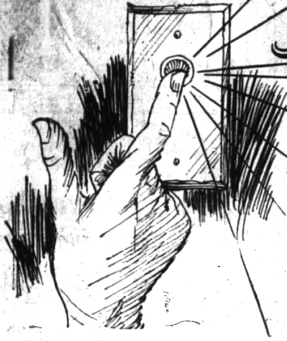


# Mrs. Housewife How Many Times



Chief Hackett

## Have You Been Pestered Today By the Peddlers



**HOW MANY TIMES** have you been disturbed when you were entertaining at bridge or luncheon by some peddler who had the audacity to request the privilege of showing her wares to your guests?

**HOW MANY TIMES** upon answering the bell have you had some peddler hold open the door with his foot in order to force your attention or upon refusing to patronize him how often has he become impudent and abusive?

**HOW MANY TIMES** have you been called to the door in the late evening only to find some Peddler who claimed to be working late in order to put over a special week's business either for himself or his manager?

**HOW MANY TIMES** have you answered the door, only to have a peddler present you with a card that entiled you to some trivial gift, explaining that she would be back to bother you again the next morning to give you the article? What did she sell you on her second call?

**HOW MANY TIMES** have you been called from the laundry on a busy wash-day only to have some high pressure artist launch into a long winded talk on the wonderful values HE has to offer?

**HOW MANY TIMES** do you answer the summons of your door-bell during the day, only to find one of those persistent pests—"The Peddler" who insists selling you this, that or the other thing?

**HOW MANY TIMES** have you been interrupted in telephone conversation by some peddler who was sure she had just the article you wanted?

**HOW MANY TIMES** when baby was cross and after several weary hours you have been successful in inducing sleep, has he been awakened by the crash of the door-bell and the inevitable nuisance—THE PEDDLER?

**HOW MANY TIMES** has it been necessary for you to walk one or more flights of stairs just to convince some peddler that you did not care to purchase her wares?

**HOW MANY TIMES** by his continual ringing of your bell and persistent talking has this peddler disturbed those in the sick room?

*Definition of the Word*  
**"Nuisance"**  
By Webster  
"That which annoys or gives trouble and vexation; that which is offensive or obnoxious."  
MODERN DEFINITION OF SAME WORD  
**"Nuisance"**  
By Mrs. Housewife  
**"A Peddler"**

# THIS IS A WARNING from the CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Housewives and  
Citizens of Birmingham

THIS IS A WARNING—TO BEWARE OF STRANGERS posing as salesmen, solicitors, or as inspectors. Strangers should not be admitted until their credentials have been checked up and verified through dependable local persons or local firms.

IN MANY CASES—Strangers without reliable credentials are locators or "spotters" for professional criminals and according to police records lack of caution on the part of the householders in admitting such strangers has often resulted in costly property losses and bitter experiences.

DO NOT PAY CASH IN ADVANCE to strangers on any merchandise—in many cases the customer HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANYTHING for his cash advanced—nor has there been any refund made of initial deposit.

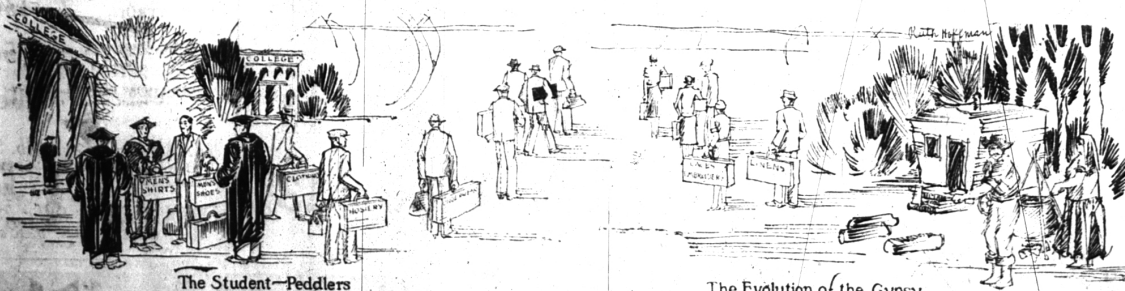
DO NOT CASH CHECKS FOR STRANGERS—Or issue a check to a stranger as a down payment—in a number of instances these checks have been "altered" and later cashed by a third and innocent party.

IT'S BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY—Be SURE you know who the stranger is at your door before allowing admittance to the home. IN CASE YOU ARE SUSPICIOUS—Phone the Police AT ONCE Phone No. 1000, as we are anxious to co-operate with our citizens at all times.

HIGH PRESSURE FREE GIFT ARTISTS have been working the residence district of Birmingham of late—selling all kinds of merchandise, offering "something free" as a means to gain admittance to the home. In most cases there is NOTHING to be given away free.

ONE NEED NOT BE AFRAID of offending the solicitor, salesman or Inspector living here or representing a local business firm. THEY WILL HAVE THEIR CREDENTIALS with them and welcome such investigation. That is why they are required to carry credentials. Protect yourself—ASK FOR CREDENTIALS SHOWING IDENTITY.

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The Evolution of the Gypsy

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