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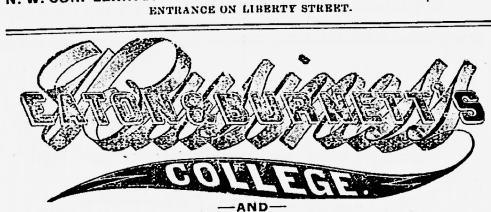
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## PRIZES IN JUNKSHOPS

OLD PIECES OF MAHOGANY TO BE PICKED UP CHEAP.

Lack That Comes to the Buyer Who Knows How to Hunt For Old Furniture-Source of a Solid Mahogany Table and a Sideboard of the Same Material.

Here and there in the slums or in little

frequented streets are the old metal and furniture shops where real bargains are to be had. That more real bargains do not come out of them is due to the fact of their being known to few persons who ap-

preciate their treasures.

What one finds in these shops is no better than the stock in the antique stores of reputation which are becoming common up town and line one avenue in particular, but it sells for fractional prices. The up town dealers know the value of their mahogany and brasses, and they affix a price almost invariably well in advance of that value. Their supply is pretty regular ly drawn from the same kind of source Some man whose house is handsomely fur

nished dies or fails or moves away. His household goods are sold at auction. Under the red flag gather representatives of the various antique stores to buy whatever is good in massive furniture and odd ornaments at prices averaging about onethird of the price which will be asked whom the article is transferred to the shop. With the small, unknown store the case is quite different. Sometimes the dealer pays almost nothing and so can afford to sell for comparatively small prices. Some-times he is himself ignorant of the values of his merchandise, and then his customer gathers in the dividend of superior knowledge. Again, his wares, particularly in the case of small goods, may have come to

with dishonesty. On the edge of the negro quarter on the drinks. lower west side is a little shop that does a sort of hybrid business in old metals, wood and miscellaneous junk. Without ever growler is frequently called "can" or getting into the police records it is still a of its customers, whose dealings with it in this sense, but panhandle is not a marine place of occasional police surveillance. One are of the kind which do not interest the police, bought two years ago a very beautiful and massive mahogany table from the proprletor of the place. Recently he found out where the table came from. "If you see anything good in mahogany dining room tables," he had said to the

him through devious ways. Honesty al-

half breed Italian proprietor, "hold it for At that time there stood in one of th old alley courts on the west side a number of very old houses, tenanted by the lowest class of Italians, the ragpickers. Of the original imagnificence of the mansions one outward and visible sign remained—the enormous mahogany doors, with small, fancifully shaped window pillars at the side. Glovanni, the junk shop keeper, had noticed those doors. He made arrangements which comprised two acquaintances of his, tenants of the house with the finest doors, an ax and a strong push cart. He himself was not concerned in the arrangements. The doors disappeared one night, also the window pillars, and two days later there were two Italian prisoners in the police court charged with malicious mis-

asked the police justice. "Burn 'en up. Firewood," said the Owing to the ignorance of the prisoners, they got off with \$10 fines. The doors, being cunningly planed down and joined, made a superb table. The window pillars, fitted with casters, inade a set of effective legs, one at each corner, curious enough to excite the admiration of any collector, and Glovanni's customer was as glad to pay \$75 for the result as Giovanni himself was to get it. To this same shop the Ital-

"What did you do with the doors?"

and fine old brass knocker or drawer han-Further over east, almost to the river front, is another shop, half curlo, half junk, where amid much rubblsh one occasionally finds something of worth. A shrewd, weazened old Irishman owns it, and to the question as to where he got any particular piece of property he gives alwave the answer.

ians who sell old inetal, too often acquired

from unused houses, bring many a rare

'A very dear friend of me uncle's gave it him, ine boy, and he gave it me." In the regulation junkshops along the river front bargains may be occasionally found, although the chances are against it. A Brooklyn woman exhibits with great pride a piece of mahogany which she got in this way: Wandering astray from the fegry, she noticed through the window a curiously carved leg on what appeared to be a battered old chest of drawers of massive proportions. It occurred to her that nothing but mahogany would be carved in that way. Closer examination of the article proved disappointing. It was covered with a dingy, cracked veneer. Nevertheless the visitor went inside and

asked for the price. "Two dollars," said the proprietor in accents which would have told a purchaser of any experience that half the price would be accepted.

Merely as a speculation it seemed worth the money, which was paid down, with the order that the article be sent to a place where polishing and repairing is done. "It's glad I am to get rid of it, lady," mid the man. "Last year it was I give 73 cents for it at a auction, and I haven't had the whisper of an offer for it till today." At the repair shop there was another

side to the story. The expert scraped away the vencer in various places and sponged the wood underneath. "Solid mahogany," was his verdict, 'and as fine grain as I've ever seen. It will cost \$20 to polish it and fix this front, and you'll have a sideboard to be proud

When the fortunate purchaser went in o see the result of the polishing a few days later, she was amazed and jubilant, so jubilant that she told the expert what she had paid for the piece. He threw up

"Two dollars!" he cried. "I'd not be afraid to offer you \$125 for it as it stands. Not once in a hundred times will you find anhogany with so fine a knurl." The sideboard now ornaments the Brooklyn woman's dining room, and the Brooklyn woman frequently ornament with her presence the riverside junkshop. But she has found no more prizes up to

"I'd rather." said the actor, "that you would dovoto fewer of your stories to my personal traits and adventures and more of them to my acting."

"Billy, my boy," said the press agent, with the easy familiarity of a man with an fronclad contract, "it is your acting that I am trying to draw the public's attention away from."-Cincinnati Enquirer. Said More Than He Meant. Sallie De Witte-Do you play whist,

Mr. Lange? Willis Lange-Me play whist? Well, I don't think! Sallie De Witte-Ah, true! I had forgotten that.—Brooklyn Life. Sensitive

"Willie is so sensitive." "Roally?" "Exceedingly so. When papa kicked him down the steps the last time, he didn't call again for three weeks."—Cincinnati

#### THE WIDOW AT THE LION. I was a country youth, and raw, When first I cust an eye on The fairest sight I ever saw— The widow at the Lion.

She dawned upon my astonished gaze
Like Hebe, sweetly smiling,
And charmed me in a hundred ways, Each more and more beguiling

Her lily hands brought nectar rare, Her own October brewing; I' faith, before I was aware. My heart was out a-wooing.

She spoke, and never nightingale Bang sweeter to my thinking. A subtler draft than nut brown ale Was that I sat a drinking.

A brimining cup of fancies fleet-How bitter my awakening! Yet every drop, I swear, was sweet, And time has paid the reckening. Now let a man drink deep, or not, He cannot long keep soler
Who mixes in his pewter pot
Young love and old October.
—Charles H. Taylor in Pall Mall Magazins.

ORIGIN OF PANHANDLER.

Its Invention Attributed to Mink Dusenhoffer of San Francisco. One of those slang words which, at first frowned upon, become regular and recognized individuals in the verbal community because they express something for which there is no other adequate expression, is the noun "panhandler," and its offshoot is the verb "to panhandle." A number of letters have recently been received asking by what authority the word panhandler was used and whence it came. The answer was that it established itself by authority of its being the only word to express that form of beggary which is characterized by the implied or actual threat of violence. As for the source of the word, the suggestion was made that a panhanways gots its heavy percentage in dealing | dler is one who handles a pan or can or growler, something used for carrying

> Other correspondents objected to this on "duck" or "pitcher," but nover a "pan." On shipboard the term pan might be used word. Another suggestion was that the word came from the west where the tough tramps who follow the line of the Panihandle railroad are called panhandlers. From a Californian who is visiting in town a Sun reporter got another version of the

word's origin. "About ten years ago," said the Californian, "there was a chap called Mink who started a bar and 'caffy,' as he called it, down near the water front. His place was pretty tough, but he had good things to cat, and the 'caffy' did a big business. One night his entire force of waiters struck for higher wages and Mink turned 'em out. In their places he got a gaing of scattermouches and mulligrubbers that didn't know bean soup from charlotte russe, commonly ordered under the name of Charley Ross. Dusenhoffer undertook to train 'em by dis ciplinarian methods, chiefly enforced with a beer mallet. On the third night there were five fights in the place between cus tomers and waiters; one man was shot and the whole gang of recruits fell on Mink and broke his head. Then they looted the bar and got drunk. That night about three dozen people were held up in that

part of the city. Mink put out a placard hat read: The public is warned against the gang of slush slingers, dish swabbers and panhandlers that left my place yesterday. They are thieves and murderers, and there is enough buckshot waiting for them here to blow them all to hell, where they belong.

MINK DUSENHOFFER.

"That gang made things lively for awhile, but they didn't tackle the 'caffy.' Every time there was an arrest for a hold up or assault during the next month the word went along the water front: "There's another of Mink's panhan-

"Pretty soon the word became a fixture for any tough character that was out of a job, particularly if he went into the hold up business. I heard it there as long as ten years ago, and I suppose it's been revised lately and come east."—New York Sun.

A Dress Covered With Fireflies.

The most wonderful dress ever beheld by human eyes was worn at a garden party by the Countess Palovolovetch. She is a lineal descendant of Ivan the Terrible and her famous ancestor certainly seldom did anything that caused such a sensation as that produced by his descendant when she appeared at the garden party in a garment decorated with fireflies. Lights of scarlet and threads of flam mingled in wonderful mosaic; then green dress. One minute it was glowing from other burst of color of dazzling brilliancy. The material was the richest of brocaded silk, and attached to it, each in a tiny net all to itself, were nearly 600 fireflies that glowed and glistened like so many electric "fairy" lamps. Over this was a cloud of real mechlin lace, through which came the strange gleams and darts of fire that had amazed the guests.

The fireflies were of the ordinary kind, except that in India they are more brilliant. About half a dozen of the tiny creatures died during the evening, but the rest continued to glow until the countess returned to her home. - Strand Magazine. A Superstition.

I learned of what is to me a brand new superstition just the other day and I tremble to think of the risks I have been running all these years in my ignorance of it. It was at an informal evening entertainment at the house of a woman I know, and in the room set apart for the wraps of the women guests was a maid who was directed to see to it that nobody's hat was placed on the bed, for the laying of a hat on the bed, as the hostess explained later. always signifies the approaching death of an intimate friend of the house. The superstition is, I believe, of Sicilian origin, and it's a very good superstition, I think, inasmuch as it tends to preserve the freshness of dainty bed coverings. - Washington

Throats and Electric Lights. The difference in the condition of the thronts of public speakers and singers since the introduction of the electric light is most marked. They have less irritation and less weariness during and after their the theory that gas and other flames dried out the atmosphere and consumed atmos pherical elements necessary to the best condition of the organs. In addition to this, the temperature is more even, and there is less danger from air currents. Where any great number of gas jets are used, the air at the ceiling of a room has the vitality totally burned out of it and is heated to a very high temperature. An open door or window letting in fresh air creates violent agitation in the air, sometimes sets gusts of air whirling through the room, especially at the somewhat raised portion where the performers are situated. A specialist in throat troubles thinks that what is known as singers' sore throat may become much less frequent when electric lights are universally adopted.—New York Ledger.

The Chinese government levies a regufar tax on beggars and gives them in re-turn the privilege of begging in certain districts,

BLEW NINETY MEN. A Buccancer Captain Puts a Captured Crew to the Sword.

Stockton in St. Nicholas. Writing of the Frenchman L'Olonnois and his adventures, Mr. Stockton says: By the time the war vessel had arrived at De los Cayos, L'Olonnois had made his preparations to attack the place. But after the ship had come there was a change in

its captain heard the Spanish ship was coming. Then the canoes were allowed to They rowed off into the darkness and waited until nearly daybreak; then they boldly made for the man-of-war, one canoe attacking her on one side and the second on the other. Before the Spanish could comprehend what had happened there

were asked if they knew anything about

the pirate ship upon the coast. L'Olonnois

made one of his prisoner fishermen answer

that they had not seen a pirate vessel and

any that it must have sailed away when

fastened. on the deck of his prize and ordered the prisoners to be sent up from below. As soon as each prisoner was standing before L'Olonnois the pirate slew him, and he thus killed nearly a hundred.

#### POOR, STRICKEN CHILD!

Sho Was Always So Tender, So Affection ate and So Augelic. Fond Mother—Why, my pet, you should not strike your little brother that way.

his head, so there!" Fond Mother-But, my dear, you know t isn't ladvlike for little girls to-Spoiled Child-You get out! If you say inother word, I'll—I'll tell the minister what you said about his wife's new dress.

Spoiled Daughter-There you go! knew you would. Always coming between old head off, if you want to, but I'll marry him just the same. Fond Mother-But, my dear, it may be that your dispositions-

stop your chatter and see about supper. He'll be here tonight. visitor)—Yes, it is too true, too true. husband have really separated? she came home last night. Oh, that she should ever have married such a brute!

How the Japanese Sleep. it has been put away during the day. One gleams passed and repassed across the or two large thick futons, or cushions, are the waist to the hem; then the bodice and coverings which look like enormous would light up; then all would grow dull kimono or clothes are spread over them. and gray, only to light up again with an- Every traveler has told of the pillow made of a wooden box with a little cylindrical ly inclose the whole room.

As a rule, Japanese families retire early. Ten o'clock is about the average time. Eleven is considered late. A function that begins at 9 or 10 and lasts till the small hours of the morning fairly staggers the Japanese. "Why," they say, "even ghosts, who are comme il faut, retire by that

It Made Him Particular. a plank floating by.

"Yes, yes; save me!" she shrieked.
"Then there'll be no falling into my
arms and calling me preserver, will there?" "Oh, no, no!" "And you won't insist on marrying me for my heroic conduct?"

makes me a bit particular now."-Strand Magazine. What Is Defilement In India.

Fooling Him. "Dumpley, I hear that you have been misrepresenting me," said his neighbor indignantly. "Brozer told me all about

Review.

"The Buccaneers of Our Coast" is the subject of a series of sketches by Frank R.

the state of affairs, and he was obliged to

Of course L'Olomois could not now row leisurely up to the town and begin to pillage it as he had intended, but no in tention of giving up his project entered his initid. As the Spanish vessel was in his way, he would attack her and get her out of his way if the thing could be done. He was obliged to devise some stratagem, and he also needed a larger force. He therefore captured some fishermen to help row his cances. Then by night he pro ceeded slowly in the direction of the Span ish vessel. The man-of-war was anchored not far from the town, and when, about 9 o'clock in the morning, the watch on deck saw some cances approaching they naturally supposed them to be bouts from shore The cances were hailed, and after hav ing given an account of themselves they

were more than 20 pirates upon their decks, the drended L'Olonnois at their

The pirates had the advantage. They had overpowered the watch and were defending the deck against all comers from below. It requires a brave sailor to stick his head out of a hatchway when ho sees enemies on deck armed with cutlasses. But there was some stout fighting on board. The officers came out of their cabins, and some of the men were able to force their way into the struggle. The pirates, however, fought, each scoundrel of them, like three men, and the savage fight ended by every Spanish sailor or officer who was not killed or wounded being forced to stay below decks, with the hatches securely

Spoiled Child-I will. If he touches my doll again, I'll break another chair over

Fond Mother (some years after)-My dear, it seems to me this engagement to Mr. Goodsoul is very sudden.

me and my happiness. You can jaw your Spoiled Daughter-If I can get along with such an unreasonable creature as you I can get along with anybody. Now, just

Fond Mother (two years afterward, te Visitor-And so your daughter and her Fond Mother-Yes, poor, stricken child, She was always so tender, so affectionate, so timid. Poor angel! He must have

abused her terribly!-Pearson's Weekly. When night comes, beds are prepared says K. Mitsukuri in The Atlantic. Bedding is brought out from the closets where spread directly on the mats of bedrooms, cushion on the top, but this kind of pillow is going out of fushion. Softer cylindrical pillows, made by stuffing a cloth bag with husks of buckwheat, are now more commonly used. In the summer it is necessary to have mosquito nets, which general-

"Save me, save me!" she cried, as her head rose above the water, and she grasped "I beg your pardon," he replied, from "but I want it distinctly underthe bank. stood that I'm a married man with seven

"No. no: only save me!" "All right, I'll tackle the job," he responded, as he threw aside his coat. "You see," he explained, just before diving in, 'I was caught by one o' these dodges one before, and that's why I'm married; it

shrino in which the household gods are placed, like the ikon in a Russian house. The very shadow of a European or native of a different casto passing over these or the culinary utensils of the family is a deflement, but the use of unlodorous disin fectants is, in the belief of the people, an outrageous desecration, calculated to call down on the family the wrath of the gods, and only to be atoned by rigid pryaschit (penance) and the administration of the panch gaviya, a foul pill composed of the five products of the cow.-Westminster

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