DANDY TRICKSTERS.

"GRAFTERS" WHO MAKE THEIR LIVING AT DICE THROWING.

Many of Them Are Good Swells, Wear Fine Clothes, Live Like Rich Men and Want to Be Gentlemen—An Ex-Detective Explains Their Little Game.

Leaning against the bar in one of the fashionable cafes up town the other night was a man who until recently was one of the brightest detectives in the police department. He had covered himself with glory on more than one occasion under the administration of Superintendent Thomas F. Byrnes, but when the shake up in the department came and he was chipped to go he did so without the least feeling of regret.

He did not look like a detective as he stood idly puffing at his cigar. He appeared like a man of the world who had just left a theater or dinner party. Not until he was greeted by a Press reporter did he assume from a reverse he seemed to be in.

"In every city on the face of the earth," said the ex-sleuth, "that has any pretensions to being cosmopolitan there is to be found a certain class of men who live by their wits, and in living by their wits they do it in a manner that does not place them within the reach of the law, although their methods are far from being honorable. They are a nasty, vicious class of men, beside whom a highway robber or a petty sneak thief is the embodiment of all that is good and decent. Right here in New York that peculiar class of men flourish as they do in no other city in the world, and they go on unhindered from one year's end to another. Most of them are imbued with a desire to become rich and be gentlemen. This may strike you as being peculiar, but it is nevertheless a fact. These men are known to the police as grafters, and they give a good deal more trouble to the authorities than ten times as many hardened criminals.

"You that well dressed, nice looking fellow who is sitting over there in an attitude of studied carelessness, spite the elderly man standing at the cigar lighter? That fellow is a grafter. He dresses like, looks like and talks and acts like a gentleman, and yet it seems to me not more than ten years ago that he was a $6 clerk in a real estate office. His people are very poor and never were able to provide him with any of the luxuries in which he indulges himself nowadays. He hooks now go into a fashionable restaurant and order a splendid meal from a bill of fare that is printed in French. He is not well up in literature and avoids the subject very cleverly if it is introduced. Still he is a hard student, devotes himself to a few selected books for several hours a day and in other ways tries to improve his mind and his manners."

"But how does he get his money?"

"He shakes dice. He is one of the cleverest dice shakers in this country. In fact, I don't believe he has an equal. The plan he is going to follow now is this, provided he succeeds in making the acquaintance of the elderly man. They will enter upon a general conversation, in which he holds his own. They have several drinks. Drinking becomes monotonous, and they drift out in the street together. Does he tell the old man that he is a stranger in New York? Not at all. He says he has been here all his life. He had an engagement to meet some friends at the hotel, but they disappointed him. He comes to another fashionable cafe and asks the old man to have a drink. He drinks whisky, but the drinks are usually small. Perhaps if he gets too many he will lose one on the floor. As they go from one place to another the places will deteriorate, and finally, the old man having had a sufficient number of drinks to make him wrong, the last place will be one in which Mr. Grafter has a dice box planted."

"What do you mean by planted?"

"By that I mean that the barkeeper is a friend of the grafter and keeps behind the bar special dice and a special dice box to be used on special occasions. This is one of the special occasions. Perhaps I should explain to you that in order to manipulate a dice box, or rather the dice, the inside of the box must be perfectly smooth. That is because the grafter holds one or more of the dice in his fingers and places it in the box in such a way that it will slide out of the box right side up when the proper time comes.

"Some of the dice shakers have artificial boxes placed, and this, with a square set of dice, makes the sliding process an easy matter. But colluding is likely to excite suspicion, so the leather boxes are most commonly in use among dice shakers who are clever at their business. A man who is clever at his business can shake one four seen in poker dice as easily as he can eat his dinner. Not only that, but he defies detection in the doing of it. He would be caught by one of his own class, of course, but the ordinary man would have no reason for suspecting that everything was not right.

"The dice are being loaded, they shake for drinks, and finally it is proposed that they shake for money. Perhaps the old man will not want to bet. If he doesn't our can't be persuaded to well and good. The grafter has been affable and successful all the time and continuous. Before they part company, however, it is a pretty sure thing that the grafter has succeeded in the old fellow about what he had gone for drinks, pretending of course to pay it back.

"The chances are about even that the old man will be something, and if he does he loses it, of course, in which case he is pulled enough to make him take the thing good naturedly.

"The clever grafter is not a mean fellow. If the old fellow went broke and the amount of the loss asked was reasonable, the stack would give it to him."—New York Press.

THE CITY SMITHY.

No Spreading Chestnut Tree, but Picturesque Surroundings Not Lacking.

"Under a spreading chestnut tree the village smithy stands," but the city smithy may be found in a variety of places. It may perhaps be in a down town street devoted to commerce, with the bellows resting upon a frameworkmoulded to save space, with the tools running into the forge at the end of a pipe and the handle to the bellows hanging at the end of a rod or chain. It may be in a forge up on the structure of the elevated road, heating rivets in the air, or it may be on the seventeenth story of some lofty steel frame building under construction, and the coal for this smithy may be dumped alongside of it from a cart that has been hoisted from the street below at the end of a chain depending from a steam derrick.

Perhaps it is by the riverside making or mending irons for ships, or alongside the cable road in busy Broadway at night lighted by a flaring gasoline torch. It may be in a movable shanty set up where they are getting out rock to make cellar space. Here they sharpen drill points, the hammer ringing on the anvil while the bouncing steam drills close at hand are noisily pounding down through the rock.

There may be over it no spreading chestnut tree, but the city smithy does not lack picturesque surroundings, and the city blacksmith may easily be a mighty man.—New York Sun.

More Mellow Wigs.

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"What did Mrs. C. wear?" said her friend.

"I didn't look under the table, but she didn't have on anything above it."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

How the Quarrel Began.

"I dreamed last night," said Dick, "that I went out in the woods and found a barrel full of gold."

"That was lucky!" exclaimed Johnny. "You gave me a whole lot of it, didn't you?"

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