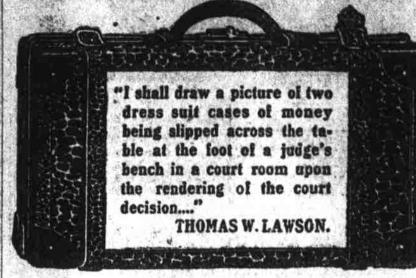
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Wilmington, Dec. 19.-The Carolina

Truckers' Colony, recently chartered velop the trucking lands around Ab- yesterday. bottsburg. Bladen county, organized here to-day by electing Z. W. Whitehead, editor of The Truckers' Journal, president; Col. John Wilder, vice presdent; W. J. Gibson, secretary and spades, another eleven hearts, the treasurer: W. E Humphrey, of Goldsboro, general manager; directors, W. Atkinson, Z. W. Whitehead, C. W. Polvogt, J. B. Mercur, of Wilming-Pou, Smithfield; W. E. Dunston, Webb and E. A. Humphrey, of Kin-Between 5,000 and 6,000 acres of land have already been purchased near Abbottsburg, and will be laid off A Little Care Will Save Many Charinto small farms, ranging from 10 to

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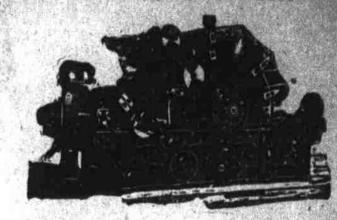
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