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To show what precautions are taken by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to prevent fraud of any sort, it is necessary only to follow a bank-note through its various processes before it is issued to the world.

The steel-plate which serves as a die is not engraved by a single hand, but by several, each man being given that part of the work for which his training has especially adapted him. A pair, indeed, is done by a most delicately adjusted machine, which cuts with a mathematical precision that no human hand is deft enough to imitate perfectly—a bit of mechanism, moreover, to elaborate for counterfeiters to make and too expensive for them to buy. One of the surest means, by the by, of detecting even the best counterfeit is an examination to see whether the parts of it which would have been assigned to certain engravers bear the marks of their individual workmanship; for each engraver's handling of his tools is so characteristic that an expert can speak for it at a glance.

The several engravers having at last completed the dies for the face and back of a note, excepting only the seal, the signatures, and the check number, each die is put into a press where a steel roller—whose surface has been slightly softened for the purpose—is run over it with very heavy pressure, and bears away an impression of the engraving usually reversed and in relief. The roller is then hardened again and put into another press, where it is rolled over a softened plate under eight or ten tons' pressure, and leaves behind it a facsimile of the engraving on the original die. This new plate is then hardened in its turn, and becomes ready for use in printing notes.

From the moment that the original die is finished it passes out of the control of the Bureau officers proper, and is turned over for safe keeping to a custodian appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. He makes his headquarters on the lowest floor of the Bureau, where he has a fire-proof and burglar-proof vault in which to store the material intrusted to him. Each roller made from the die and each plate made from the roller is given also into his keeping. In order that an additional safeguard may be put over this precious property, the one entrance to the vault is closed by two doors. Each of these has a time-lock, which would prevent its being opened in any event until half-past six in the morning, the hour the Custodian comes to his post. The Custodian possesses the secret of the combination which will unlock the outer door; but even he does not know the combination of the lock of the inner door, which is under the guardianship of his chief assistant. Each of these men being independently responsible, it would not be to the interest of either to share his secret with the other.

When the Superintendent of Engraving wishes the use of a plate or other material for his men to work on, he must make a written requisition, to which not only his signature, but that of his clerk must be appended, stating in full detail what is wanted. This requisition, when certified by the custodian, is filed as a voucher against the superintendent, and is not released to him again till he has returned every iota of what has been given him out of the safe.

The same is true of the Superintendent of the Printing Division, when he wants plates for use on his presses. He, in his turn, keeps an accurate account with the pressman to whom each plate is temporarily entrusted for printing. No pressman is allowed to do the face and the back of a note both. The pressroom is divided so that all the faces are printed on presses in one row, and all the backs on presses in another row, so separated as to be out of reach of each other, though all are constantly in sight of the officer in charge.

The notes are printed on distinctive paper, manufactured for the Government under careful restrictions, and furnished to an officer in the Treasury Department directly from the mill. By him it is inspected, and his clerks count it off into bundles of exactly 1,000 sheets each. These are conveyed, in instalments, to the Bureau of Engraving in a van built of steel, and guarded by four armed men. The officer of the Bureau who takes charge of the paper has it couned again by his assistants and it is receipted for by number. If there is a miscout, it must be done all over again; but in order to test the accuracy of these counts, it is customary to take out of one of the bundles in each batch a single sheet and lay it away in a safe. This puts the counters—who are generally women—on their mettle to see who will get the bundle with the missing sheet. When one of them reports a sheet short, the chief of division takes the reserved sheet out of the safe, consults his tally to see whether it was really abstracted from his package, and restores it to her, when she marks her work as correct and passes the paper on to the people who have to wet it down for printing. Here receipts have to pass again as vouchers for every sheet of the paper which changes hands. When the wetters give it in stated tales to the pressmen, there must be another receipting. When a pressman turns over his printed work to the people who are to put it into the drying apparatus, every sheet must be receipted for again; and so on through the processes of stamping the notes with their check numbers, inspecting them for defects in printing, and all the rest till they come out in perfect condition for public use. And the receipts are not given in a perfunctory way, but by actual count at each stage; for the rules of the Bureau distinctly state that if a sheet is lost, no matter in how imperfect a stage, the person in whose hands the vouchers show it to have been, will be charged with the full value of the sheet as it would have been if printed—which may run all the way from four dollars to four thousand. Should the guilty party have succeeded in concealing or confusing his identity, the charge will fall on the whole room, and be divided into equal shares. It is due to the employees of the Bureau to say that

in all the years it has been in operation that rule has never had to be enforced. —[New York Post.

**JAWS OF BEASTS.**

Queer Ways in Which Some of Them Are Fastened.

"Jaws are funny things. The crocodile's lower jaw is not socketed in the skull, as is the case with other animals, but the skull is socketed in the jaw, so that the animal can lift the upper part of its head as upon a hinge, and so capture whatever prey may be at hand without going to the trouble of getting upon its legs. This is a great saving of exertion to the saurian, which delights in wooing soft repose upon the buxom mud bank. It was Herodotus, the father of history, who first commented in recorded writing upon this surprising circumstance respecting the crocodile."

So Osteologist Lucas of the Smithsonian Institution was saying to a Star writer, and he added:  
"You can find another example of the same adaptation to the jaw to use in the case of certain carnivores, like the otter—a big weasel that has acquired aquatic habits. The jaws of such weasels are so fixed in the sockets that dislocation is impossible. In some instances you cannot, even after the animal is dead, separate the jaw from the head. This arrangement is evidently designed to enable the beast to bite to the greatest advantage without danger that the chewing apparatus will come loose."

"The elephant's jaw, on the other hand, not being intended for biting but for grinding vegetable food, is an appendage almost separate from the rest of the skull. Although enormously heavy it has only a small articulation connecting it with the upper skull, and its whole weight is carried by the muscles, in which it may be said to be slung, so that it can grind back and forth."

"A snake's lower jaw is attached to a sort of outrigger extending back from its skull. Also the two halves of the jaw are connected by elastic ligaments, so that it finds no difficulty in stretching its mouth sideways and perpendicular to its own length. Some deep-sea fishes are similarly rigged."

"The human jaw is very loosely socketed in the skull, so that it is often displaced by the mere act of yawning. Not being intended for biting purposes, offensive or defensive, no attention seems to have been paid by nature in making it fast."

"While we are speaking on this subject I may as well show you this little stuffed fish, which has no more popular name than 'autumnarius.' It angles for smaller fishes with this appendage on top of its head, which is designed to imitate a worm. The autumnarius keeps its imitation worm wriggling just above its mouth and, when a victim comes within reach, it is gobbled vertically, the jaw of the angler being set vertically instead of horizontally, so that it can receive the game by simply opening at the top, a gentle suction assisting the performance."—[Washington Star.

**A Piano with Each Flat.**

Proprietors of flat houses have been offering all sorts of conveniences with their apartments to attract house hunters for the last two years, until now a woman will not look at a six-room flat that is not steam-heated, lighted by electricity, possessed of a gas range and a patent refrigerator, decorated in high-art tints, and adorned with lace window curtains. Consequently, nearly every landlord in town is offering all these inducements, and there has been much gray matter wasted in looking up other attractions.

A young Napoleon in flat architecture, who had just completed a fine-looking row of buildings on the west side in Harlem, has found this attraction, and his apartments are going off like the proverbial hot cakes. He has built in the wall of every parlor a good, strong upright piano, just as other landlords build hat-racks in the hall and china closets in the dining room. Every woman who goes around to take a look at the apartments jumps for the piano the moment she gets into the front room, and after she has run her fingers up and down the keys and has given the dear old excuse of lack of practice to the janitor for her bad playing, she says, "I'll take this flat."

And take it she does, even if her husband complains that the house is five blocks too far away from the elevated station, and vows that the rent is \$10 more than he will ever consent to pay. It is rumored that the lessees of the piano flats have hired a combination music teacher so that they may learn the "Maiden's Prayer" and "Annie Rooney" altogether, and then in the summer evenings they will play these gems on forty-eight pianos at the same time. They will be obliging enough to leave all the windows wide open, and so the Park Commissioners will be spared the expense of hiring a brass band to provide music in Mount Morris Park for the inhabitants of Harlem.—[New York Times.

**"Hotch Potch."**

"The most delicious soup I ever tasted, bar none," said an epicure, "was a concoction that in Scotland they call 'Hotch-Potch.' It was served to me by a lassie with lint-white locks, quite guiltless of such superfluous luxuries as shoes and stockings. As I greedily laddled out every drop of the delicious stuff, two fat porkers watched me with sympathetic interest. 'Hoot awa, piggies,' said my fair Hebe, as she stooped guard until I had finished my repast, 'dinna interfere with the gentleman.' That I had tramped eighteen miles that morning over the heather may perhaps account for my extraordinarily keen relish, but it was certainly excellent in itself, for the dame gave me a list of its ingredients, and my wife gives it to me once in awhile. Anglicized, the recipe runs as follows: 'Cut two pounds of fresh snag mutton into small pieces; put them into a stewpan with three quarts of cold water and a tablespoonful of salt; set it upon the fire and cook very slowly, letting it simmer and keeping it well skimmed. After it has simmered an hour, add a large carrot, two turnips, two large onions, all

cut in small pieces, and two heads of cabbage lettuce. Let the whole simmer until tender and serve it with the various ingredients."

"I knew 'hotch-potch' was an old term in law," went on the gentleman, "and liking my soup so much, I had the curiosity to look it up. When undivided property is brought into the common fund it is called 'hotch-potch,' and an old writer on law says, 'It seemeth that this word is also used as a pudding, for in a pudding is not put commonly one thing alone, but one thing with other things together.'"—[New York Tribune.

**THE OGOWE DWARFS.**

A Diminutive People in the Depths of African Forests.

At a recent meeting of the Paris Geographical Society a letter was read from M. Paul Crampel, the explorer of the Ogowe Basin, giving an account of the Bayagas, a diminutive people who inhabit the great forests extending to the north of Ogowe, and are probably nearly related to the Wambatts described by Stanley. The Bayagas live scattered among the M'fangs, to whom their relation is one of semi-serfitude. When an M'fang chief becomes powerful enough, he surrounds himself with a band of these "Bohemians" of the forest; they become his hunters and ivory seekers. In return he supplies them with manioc and bananas. Changing their places of abode every four or five days, the Bayagas are dwarfs compared with the latter, whose height is often from 5 feet nine inches to 5 feet 11 inches. They are stout, well proportioned and muscular. The color of their skin is a yellowish brown. What strikes the observer most at first sight are the prominence of the superciliary arches, the great thickness of eyebrows, which are continuous, and the projection of the cheek bones. The neck is very short, the head set into the shoulders, chest broad and well developed, the arm strong and wrist stout, the legs crooked. The dominant characteristic of their physiognomy is an expression of fear. The traveler had not much opportunity of studying the women. He noticed, however, especially, the mutilation of their ears, the lobe of which is pierced by pieces of wood or ivory, and in this way is gradually enlarged until it touches the shoulder. The Bayagas, although polygamists, do not imitate their neighbors and masters, among whom a large number of wives are considered to be the greatest evidence of wealth. Among the Bayagas there is a paucity of married women, owing largely to the family organization, which tends to prevent marriages. A man has often only one wife; the chief two or three. The family is "patriarchal." The chief (the patriarch) lives with his children and grandchildren; sometimes, but rarely, one of his brothers joins the community, which never contains any but blood relations. A young Bayaga when married stays with his wife's family, and he only has the right to return to his original community and remove his wife thither when he has a son, and when the son has killed an elephant. The son always remains with his mother's group to replace her. A Bayaga woman never marries any one of another tribe. The traveler does not think that the Bayagas, even in numbers, would venture to attack, but they are well acquainted with the art of defense. Their language is utterly incomprehensible to a stranger, even to the M'fangs.—[London Times.

**Gold-Incased Bodies.**

Dr. Variot, one of the most distinguished physicians of the Paris hospitals, makes a striking proposition for the transformation of human bodies into indestructible mummies by means of a process of electroplating. By this means the entire form is surrounded by an envelope of metal, which preserves each feature in the semblance of life.

The process is somewhat complicated in practice although simple in principle. The skin of the cadaver is first painted or sprayed with a solution of nitrate of silver, which turns the skin an opaque black. The body is then placed under a bell receiver in a partial vacuum, into which vapor of white phosphorus dissolved in bisulphate of carbon is allowed to enter. This reduces the nitrate of silver and leaves the skin a grayish white, quite like a plaster cast.

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**Shot Like a William Tell.**

General Fournier was an apostle of the unique in duelling. The Mayor of Perigueux, France, was his bitter enemy, but as they moved in widely different social circles, the general found some difficulty in picking a quarrel. His opportunity came one day as he was showing off before some ladies his expertness with the pistol. The mayor passed, with a rose in his mouth. It was a considerable distance from the general's balcony to the mayor on the other side of the street, but the old fighter knew his skill. "Just notice, ladies," he said, "how I will pick the mayor's rose." He raised his pistol. The women shrieked that he should desist, but too late. The hammer fell, and the rose and the mayor dropped—the latter, however, only from fright. The general's expertness deepened his purpose. The sureness of his aim terrified the mayor out of sending the desired challenge.—[Argonaut.

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