He is the Busiest of all "Grafters' And is the Hardest to Keep Track

Chicago Tribune.

The check workers are the buslest of all the "grafters" and the hardest to keep track of. They are at it the whole year round and cause the police a lot of bother because they vary their methods much.

Nearly all other classes of criminals have certain little peculiarities about their work by which they become known, but these fellows get np a new scheme every day. Some of them are really men of genius who could make a good living with their brains and tongues in almost any other line if they only cared to do so. They all have degenerate tendencies, say the detectives, which drive them to the commission of crime. The most of them would not reform if they could.

The most interesting of this class, perhaps, are not really "check workers" at all. They are the ones who make it their business to get genuine signatures to bona fide are the modern development of the now almost extinct class of swindcountry getting responsible farmers to sign machinery contracts, lightning rod agreements, or anything, in fact, which might be torn in two and become a promissory note which could be negotiated at bank. Now and then a modification of this old game still corps up in the backwoods district, and, spite of the fact that every farmer, having signed such checks. nowadays, takes a paper of some kind, in which these frauds exposed, victims are always found to illustrate the grafter's axiom that a new sucker is born every minute.

The modern idea is different. Not long since a new game was sprung The chief actor in the little financial comedy drove up to the house of a prosperous farmer. He dressed in a suit of sober and represented himself to be a good talker, and the two sat up tell from the original. till bedtime engaged in pleasant cor a couple hurriedly drove up and ask ed the farmer where a minister could be found to marry them

The farmer was an interested spectator of the happy affair, and at the most impossible to make, for conclusion of the solemn words that stance, an \$80 check out of an \$8 made the supposed elopers man and one Tinted and engraved paper that wife, was benevolently delighted to would show instantly the effects of sign his name as witness to an elab- acids or mechanical erasures began orate marriage certificate, the minister fished up from his completed, and after a few unsucbride and groom. In the morning the plug up the holes and reperforate signature appeared at a bank in the check raiser went out of busithe neighboring town at the foot ness, or rather, turned his pecuwas cashed without question.

Nearly all the papers in the coun try printed the incident at the time, but none of them had the story of how the trick was done. That did not become known until later. The certificate of marriage was printed on heavy cardboard, and wherever names or dates were to be written in the cardboard was cut away with a beveled edge, and the writing was done on smooth paper pasted on the back of the certificate and show a purely worthless check. His open the picture faulty. ing through the beveled holes. The effect was ornamental, and nothing wrong about it could possibly be suspected. Between the two sheets of pasteboard, however, a blank scorn to "turn a trick" for less that in "The Long Roll." But then the check had been inserted, to that its signautre line came right under the ever, who keeps the detective force quaintance with him was much closopening left for one of the witness -es, and in consequence the farmer was actually signing a check on his cwn bank when he goodnaturedly "witnessed" the fake marriage.

elaborate operation performed in Washington. A pretty and extremely wivacious young woman appeared one day with a handsome moroccobound and gold-mounted album slung fortunate in check transactions, in an alligator carrying case. The outfit was just about the neatest form attack. People who cannot see trifle, and both made a decided impression. She had the autograph mania, and wouldn't the dear Senator just favor her with his the place where she was going to it hpynotism or merely persuasivenes. insert his portrait when he gave it to her? In nine cases out of ten the "dear Senator" would, no matter what his usual sentiments regarding the autograph hunters, and if she didn't already have his photogarph he gave her one.

cashed on the same day at the va- G.he left, taking with him a cargo of services in school house in Berea rious banks. As the amounts were portable property, and leaving be-next Sunday at 3;30 P M.

Senators didn't like to "squeal" it was easy to write checks. when they are gulled.

Extraordinary pains are taken by to say that it is well to be on your forgers and checkworkers to secure guard for the fellow who wants a the bona fide signatures of wealthy check cashed; they are dangerous men. Besides letters so worded people to deal with in seven cases that they have some chance of out of ten. ed by the great man himself, every Miss Johnson Finds Some Criticism in Her Novel. was to present a petition relating to Nashville Banner.

reaching past the inconvenient private secretary, and of being answer ruse that ingenuity can devise is tried. A successful plan in one case a sewer in the big man's own section, and a score of other names, Stonewall Jackson in the war begiven in good faith, were secured tween the sections are well pleased before the big man was approached. with the pen portrait of the great He was caught where there was no Confederate Miss Mary Johnson has pen and ink handy and signed the drawn in her novel, "The Long petition with a hard, blunt pencil Roll," and it is said also that Mrs. that was given him, unwittingly sign Jackson who still survives. does ing, at the same time, a check not approve the likeness. The latthrough the transfer paper beneath. ter statement, however, is a mere A goodly sum was secured on his rumor, no criticism of the book from

As a rule, however, the signature lic. is all that is wanted. If one of the Mary Johnson was born after the checks, unknown to the signers. They joicing for then all the little pecu- achievements as history records lers who used to drive through the where are there to be copied. One acter as she could gather from fact that they could not remember rily difficult.

had a zinc etching made from it, colonial period he found general book, "Coke Upon Littleton," suppletook a matrix of the zinc engraving, Crisis." In what he wrote of the and into this matrix cast a hard approval, but in attempting to paint rusal of the "Digest of the Virginia rubber composition which retained men remembered by those still alive Acts." just enough of is elasticity not to he brought forth resentful criticism. show any traces of embossing on the paper receiving the imprint from to Jackson. More than that, she black it. A metal "but" would have shown places him high in the list of the profound knowledge of history. After its impression on the back, but world's heroes, but the old sol- no little deliberation he received his with the composition "stamp" he diers seem to think she has exagger license. requested shelter for the night and was able to produce duplicates of a ated his eccentricities for the sake was hospitably received. He proved signature that experts could not of lending interest to her story.

and, of course, the circuit rider got precautions have been thrown a- the narrative. round checks by people who deal largely in them that it is now alwhich the work that the check perforators

> There are many elaborate schemes and engraving establishment in New York which is devoted entirely to

tions are much more common and the sums involved are usually much gestion why some of the old sol smaller, though even in this line diers who knew Jackson are not there are some "high rollers" who pleased with his picture presented \$1,000. It is the little fellow, how- soldiers ought to know. Their acof any large city continually on the er than that of Mary Johnson.

The usual course of operation is to purchase goods after banking hours ,and present a check calling for more than the amount purchased Of a similar nature was a more The ruse is so often successful that it is a wonder merchants do make an iron-clad rule against these deceptive bits of paper. Hotels and saloons seem to be particularly unthough no line of business is free how others can be taken in on able and even clumsy frauds forget to take into consideration the name effect of personal magnetism, which there below his portrait or below is a real factor, whether you call

There is a general sameness about nearly all these cses, though now and then a new phase is developed. Two miles from Creedmoor, good A new plan was evolved recently by dwelling good out houses, well ima fellow who drifted into town and tobacco farm, 125 acres more or less. answered the advertisement of eve- For further particulars apply to S. ry person who had anything to sell L. Moss, Creedmoor, N. C. The name was signed through an All were invited to call on him at opening in the card, just as in the the apartments he had rented for marriage certificate, and in every case the puprose, and he proved a liber- the Mountain State Business College a check was signed. Not one of al buyer, purchasing everything that Parkersburg, W. Va., can always se these checks were offered for pay- was offered to him at almost any cure employment Write today for ment until the persuasive young wo price, and paying by check. In a their 96 page Catalogue. man had secured all that could be couple of days before the checks handled in safety, when they were had time to come back marked, N.

SCHEMES OF "CHECK WORKER. in no case large not much stir was hind him scores of people who had. made about the matter and, then, paid dearly for the knowledge that

It is just a good piece of advice

STONEWALL JACKSON.

in Her Treatment of Great Hero

Some of the soldiers who followed ground. Mrs. Jackson having been made pub

"goodthing gents" can secure a real war between the sections and her check written by one of his intend- presentation of Jackson of course, ed victims it is an occasion for re- comes of the study of his life and liarities that distinguish a check them, with such description of the low men.-Pearson's Weekly. signature from a name signed else- man and such estimates of his charsuccessful check worker had a meth those who knew him, and the perod which could not be discovered fo sonal incidents they related. There a long time. The signature on the is no doubt that she was both inchecks he presented were so ap- dustrious and careful in gathering parently geniune that even the material, and it also is fair to infer men on whom the swindles were she was conscientious in her porperpetrated could not swear that trayal. But the reproduction of a they were forgeries except from the real character in fiction is necessa-

Winston Churchhill had the same It was at last discovered that trouble in the picture he attemptthe fellow first secured a signature, ed of Grant and Lincoln in "The

Miss Johnson is entirely friendly That is a common and probably una All these schemes seem to have voidable fault with the historical versation. Just about retiring time sprung up to take the place of novel. The picturesque quality of "clean" forgeries, which are in their a character presented in fiction

decline, and of check raising, which must be accentuated if not exaggeris practically a lost art. So many ated to give point and piquancy to

The difference between real history and the historical novel is very much the same as that between a photograph and an idealized portrait. The photograph may be more accurate but it does not appeal to the imagination. The portrait may bring something the artist discovers that the camera has little black grip as a present to the cessful but ingenious attempts to failed to catch. We are all familliar with the sartirical rhyme, beginning, "I never saw a purple cow" -and as cows are seen by the comof a check for a large amount and liar talents in some other direc- mon eye, it is true, but the brownsing kine that appear in painted landscapes frequently have purple such as those mentioned and it is tints. The artists insist that these said that there is a large printing colors exist in nature and the connoisseurs agree that the picture would be defective without themthe production of counterfeit check A farmer who saw a picture purblanks and other printed matter for porting to be a portrait of a familiar cow thus painted would likely The genius "check worker" is a dissent as to the accuracy or the man who, by plausible story and likeness; but a skilled artist would glibness of tongue contrives to pass not for the same reason pronounc

This is ventured merely as a sug-

Stonewall Jackson was not a prob lematic character Oliver Cromwell whom he in some respects resembled, has been for three centuries both loved and hated, lauded and condemned, but no one speaks ill of Jackson. At the North as well as the South is agreed he was a great soldier and a good man-He was very earnest, strongly religious, direct of both thought and action plain, capable and brave. These outlines would probably meet minutia of detail required for general acceptance, but with character in a novel the work is necessarily difficult and no trait so painted would likely meet general acceptance.

Valuable Land for Sale

The Bookkeeper or Stenographer 3—4tpd)

The Rev. Mr Horsefield will hold

JAPANESE DENTISTS.

They Use Natural Weapons in Assaulting Their Victims. Five Years.

Japanese native dentists conduct their business in a manner which would undoubtedly cause any European practitioner to open his eyes in amazement. The victim is seated on the ground. The dentist bends over him and forces his left hand between the patient's jaws in such a manner that the mouth cannot possibly be closed. Then he grasps the doomed tooth between the thumb and forefinger of the right hand and with one deft wrench removes it and throws it upon the

So great is the skill of these native dentists that many of them are able to remove six or seven teeth per minute. Indeed, their skill is hardly to be wondered at when one considers the course of preparatory training they are obliged to undergo.

A number of holes are bored in a stout plank, and this is fixed firmly to the ground. In the Hiles are driven wooden pegs, and the would be dentist has to extract them with his fingers without dislodging the board. This process is repeated with a board of pine wood and finally with one of oak. and it is only when he has succeeded in extracting the pegs from the oak plank that the Japanese considers himself qualified to practice upon his fel-

MAKING A LAWYER.

It Took Patrick Henry Six Weeks to Prepare For the Bar.

Patrick Henry when he was young married man of twenty-three was a complete failure. He had tried clerking, farming and keeping a country store, all with equally negative or disastrous results.

"Best of all," he said cheerfully to himself, "I will become a lawyer." Six weeks he allowed himself as a

matter of formality to prepare for the bar. During this time he read one mented by an equally strenuous pe-His examiners. Wythe, Pendleton,

Peyton Randolph and John Randolph. hardly knew whether to be more amazed at his ignorance of law or his

"Mr. Henry," John Randolph exclaimed enthusiastically after his examination of the young neophyte. "if your industry be only half equal to your genius I augur that you will do well and become an ornament and an honor to your profession."-Green Bag.

Queen Bess' Wardrobe. Royal annals have never recorded a more varied and extensive wardrobe than that which belonged to the "virgin queen." Even at the age of sixtyeight, when she might be supposed to have outlived her youthful vanity, she possessed 99 complete official costumes, 102 French gowns, 100 robes with trains and 67 without, 126 antique dresses, 136 bodices, 125 tunics, not to mention such trifles as 96 mantles, 85 dressing gowns and 27 fans. It is possible that she had an ugly foot, for she possessed only nine pairs of shoes, which, considering her extravagances in other articles of apparel, must have some meaning. At her death 3,000 articles were found duly catalogued in her wardrobe

which had adorned her proud person.

Winter and Summer Sun. The sun is nearer to the earth in winter than it is in summer. It is not distance that determines the amount of heat that we got from the sun, but the length of time the sun is above the horizon and the direction in which his rays strike us. In summer, although much farther from us, the sun is daily above the horizon much longer than when he is nearest, at the winter solstice, and this continued action produces the summer heat. In addition to this is to be reckoned the fact that in summer the force of the sun's rays is more perpendicular to the earth's surface, while in the winter they are oblique. In the case of the perpendicular ray the heat stays, while in that of the oblique ray it "glances off," so to speak.

"Oh, Had I the Wings of a Dove." The daily papers reported the other day a visit of the primate to a convict prison. The prison has been built by convict labor. Convict hands have done the carving. A convict played the organ, and it looks as if a convict selected the hymns. One of them, "Oh, Had I the Wings of a Dove," the convicts are said to have sung with great heartiness. It is easy to believe. -London Truth.

Importance Recognized. "Do you think that man fully appreciates the importance of the office to which we have elected him?" said one constituent.

"I guess he does," replied the other. "The first thing he did was to say it ought to command a larger salary."-Washington Star.

Bean Ballots.

Greeks and Romans of the ancient world invariably used white and black beans for voting at trials, the white bean signifying acquittal and the black one conviction.

Particular Speech. "My dear, do you love me still?" "I still love you, and I suppose I would love you still if I ever saw you that way."-Baltimore American.

History is indeed little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind.-Gibbon.

DIVORCE IN ANCIENT ROME.

One Woman Had Eight Husbands In

"We are assured by Seneca." says the historial lage, "that there were women in ancient Rome who counted their ages not by their years, but by the husbands they had had. Juvenal tells of one woman who had married eight husbands in five years. Divorce was granted on the slightest pretext. Many separated merely from love of change, disdaining to give any reason, like Aemilius Paulus, who told his friends that 'he knew best where his shoes pinched him.'

after by wise men. Their complete "I'll give you a chew." emancipation made them difficult to manage. Accordingly, since both rich and poor wives were objectionable, the large majority of men never married at all. In most cases a Roman bridegroom knew practically nothing of his wife's character until after marriage.

"Marriage for the Roman woman way on it rythmically as would a meant a transition from rigid seciusion to almost unbounded liberty. She appeared as a matter of course at her husband's table whether he had company or not. She could go where she liked, either to the temples of Isis and Serapis or to the circus and am- would follow him even up a pair of phitheater. She had her own troops steps and into a house but that she of slaves, over whom she ruled with- too, was supplied. out interference."

THEY ATE LEATHER.

Their Tough Food.

his piratical crew were sometimes in a dignified appearing man tight places at Panama and on one watching "Kit" enjoy her wad occasion were reduced to eating their fine cut. leather bags.

pany (Exquemelin, whose narrative is time I took a chew in the animal's reproduced in "The Buccaneers in the presence, and handing it to her, as West Indies"), "who never were out of bout to see what I had. It was not their mothers' kitchens may ask how long until she would take a chew these pirates could eat, swallow and of tobacco in preference to a lump digest these pieces of leather, so hard of sugar.' and dry, unto whom I only answer hunger-or, rather, famine-is they seriousness. would certainly find the manner by

to render it by these means supple horses." and tender. Lastly they scraped off the fire. And, being thus cooked, they most of the big race tricks in the of water, which by good fortune they was under discussion had right at hand."

Coquelin Made the Audience Wait. praise the genial actor in his dressing would almost break his chain room between acts.

to the actor, "in the couplets of the reward you with a kick. Yes, Time 'Cadets of Gascony.' " At that moment word came to Coque-

"Wait, wait!" exclaimed Coquelin. 'Leave me here alone with Binet."

"My friend." he said to the architect, it is with pleasure that I am now going to repeat the passage which has pleased you. For me your approbation is worth more than the plaudits of the whole house."

And while the audience waited be gave anew for Binet alone the "Cadets of Gascony."-Cri de Paris.

A Famous Walking Match.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich was one of the characters made notable in a celebrated walking match which was got up by Dickens during his second visit to America. The match was a stretch of about six miles over the Boston milldam toward Newton Center. In the articles of agreement the signatures were stated to be: The Boston Bantam J. R. Osgood

Massachusetts Jemmy.....James T. Fields The Gadshill Gasper..... Charles Dickens At the dinner given by the contestants at the Parker House, in Boston. after the fatigues of the match were

over there were present besides the Hyperion......H. W. Longfellow Hosea Biglow......J. R. Lowell The Autocrat......O. W. Holmes The Bad Boy......T. B. Aldrich

Remembered the Accent.

"Queen Mary," said the teacher to the class in the history lesson, "loved France so much that she declared 'Calais' would be found written across her heart after she was dead."

Pausing a moment, the teacher look ed at a boy steadily. "Jimmy Smith." she said. "you were

not listening." "Oh, yes, I was," Jimmy replied. "Well, what did Queen Mary say would be found written across her

"Kelly," was little Jimmy's triumphant reply.—Exchange.

"My dear, we simply have got to economize."

"Mercy sakes! Haven't I been economizing! Instead of letting Willie have money for car fare I'm sending him in the automobile to his dancing class."-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Severe Test. He-Yes, darling, when I am with you I feel inspired—as if I could do some perfect thing. She-Maybe you play of plain and fancy sewing could order a luncheon that I would was won by Mrs. Elijah Jones. like without consulting me.-Puck.

"Good luck" results from well directed efforts to succeed.

HORSE CHEWS TOBACCO.

Learned the Habit From Its Master and Loves the Weed. From the Kansas City Journal.

"Whoa! Whoa there! Stop that herse!" shrieked a man at Eighth street and Grand avenue, as the animal was delibertely following another man upon the sidewalk. The second man had in his hand a small package, and when he turned at the sound of the alarm, it was seen that the horse was intent on getting to the package.

"Oh, now, don't get nervous, Kit," "Rich wives were not much sought he said, soothingly, to the animal.

> Then the man opened a package of fine cut tobacco, took an ordinary 'chaw" for himself, and divided the remaining part of a newly opened sack with the horse. The animal took the large quid and actually seemed to smile as it munched acow on her cud-

The owner of the horse, William J. McCart, a claim agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, explained that "Kit" was very fond of her "chew", and whenever he took one where "Kit" could see him she

"She don't seem to want tobacco unless she catches sight of some one in the act of taking a chew, and then she will have hers, matter who the man may be who The Way Morgan's Pirates Prepared exposes the weed," he explained.

"What got our horse into the The infamous Captain Morgan and habit, how was it acquired?" asked was in the little coterie which was

"I did it," replied McCarty, "I "Some persons," says one of the com- begun by nipping off a little every

"Does the animal expectorate?" that could they once experience what asked the dignified person in all "Well, not so as to be noticed."

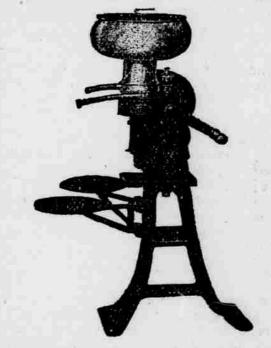
replied her owner. "The horse their own necessity, as the pirates did. swallows the juice from the tobac-"For these first took the leather and co, and finally the quid itself. And sliced it in pieces. Then they beat it I am here to tell you that I have between two stones and rubbed it often found the tobacco far more healthy dipping it in the water of the river for a horse once in a while than

the hair and roasted or broiled it upon horse man and official starter at cut it into small morsels and ate it. country, chanced to be present helping it down with frequent gulps when the tobacco chewing horse

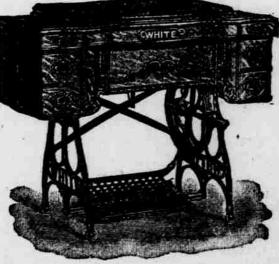
"I was born and reared down here in the West Bottom," said McKnight, "and I recall "Old Tim." a tobacco chewing horse that used The architect Binet was a friend of to be on the truck in engine house the elder Coquelin. He delighted to No. 1, down on Union avenue. Chief speak of a performance of "Cyrano Hale will remember Tim. Why, he de Bergerac" in which he went to was so vicious after a chew if he saw any one with a plug that get to you. And if you took a chew "I admire you above all," he said and passed him untoticed Tim would was a confirmed chewer, and I have known of several good race horses which had the habit. They are just lin that the curtain was rising for the like human beings; when once they get the desire for nicotine it sticks with them."

"How dreadful," sighed the ministerial looking spectator, "it is a pity that human beings could not keep their injurious habits without temptng innocent domestic animals.'

"Tobacco at intervals is good for a horse," replied McKnight. "It prevents many of the ailments from which they suffer."



This Cream Separator offered for the best display of dairy animals and products was won by S. A. Fleming, of Hester.



This White Sewing Machine offered at the County Fair by A. J. Kittrell, for the best disof Stem.