THE KICKERS.

They kick when it's dry, they kick when it's wet,
They kick when they sky at a good winning bet;
They kick when it's warm, they kick when it's cold,
They kick at the storm or the summer-time fold;
They kick at the rain, they kick at the snow,
They kick at the pain of the rheumatic woe;
They kick at the fun and the laughter aloud,
They kick at the sun and they kick at the cloud,
They kick at the drink, they kick at the dust,
They kick when they shrink, they kick when they bust;
They kick if they fall, they kick if they rise,
They kick good and tall at the stars in the skies;
They kick if they're sick, they kick if they're well;
They kick till the kick kicks them out of—Pontiac.

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I desire to announce to my many friends that I can hereafter be found at the offices of the National Realty Co., 505 Whitney Building, Detroit, having secured an active interest in the firm. If desire to show my hearty appreciation of the many favors you have shown me in the past and beg for a continuance of the same. The latch string is out at all times.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES R. BROOKS.

There is no one in this vicinity but will wish Mr. Brooks the best of luck and fame in this new line. While living here Mr. Brooks welded a friendship with a great many people that will stay. In his chosen profession in Detroit he has won out admirably, and we are glad to know it. Here is our hand for continued prosperity, good health and happiness to James R. and family.

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INSTRUCTIONS BY WIRE.

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Say, Central, give a man a show!
Yes, this is hell! Excuse me, Nell!
Won't I get what? How do you spell—
Who was that lobster butted?—say!.
I can't stand here and yell all day!
Connect me with that line again!
When did they call? Fine service!
When?
Just now! Please give me two-four-nine!
Hello! Now, Nell! Keep off this line!
You want a card of what? Oh, Lard!
I understand! You want a yard
A yard of what? A yard of glue?
I have it now! A yard of blue—
Blue what? A yard of blue and white—
I see! A yard of blue and light—
You want a yard of light blue—Ripe?
Ripe what? Ripe tripe? I get it—stripe!
You want a yard how's that? Wash milk?
I see—of blue, white-striped wash silk.

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"The price of health in Camarlarious district is just 25 cents; the cost of a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Ella Slayton, of Noland, Ark. New Life Pills cleanse gently and impart new life and vigor to the weak. 25c. Satisfaction guaranteed at Charles J. Shain's and Cobb & Cobb's, druggists.

P. I. Soldier continued from first page.

I'll re up again.
Ah——h mel
Well,
There's another
Side to me. I can be decent when I try.
I can stay straight,
Keep sober, not even buy malt extract at the canteen.
I can go to the meeting-house and play my part as a
Good soldier of the Lord. And if you think there's
No fighting in that war,
You're off—way off. There is.
Give me a chance.
A man's a man; and a soldier, he's
Apt to be a little better man,
That's all.
Ask the general! Ask the enemy!
Ask the great
American people! Ask the world
To call around on
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GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

RECORD IS BAD

Financial Institutions Are Robbed Every Day, Says Expert

High Living, Fast Women and Speculation Chiefly to Blame

Boston.—It is only a defalcation of magnitude that attracts more than local attention.

When the wrongdoing of President Frank Hipple caused the $7,000,000 crash of the Real Estate Trust company, of Philadelphia; when Paul O. Stensland wrecked the Milwaukee Avenue State bank of Chicago through his misappropriation of $1,500,000 and when, more recently, Treasurer William F. Walker disappeared with $565,000 of securities belonging to the Savings Bank of New Britain, Conn.—in a big case of this kind the busy world pauses to gasp at the enormity of the crime and to bestow a fleeting pity upon the victims.

Now and then a remarkable theft attracts more than ordinary attention because of the difficulties overcome. Only a short time ago it was announced that $175,000 in currency had been stolen from the United States sub-treasury at Chicago under circumstances that baffled a score of keen-witted secret service men.

But, as Pierre Jay, commissioner of banking of Massachusetts, has pointed out, there are many embezzlements that are never known by the public. The amounts involved are made good by relatives and friends, or are quietly charged up to profit and loss.

"There are three embezzlements where one is reported," said the head of a surety company the other day. "Personally, I believe financial institutions are being robbed every day."

This seems serious; it is serious, but one should remember that there are a great number of institutions handling the people's money.

Did you know that on September 1 last there were in the United States 6,137 national banks—an increase of 4,065 since 1880—8,862 state banks, 742 loan and trust companies, 1,319 savings banks and 929 private banks?

Causes of Dishonesty.

But what causes dishonesty among employes and officials of financial institutions?

Why do men, occupying positions of trust and honor, who are generally respected, stand high, often in the church, are morally clean, so far as known, with families and pleasant homes—why do they become thieves and purloin thousands of dollars not their own?

From investigation of the cases of men who have betrayed their trust, three general reasons have been found:

Speculation.
Woman.
Social ambition.

In nearly every instance one or more of these reasons has caused the downfall.

First of all, it is the desire to get rich quick which lures men to their fall. Gambling, whether it be on the races or in the stock markets, has been the cause of many a man's ruin.

Having access to money, the bank president or employe who has gotten himself into a difficulty takes a surreptitious loan, fully intending to pay it back; failure follows failure, loss comes after loss, until at last there is the inevitable discovery.

"In every case which I have investigated," said an officer of a surety company, "I have found a woman at the bottom. Although the man stole the money to gamble or speculate, when a searching inquiry is made we always found a woman who was extravagant, with whom the man had become infatuated, or a wife who nagged him for more than he could afford.

"Men frequently embezzle to invest in schemes which they are led to believe will turn out well. They are probably married and desire to get ahead quickly. They need money to do it.

"Their homes must be well furnished, their wives beautifully dressed. The situation goads them to take the risk. Without any thought of being dishonest they use the bank's money for personal investments.

"With a man who becomes infatuated with a dashing woman the end comes more quickly. There is a rapid pace, with motor cars, theaters, cafes and other places of entertainment. He loses his head, loses all sense of discretion. Recently an official of a large Chicago bank threw $20 bills to a ballet dancer on a theater stage. This excited suspicion. His accounts were investigated, and to-day he is serving in prison."

Thefts of "Big Men."

The majority of bank thefts, according to bonding concerns, are by employes of the institution—cashiers, tellers, clerks. More money, however, is usually stolen by dishonest presidents or other officers. The aggregate amount of money which surety companies of the country are called upon to make good is said to be $400,000 a month.

An embezzlement, according to the representative of a surety company, is reported in Philadelphia every two weeks. The average is said to be proportionately larger in New York and Chicago.

The fascination of staking money, the zest of uncertainty, as well as the possibility of winning big stakes, tempt clerks to speculate. While the bank president may be taking plunges in stocks and sustaining heavy losses, the employe may be playing the races or taking chances in the bucket shops. Both lead to ruin.

Methods of Peculation.

Methods of peculating are many. One of the most common among employes is to falsify deposit slips and deposit books of persons who have dormant accounts and to falsify entries of cash taken in.

Men "higher up" can make loans on bogus securities and substitute "mens" or notes showing false loans. They usually have access to the vaults where money and bonds are deposited.

Although there is usually some apparent reason why men become defaulters, sometimes it is impossible to find the cause; it seems incomprehensible to the men themselves.

Concerning such cases, the president of a prominent surety company has made an interesting statement:

"Presidents of banks and trust companies who sometimes involve their institutions for large sums are often condemned for dishonesty when their real fault is bad judgment. It may be that the president has conducted his bank on conservative lines until he is implicitly trusted. The board of directors gladly intrusts its own responsibilities upon his shoulders and leaves him to run the business.

In Tools of Promoter.

"Presently along comes a promoter with more audacity than judgment. He presents a scheme that is daring, but still within bounds, offers the bank extra high interest, and perhaps a bonus besides, he gets the loan and pays it.

"The venture is repeated until the president is dazzled by the brilliance of the promoter's genius. At last a note cannot be taken up when due. The venture may be legitimate, but in judged. It is necessary to advance more money to safeguard the original investment.

"Here the president makes his fatal mistep. Instead of laying the whole matter before the board and confessing his original mistake, he makes an additional loan on his own responsibility and is still more deeply involved. By this time he is ashamed to tell the board of directors, and so he goes on getting deeper and deeper in the mire until the inevitable crash."

How to Prevent Looting.

Orson Smith, one of Chicago's best known bankers, after the Stensland exposure, declared that a new law of incorporation was necessary to prevent the looting of banks.

"The state bank examinations are all right," he said. "No law you can frame will prevent a thief from stealing if you give him a chance. Place your money in his hands and he is sure to run away with it if the way is open.

"Suppose you are carrying in your vaults a lot of fraudulent paper, which on its face appears to be all straight, how is any bank examiner going to discover it? It is absolutely impossible for him to prove the genuineness or falseness of every signature on the paper that is shown him as securities held by the bank as collateral for loans. He must simply take them to be what they appear to be on the face.

"The state bank examination law is all right, and it is just as efficiently administered as the national bank law. It is not so much a change in the law regarding examinations we want as a law regarding the incorporation of banks.

"It is much too easy to incorporate banks now. The law should be particular regarding the incorporators and the nature of the securities they offer in the first instance. Once they get started it is too late to correct the evils which should be prevented at the beginning. If you want reform, that is where it should begin."

Easy to Start Bank.

Ease with which a bank may be started was illustrated at Middleport, Ohio, last fall. The president of an institution there disappeared and $115,000 of the bank's money was found missing.

This man, it was stated, at one time started a national bank in that town, but this was closed and its accounts settled. Then the banker induced a retired clergyman to enter business with him and open a private bank. The clergyman converted his property into cash and invested $6,000. For a time the new institution seemed to flourish, but one morning it was found that the president was missing, the vault was empty, $3,000 in cash and paper worth less than $50,000. The bank building was found to be mortgaged to its full value.

Fever of Getting Rich.

"What remedy would I suggest for the dishonest man in banks?" said a man who has made a study of financial conditions. "There is one remedy among the big men—an unfailing sense of honor, integrity of character, pure, clean, moral living.

"But the fever of getting rich has inflamed the country. Men are impatient to get money; in fact, they do not care to wait for good investments to work out slowly. They wish to plunge, to go headlong into any promising scheme.

"It must be remembered that although the amounts of bank thefts have been increasing this does not mean that the percentage of such crimes is increasing per thousand of population. Besides, there is a great deal more money in banks now than 20 years ago.

"The stupendous figures of defalcations in this country, however, indicate a state of very loose morals in our business life. Then, too, with the desire to get rich there is a growing desire for expensive hobbies and expensive living. The rising financial fever is accompanied by a fever of corresponding gayety. And a gay life costs money."

BABY ELEPHANT AT PLAY.

Fun One Six Months Old Had in a Malay Jungle.

Mr. Burgess had most kindly sent back government elephants for the luggage, and on their return proposed that we should take them on to the next post, Grik, where others could probably be hired from the natives. This we agreed to do, and on a clear, sunny morning, which contrasted cheerfully with the previous downpour, set out with five elephants and a baby elephant accompanying its mother, writes J. C. Grew in Badminton Magazine, describing a journey through the Malay jungle.

A source of continuous amusement to us were the antics of the baby elephant. You have seen a kitten career madly around after its tail or a puppy tumble over itself in paroxysms of playfulness, but have you witnessed an elephant at the tender age of six months expressing its uncontainable spirits? I assure you there is nothing more excruciatingly funny.

To begin with, he suddenly charges a bamboo thicket, butting down great trees as carelessly as though they were cornstalks; these fall across the way together with a small avalanche of rotten boughs, placing your life distinctly in jeopardy and causing you to wonder anxiously whether in the event of a dearth of banboo you yourself may not be selected as a substitute.

Tired of this pastime, you will observe him surreptitiously filling his trunk with the semi-liquid mud by the roadside, which he appears to have swallowed until a sudden carefully aimed jet covers you from head to foot. The next moment he is trotting docilely by his mother's side, his whole being radiating innocence and defying calumny.

Perhaps the most amusing episode in our baby's infinite variety of entertainment was once when fording a brook he slipped on the muddy bank and landed on his back in midstream, where he lay, with his legs waving absurdly in the air, as helpless as an overturned beetle; the fond parent, feeling his predicament, was obliged to return and support him until he could regain his feet.

GAUDY FUNERALS IN SPAIN.

Much Pomp and Expense Attached to Being Buried Properly.

Getting buried in Spain, especially in a large city like Madrid, costs a great deal of money. To begin with, there is a huge black carriage, with enormous C springs, made up of a single flat platform designed to support the casket.

This is covered, but it is not inclosed with glass as the funeral coaches here. It is open on all sides. There are four huge black plumes which decorate the carriage. Wreaths hang on the four posts of the platform.

The wagon is drawn by any number of horses. The favorite number is ten. They are harnessed in pairs. It gives a sort of tallyho effect. All the horses carry huge nodding plumes on the head, fixed in the harness.

To walk alongside the horses and in the rear there are mutes wearing black knee breeches, with black stockings and long black shadbelly coats. They wear black three-cornered hats and wigs of white, with pigtails.

It is the custom to keep the catafalque waiting outside the door, with the casket lying on it. The men passing in the street all remove their hats. Many go up and look at the date of death and the age and most say a sympathetic word.

There are fully as many carriages as at the funerals of the poor here in this city. When all preparations have been made, the procession sets off. The hearse leads off and progress is made in the city at a snail's pace. If the way is muddy, as is not unusual, the mutes walking alongside get splashed from foot to head with the sticky, disagreeable Madrid mud.

When the procession gets into the outskirts of the town there is a change. The mutes generally pile up behind on the carriages and by the time the cemetery is reached the procession has lost something of its dignity. This may be imagined from the fact that some of the mutes are clinging to straps in back of the coffin and laughing and jesting as they jolt along.

Such a funeral will cost very close to $1,000, and that is not considered much.

HER FATAL OBJECTION.

"This is so sudden!"

As he heard the girl speak these words the astonished young man rose to his feet in bewilderment.

"Sudden!" he repeated. "Did I hear aright? More than two years ago, I believe it was, since I first met you. For several months after that I only saw you occasionally; then gradually, very gradually, I increased my visits. It took six months to get on a formal calling basis; it took six months more to be a regular visitor; six months more to call you by your Christian name; and it is only during the last few months that I have ventured, with many misgivings, even to hold your hand. And now, after all this gradual development of my love, you tell me that my declaration is so sudden. Do you call this sudden?"

"I do, indeed," she replied, calmly.

"But for what reason?"

The young lady replied, with some degree of hauteur:

"Simply this. I hardly imagined you would dare to speak to me like this for another two years at least, considering your present salary."

SAME OLD SYMPTOMS.

Peggy—What do you consider the best sign of spring weather?

Paul—The delicious feeling which makes you want to sit down and watch other people work.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

Sweet Time.

"Pop!"
"Yes, my boy."
"Are bees industrious?"
"Yes, very industrious, my son."
"They make honey, don't they?"
"Yes."
"I suppose they have a 'sweet time' making it, don't they?"—Yonkers Statesman.

A Hint.

"Have you a match?" asked the gossip who had dropped into the busy man's office. "My cigar has gone out."

"It seems to have the advantage of you," remarked the busy man.

"How's that?"

"It knows its place."

He Could Not Say More.

"You're as beautiful as—as—"

"Well, as what?" she asked, looking down and blushing.

"As a soap calendar," he declared.

Then she put her arms around his neck and drew a long, glad sigh, feeling that it would be foolish of her to expect him to say more.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Lucky Chap.

"What," asked the sweet girl, "was the happiest moment of your life?"

"The happiest moment of my life," answered the old bachelor, "was when the jeweler took back an engagement ring and gave me sleeve links in exchange."

Reading Aright.

Fortune Teller—Beware of a short dark woman with a fiery eye. She is waiting to give you a check.

Visitor (despairingly)—No, she isn't. She's waiting to get one from me. That's my wife.—Baltimore American.

One Definition of a Lie.

A boy at Sunday school described a lie as "An abomination in the sight of the Lord and a present help in trouble."

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—General.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 19th day of March, A. D. 1907. Present, Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

ESTHER M. LEONARD, Deceased.

Charles M. Leonard, executor of said Estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the Estate.

It is ordered that the 22d day of April, A. D. 1907, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL, Judge of Probate.
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ROSS STOCKWELL, Probate Clerk. 22mar-1hmr

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.—General.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1907. Present, Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

GEORGE McCUATER, Deceased.

J. L. Campbell, administrator of said Estate, having filed in said Court a petition praying for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the Estate.

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