

# Pathetic Stories Are Told In Lost and Found Columns

To the mind with a bit of imagination there comes, with the reading of the little blocks of type in the Lost and Found columns a hint of the story behind. There is a touch of tragedy, a suggestion of drama in the lines, always there is the possibility of romance.

The little gods of things as they are, haunt the columns, loving its possibilities. Hope seems it and memory, with sad eyes, reads every word of it eagerly.

If there be truth in printer's ink, the lost and found column contains it. Here are spread abroad for all the world to see, the follies and foibles of the genus homo. His greediness and his sympathy are here; his love of money and his love of pets; but above all his inevitable belief that misfortune will not come to him personally, no matter what happens to the rest of the universe.

It is a liberal education in the quirks and turns of human nature, to read carefully, the lost and found column of this paper. The significance lies, not so much in the number of the ads, as in character they display. Their range is so wide, it takes in everything. Some people who have lost their baby's ring, grooves and begs the Times to find it for her. Another wants the instant return of her yellow-headed parrot. Yet another wants his false teeth returned.

### LOSSES ARE HEAVY

A study of the column in the Times for 10 days just shows an astonishing result; approximately \$7,500 worth of property was lost during that time.

Articles	Est. Values
11 watches	\$1,000
2 pieces of diamond jewelry	1,200
40 pieces miscellaneous jewelry	2,000
20 pocketbooks	1,300
22 articles of clothing	500
29 valuable dogs	500
31 horses	1,000
17 miscellaneous	100

139 articles.....\$7,500  
This large sum is conservatively stated. The real value of the 139 articles is unquestionably much higher. Of course the sentimental value, in some instances, cannot be represented by money. Thus, somebody advertised repeatedly for "three baby rings."

### WHERE DO DOGS GO

Is there a dog stealer in town? The Lost and Found column would indicate that somebody is making a livelihood by returning lost dogs. Else it seems incredible that, in 10 days, 29 valuable pups should go astray. The dog owners show more interest

Six valuable pieces of diamond jewelry disappeared on the streets, in the 10 days. The cash value of these is of course conjectural, but a conservative estimate would be \$1,200; for one of the pieces is said to be worth \$200. Here are some of the more attractive losses. A flat round gold pin, with small diamond center, a diamond and pearl crescent pin, a diamond-shaped college pin; a gold horseshoe, set with choice diamonds; a three-stone diamond ring, value, \$250; a gold monogram brooch, with four diamonds.

Forty other pieces of jewelry, ranging from pearl necklaces to watch fobs, are listed "lost." The real value may only be surmised, but \$2,000 would doubtless be low.

Some of the more important losses are: a solid gold-link necklace set with turquoise; heirloom pins; three rings in a case; amethyst and pearl brooch; gold cuff links; gold bangle bracelet; gold coat button; gold bracelet; amethyst rosary; pearl and opal brooch; turquoise necklace; three-strung pearl necklace, with cross; turquoise set locket; gold band bracelet.

### PURSES VANISH

Twenty pocketbooks were lost, in the fateful ten days. The value of this property may run into the thousands; a conservative estimate would be \$1,000. One purse contained a railroad ticket to New York City, and \$20 in cash. The ticket alone is worth \$108; but another held only a Santa Monica commutation ticket. These are extreme instances of value. Several of the "ads" report "small change" or "valuable keys."

One advertiser lost a pocketbook containing a "certified deed," possibly representing thousands of dollars. The lady that lost her handbag is present in three instances—showing that handbags, especially of the crocodile order, have a way of crawling away from the owners. A pathetic "ad" refers to a pocketbook containing "three baby rings."

There are two "threatening" ads, such as, "The gentleman who picked up the purse on Spring street is known," but these are very uncommon.

The lady that kept her diamonds in a chamois bag, around her neck, met the inevitable loss. Another lady advertises \$100 reward for the return of a "small bag containing a diamond ring and four diamond rings. No questions asked." One loser reports a purse "containing \$50," which he is anxious somebody should return. Another purse held \$10.40.

### CLOTHES GO ALSO

Twenty-three articles of wearing apparel disappeared in the 10 days. One lady advertised, for 10 days in succession, for the return of a "valuable piece of Spanish lace," doubtless worth a large sum or she would not have been so insistent. Most of the articles, as usual, are lost by women. Here are some. Fur box with two mink heads; brown fur collar; large cut steel and gold button coat; a red leather belt, of oriental design; child's pink-lined cape; hat wrapped in a



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### IMAGINATION AND THE VERITIES

Bret Harte is an trial for the verities, and while the chances are that "The Luck of Roaring Camp" will continue to be read long after a disillusioned public has ceased to accept. Luck as an historical baby and to accept the Luck as an historical designation, Bret Harte's cause remains the cause of every one who dresses up dusty fact with the charm of imagination.

No one ever pretended to have seen a Turner sunset. The question is, as the artist himself is said to have retorted on a critical old woman, "Yes, but, wouldn't you like to have seen such a sky?" It is worth nothing that the charge of falsity is brought against Bret Harte's mining camps by one

### MISSES FALSE TEETH

Seventeen "miscellaneous" losses are set forth, some rather amusing, others exceptional, to say the least.

One man advertises the loss of a "span of white mules." His neighbor is looking for a "slide rule." Another person is seeking a pair of false teeth. Several bicycles are reported missing. Kodak films, and unmounted pictures, are on the list. Four jokers of eyeglasses are now squinting around town, trying to see—Los Angeles Times.

### DANCING

Monday, Thursday and Saturday nights at Conservatory hall, 8 P. O. Place. Admission 50c per couple.

whose business is philosophy, which is to say, the antithesis of fiction. The philosopher may not arrive at fact, but his business is to try. But the but his business is interested not in what actually happened, but in what might have happened; the grown-up make-believe. Indeed, his greatness depends on his ability to make you believe with implicit confidence, a most monstrous job. The philosopher deals with the general; the story-teller with the particular; the philosopher will tell you that Panacea Hill is an epidemic in the dietary scheme of things; the novelist (as Zola did) will sit up all night to watch the wagons come in, and then spend hours cataloguing the produce. By an odd coincidence, Bret Harte's mining camps are charged with being a "social order" that never was on sea or land. "The consecration and the poet's dream," is the rest of Wordsworth's fine couplet.

The trouble comes in trying to prove your fairy tales. If you could prove them they would cease to be fairy tales. All the fun lies in believing them without proof. Life is disorderly. Let him who thinks it well, try. Realistic novelists, even, will not stand their test of fact, such as they want their ability to do so. Of George Elliot's "Middlemarch" Miss Ferry has remarked that if one cared to know what the people of an English provincial town were like in the middle of the last century, one might learn by reading the novel, though there might be some question of whether one would like the people. But, supposing the Middlemarchers were able to read of themselves, it is extremely doubtful if they would have been satisfied with the truth of all particulars.

To conclude with an allegory: A local scholar proved that the midnight ride of Paul Revere was a miserable fizzle. He roused only a relatively small portion of the countryside, and never really reached Concord at all, if he did not ignominiously fall into the hands of the British. But Longfellow's shameless ballad is chanted in every schoolroom, while the scholarly document rests in the annals of the historical society.—Boston Transcript.

Many little lives have been saved by Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. It is the only safe remedy for infants and children as it contains no opiates or other narcotic drugs, and children like Foley's Honey and Tar. Careful mothers keep a bottle in the house. R. J. Hill Drug Co., ("The Never Substitutors.")

Huret Photo Studio, 213 1/2 So. State Big discount to Missionaries.

LAND OPENING At Gooding, Idaho, February 8th. 25,000 acres to be opened under the Carey Act. Reduced rates via Oregon Short Line, February 5, 6 and 7. Limit February 15th. See agents for rates and further particulars. City Ticket Office, 201 Main St.

# Why Syrup Pepsin is Free

For more years probably than the age of the person reading this, W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., has prepared medicine, and the something that forced itself on his mind was the urgent need of the human body for something that would regulate the digestive organs—the stomach, liver and bowels. These years of study developed Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, now recognized as the national safeguard of health in thousands of good American homes. For twenty years it has been gaining friends; for it is today, as it always has been, the best laxative tonic for women, children and old folks. For those especially in need of a gentle, safe laxative tonic, it is sure in results and does not grip. It is because the doctor has watched its good work for all these years and believes in the merit of his remedy that he offers to send a free trial bottle at his own expense to anyone who writes him. You have simply to send your name and address. One strength of what these free trial bottles have done—and thousands have been given away—is that they have shown to the world more widely used than any other American remedy for constipation, liver troubles, flatulency, biliousness, indigestion, sour stomach, dyspepsia, heartburn and similar disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. It can be obtained of any druggist at 25 cents and if a bottle, but a bottle, will do you a hundred times the amount of good it costs you.

People like Mrs. M. J. H. of Oakwood Ave., Toledo, O. G. B. Houston, Bessemer, Ala., William Reed Crookman, Miss, once sent for a free trial bottle and now have their entire family using it as needed.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you free. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 115 Caldwell Bldg., Monticello, Ill.

"Can you send us a load of coal to-day?" "Of course we can."

COAL 219 WASHCUT SUPPLY CO. Main street, below the Kenyon. Bell 955; Ind. 137.

WHY USE YOUR Letterheads for scratch paper when we can sell you scratch paper so cheap?



# Formal Opening of the Nebraska Furniture Co.

At 234-236 South State Street.

Monday morning, February 1st., residents of Salt Lake City and neighborhood are cordially invited to visit us, whether they intend purchasing or not, at our new home, 234-236 South State Street, where the Harris Furniture Company were formerly located. New goods have been arriving daily for weeks past, and you will be delighted with the stylish showing that awaits you.

5,000 of the Celebrated So-Easy Long Handle Dust Pans will be Given away--One to every Lady visiting the store Monday

The demand for these souvenirs will be so great, it will be absolutely impossible for us to give them to children.

Our increasing business necessitated more commodious premises. Weeks and months of careful planning have brought together a line of absolutely new and up-to-date furniture, equal to anything ever shown in this city. As heretofore our store will be the center of money-saving opportunities in the furniture line; broad and well lighted aisles make purchasing easy and pleasant, the splendid facilities for displaying goods will be an agreeable surprise to you, and above all the reasonable prices asked for our goods will be appealing. Come Monday and participate in our opening and take home a useful souvenir.

# A Few Reasons Why Our Business has Grown

Fair and honest treatment to all. If dissatisfied money back if you want it. All goods marked in plain figures and there is always a large assortment to select from. Courteous intelligent attention to every customer. Our goods represent good workmanship and the best materials. Our deliveries are always prompt.



# Trade With Your Friends

We believe in the goods we are selling, and in our ability to get results. We believe honest goods can be sold to honest people by honest methods.



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