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We have a large stock
of Bran, Shorts, Feed,
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To My Patrons and Citizens of Griggs Co.

I wish to take the opportunity of thanking you all for the liberal patronage you have given me for the number of years past. I have been connected with the Gull River Lumber Co. Now that I am starting in the same line of business for myself, I can assure you that a continuation of that patronage or at least a part of it will be greatly appreciated. I hope by square dealing and courteous treatment to all, to not only retain a share of the trade I have been favored within the past but to secure some new trade as well. I am now receiving some stock and by March 1, I hope to have my stock and buildings in shape to do business. Whether you are in need of anything in my line or not I shall always be pleased to receive a call from you at my new place of business.

Yours Truly,

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Interesting things for
all. Earliest Field
and Sweet Corn and
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Hardest Fruit and
Forest Trees.

Extra Packets with every order.
OSCAR H. WILL & Co., Bismarck, N. Dak.

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to us. We pay
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N. W. HIDE & FUR CO.
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SMUGGLING SCHEMES

TRICKS THAT ARE USED TO EVADE
THE PAYMENT OF DUTIES.

The Part a Porous Plaster Played in
One Big Diamond Case—Even Cot-
tons Used in an Effort to Circumvent
the Customs Inspectors.

The old special agent with the griz-
led mustache took his cigar out of his
mouth, regarded it critically for a mo-
ment and then said slowly:

"Um, yes; I suppose they have all
sorts of new tricks and are constantly
devising others, and I don't doubt that
they succeed in beating the customs
house officers every now and then. But
they don't seem to be doing anything
spectacular just now. Perhaps they're
uncaught as yet.

"You know, these people who make a
business of smuggling, and I mean the
people who try to bring in thousands
of dollars' worth of things at a time,
are as keen as a knife blade. They're
not ordinary people; they've got all
the daring and ingenuity of the old
time successful crackmen, and it
takes a mighty good man to get ahead
of them. Sometimes the customs house
people, even the special agents of the
treasury, are dead up against it when
it comes to dealing with this cool and
clever class of crooks.

"Now, just let me give you an ex-
ample of the astuteness of one of them
at least. It will show you the sort of
thing we had to deal with in the past.

"One day a cablegram reached the
treasury department, signed with the
name of a treasury agent in France,
stating that a certain passenger on a
certain steamer bound for New York
had with him about \$50,000 worth of
fine diamonds which he intended to
smuggle into the country. A full
description of the man accompanied the
notification as well as a general
description of the stones. The steam-
er and the stateroom occupied by the
passenger were noted, and we were
warned that he might attempt to
change his appearance by removing his
beard, which was full and pointed at
the time the steamer sailed.

"The most interesting part of the
message was the statement that the
passenger would probably have the
gems concealed beneath a porous plas-
ter spread across the small of his back.
Therefore we were not to listen to any
of his protestations of innocence nor
to his eagerness to have his baggage
examined in order to establish that in-
nocence. We were to take him into his
stateroom and undress him and pull off
the plaster.

"We had much amusement over the
cablegram and also at the new varia-
tion of an absurdly old device for
smuggling, because time and time
again dutiable things had been found
wrapped in bandages which concealed
supposed injuries. We also pictured
the dismay of the man when we should
get down to his skin, as it were.

"In due season the steamer arrived,
and with it the passenger against
whom we had been warned. There he
was, and he had actually reduced his
beard to a pair of thin side whiskers
and removed his mustache. We in-
quired and found that he had made no
mention of diamonds upon the declara-
tion before the inspector.

"Before he had a chance to get ashore
one of the special agents went to him
and quietly asked why he had not de-
clared the diamonds he was bringing
into the country. He jumped as if
something had stung him and then just
as calmly stated that he had no dia-
monds; that we could go through his
baggage, his pockets, anything he had.
He said it was most remarkable to ac-
cuse him of such a thing, but he did
not fly into a rage; he acted just as any
innocent man would have acted under
the circumstances. Then we knew we
had to do with a good 'un.

"We wasted very little time over his
baggage, although he bustled around
with the keys at a great rate. One of
the men finally said to him that it was
useless to waste more time and asked
him to return to his stateroom for a
somewhat more complete examination.
At this the passenger raised a great
protest and declared it was outrageous
to submit him to such an indignity.
When we reached the room we asked
him kindly to remove his clothing, say-
ing nothing, however, about the plas-
ter. By this time our man was at white
heat. He said he had only come to the
stateroom to avoid a scene on deck,
and he refused to take off his clothing.
Then he was told he would have to be
taken into custody and would undoubt-
edly be searched.

"This further infuriated him, and he
began a long rignarole about being an
American citizen, with rights and all
that sort of thing, and we stood around
and waited until he had finished. At
last he cooled down a bit and even
laughed, saying that perhaps, after all,
it was best to end the farce by sub-
mitting. But he begged one thing of
us, and that was patience, because, he
said, he had been suffering for a long
time with a severe attack of rheuma-
tism in his back, and it was painful for
him to get into and out of his clothing.
He added that he had been able to ob-
tain some relief from porous plasters
and that he never went about without
one on his back.

"About ten minutes later we got
down to his skin, and there was the
plaster, and, not at all strange to re-
late, it was uneven and wrinkled and
quite lumpy in places. Just at this
moment, the psychological moment, if
there ever was one, we acquainted him
with the contents of the cablegram
which had been received from the
agent in France, and you should have
seen the look that swept over his face.
The rheumatism apparently doubled
him up in a minute. He began to groan
and protest, saying that he must refuse
to have the plaster removed, but his
protests did not avail him. We took off

the plaster and of course found the
gems arranged in a pretty pattern work
beneath it. And, I tell you, he must
have suffered with his burden, because
the stones were cut, and each of them
had made a hole in his back.

"And that is the story of our taking
at least \$50,000 worth of beautifully
cut stones from our wily friend."

The old man paused again and again,
looked at the end of his now unlighted
cigar, and slowly he drew a match
from his pocket and lighted it. As he
puffed away he said:

"But that isn't quite all. Here's the
best part of the story. We took the
jewels, wrapped them carefully in a
handkerchief and went away, very
proud of the sagacity of the agent in
France and of the ease with which we
had carried out our part of the pro-
gramme. We took the jewels to the
custom house, and—puff—and—puff—
when they were examined—puff—it was
found—puff—that they were—puff—
—glass."

The narrator cocked his eye at us
and replied: "Yes, glass. And that wily
person with the plaster had sent us
the cablegram himself and brought in
a trunkful of things, because we had
not looked at all carefully through his
baggage. Now, what in the world
could any one do when he was up
against a crook like that one?"

"Now, doesn't that give you some
idea of the people with whom we have
to deal? There are lots of crooks just
as clever as that one, and they're lying
awake nights studying out devices by
which to get ahead of the customs au-
thorities. It wasn't so very long ago
that we discovered a very pretty little
scheme by which the government had
been losing thousands of dollars of du-
ties. It was in the importation of rare
and costly laces from France, and it's
somewhat unpleasant.

"A rather careful tab had been kept
upon the lace branch of the smuggling
business, but it was found that many
thousands of dollars' worth of valuable
pieces were coming in under the very
noses of the officials. And at last the
method was found out by the horrible
process of opening a dead body which
had been shipped to this country to a
small town in the west. Concealed in
the body was a hermetically sealed can-
ister, and inside this were found pieces
of lace worth at least \$15,000. You
see, the smugglers, as we afterward
discovered, had several times purchas-
ed the bodies of the dead in Paris, pay-
ing 30 francs for them, and within
them had placed tin canisters contain-
ing the laces. The bodies were regu-
larly shipped with death certificates
and all complete and consigned to ob-
scure persons in out of the way places
in this country, ostensibly the bodies
of relatives who had passed away
abroad and were being sent home for
burial in the family plot. It was
scarcely reasonable to suspect that
smuggling would be attempted in such
a way, and indeed it was a long time
before the authorities got track of it."

"Smuggling is a peculiar thing," he
continued meditatively, "and it appeals
particularly to women. There are
many women—at least there were—who
used to give the customs authorities no
end of trouble. They were ingenious,
too, and whenever we found a woman
we already suspected the possessor
of a small dog our suspicions were
greatly strengthened. It is a fact that
these women used to make use of the
dogs to bring dutiable things into the
country. Diamonds and the like were
not infrequently found attached to the
collar of a pet, and there is a story
that one woman had an extra hide on
her small dog, covering its back and
also many yards of lace. Hollow toilet
articles, brushes and looking glasses
with false backs, even toothbrushes
with the handles hollowed out, have
been found."—New York Post.

Hired Relatives.
One of the curious national branches
of industry which have grown to enor-
mous proportions in Bucharest, the cap-
ital of Roumania, is the noble profes-
sion of "hired relatives," which un-
dertakes to furnish to everybody in
want of parents, brothers, sisters,
aunts, etc., the necessary persons to
represent them.

Persons who desire to get married,
for instance, and have no parents to
figure at their respective weddings or
who are in possession of such who de-
cline to give their consent to the mar-
riage of their sons and daughters need
do nothing more than station them-
selves near the entrance to the mar-
riage license bureau. There they will
soon find themselves accosted by some
"gentleman" or "lady," who for a mod-
erate sum of money is willing to take
the place of the absent parent.

For 20 lei (\$4) quite a respectable
looking father can be hired. Fifteen
lei is paid for a brother, and a fash-
ionably dressed mother costs the same
amount. Investigation has disclosed
the fact that some of these profes-
sional mothers have figured at weddings
fifty times a year.

The Gibraltar Postoffice.

The public space outside the counters
of Gibraltar postoffice is frequented by
more races than any other similar area
in the world. As the hour approaches
when the day's letters are due from
Algebras, orderlies from each unit in
the garrison gather to await their dis-
tribution, and one may hear from them
samples of every home tongue or dia-
lect from resonant Gaelic and voluble
Welsh to the latest cockney variant of
the king's English. Kilted highlanders
may be seen cheek by jowl with grave
Moors in flowing white robes, and kha-
ki clad Irishmen alongside Moroccan
Jews in gaberdes of mediaeval cut.
Fiery Spaniards are there and cringing
Lascars who have left their ships in
the bay. Grinning negroes confront
bustling Americans who are "doing"
Europe and who call for their mail dur-
ing the hour or two they spend on the
rock.—London Chronicle.

TYPE TALKS



THE successful business
man as well as the
public at large know that
new and up-to-date type
arranged in an artistic
manner talks. By careful
reading of the ads in the
COURIER you will note that
they are still trying to con-
vince you of the truth.
For demonstrations try an
ad. We have just been
getting in some more new
type for that job work of
yours. Give us a trial order
and get some artistic print-
ing.

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COURIER.**

TELEPHONE
NO. 28.

The Ominous Owl.

It's an odd thing, but there are a
number of people who have a distinct
antipathy to the screech owl and can-
not listen to a single burst of its
billy without shuddering. The
screech owl is supposed by the negroes
on southern plantations to be in direct
communication with all the ghosts
and giants of the forests. He plays
a great part in the more weird folklore
stories of the darkies. A funny super-
stition in regard to the screech owl
is that if you will take your shoe or slip-
per off your left foot the first time you
hear an owl laugh and turn the shoe
sole upward on the floor and place your
"stockin' foot" on the bottom of the
shoe's sole the owl will stop laughing
and fly for ten miles without rest.

Reading.

Reading is not a lost art to the same
degree that conversation is, but it has
in most cases an arrested development
through so much reading that makes
no demand upon aesthetic sensibility,
so that one is apt to bring to a fine
story full of delicate shades of thought
and feeling the same mind which he
yields to a newspaper, putting a blunt
interrogation as to its meaning as con-
veyed in the terms of a rational propo-
sition, and the writer's charm is whol-
ly lost upon him.—Harper's.

A Courtroom Joke.

Lord Erskine, when chief justice of
England, presided once at the Chelms-
ford assizes, when a case of breach of
promise of marriage was tried before
him in which a Miss Tickell was plain-
tiff. The counsel was a pompous young
man named Stanton, who opened the
case with solemn emphasis thus:
"Tickell, the plaintiff, my lord." Er-
skine dryly interrupted him with: "Oh,
tickle her yourself, Mr. Stanton. It
would be unbecoming to my position."

How Some People Manage.

"I believe," said Mrs. Borrough, "that
if I can get the use of Mrs. Noowd's
shell cups and saucers next Friday and
Mrs. Huffy will loan me her spoons and
Mrs. Housekeep will let me have some
of her nice oolong mixture—I believe
I'll buy a pound of sugar and give a
pink tea."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Artistic Difficulties.

"It is difficult for a beginner in the
drama even to walk across the stage
properly, isn't it?" asked the student.
"Yes," answered Mr. Stormington
Barnes absently. "But it isn't as hard
as learning to walk between stations."
—Washington Star.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately
been making and trying to sell imita-
tions of Dr. King's New Discovery for
Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and
other medicines, thereby defrauding
the public. This is to warn you to
beware of such people, who seek to
profit, through stealing the reputa-
tion of remedies which have been suc-
cessfully curing diseases, for over 35
years. A sure protection, to you, is
our name on the wrapper. Look for
it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's
remedies, as all others are mere imita-
tions. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago,
Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many
pain poisons originate in your food,
but some day you may feel a twinge
of dyspepsia that will convince you.
King's New Life Pills are guaranteed
to cure all sickness due to poisons of
undigested food—or money back. 25c
at H. H. Bateman's drug store. Try
them.

Land to Rent.

Some over sixty-five acres, about
one mile from the village of Hanna-
ford, Griggs Co., North Dakota. About
twenty acres cultivated this year.
Wish to rent for one year, and per-
haps longer if both parties are satis-
fied with first year. Give your best
best money offer, and good reference,
address.

MARTHA M. M. PEAKES,
St. Albans, Maine.

Auction Sale.

I will sell at public auction on my
farm on ne1 sec. 8, twp. 118, range 69
on

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1905,
at 10 o'clock sharp, all my personal
property consisting of 6 working horses,
2 2-year-old colts, 1 yearling colt, 3
sets of work harness, 1 single driving
harness, 2 milch cows, 2 springers, 2
2-year-old steers, 5 yearlings, 1 Gal-
loway bull, 2 years old; 1 two seated
top buggy, 1 single seated top buggy,
3 wagons, 1 set sleighs, 1 fanning mill,
1 McCormick binder, 1 McCormick
mower, 1 hayrake, 1 spring tooth har-
row, 1 John Deere gang plow, 1
22-hoed Dowagiac drill new last spring,
2 75 bu. grain tanks, 1 ten bbl. water
trough, household goods and other
articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—\$10 and under cash, over
that amount notes at 10 per cent. due
Nov. 1, 1905, bankable paper. Hot
lunch at noon. In case of storm on
Feb. 23 sale will be held Feb. 27, 1905.
No by bidding everything must go.

MRS. M. L. RUGGLES,
DR. J. A. H. WINSLOW, Owner.
Auctioneer.

TAKEN UP.

One red and white steer, coming
two years old. Owner prove property
pay charges and take him away.

WILLIAM HADLOCK,
Sec. 15, Helena Twp.

Strayed.

One bay mare with a white spot in
fore-head, will weigh between 1300
and 1400 pounds, coming 6 years. One
dark brown, almost black, mare, right
hip pin, halter on, coming 6 years,
will weigh about 1255 pounds. A suit-
able reward will be given on notifi-
cation of their whereabouts.

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