WORKING THE CORPSE LIKE A MINE.

Spiders' Dead Body Turned Into a Business by an Enterprising Corsaner.

"The fact of it is," said the coroner of San Diego, as he was paying a friendly visit to our local morgue the other day, "the cold fact of it is that you coroners up in this section don't really understand your business, and how to make it boom for all there is in it, as it were."

"What do you mean?" asked our newly elected official.

"Why, you don't seem to envy how to get all there is coming to you out of a corpse, somehow; don't handle 'em scientifically, so to speak. Now, we do that sort of thing better down our way."

"Do, eh?"

"Yes. For instance, there was a Chinaman killed by another opium a few months ago down there. Of course I few around and had a jury sworn in before you could wink—they come to sometimes you know—and what with attending witnesses, testimony, etc., before night I had a bill against the estate for $96.50."

"Mum—that the Chinaman was worth, I should say," said the metropolitan official.

"But wait. I dug up the remains from the potter's burying ground the same night, rushed 'em round to the laboratory and had 'em embalmed all ready for emergencies. Well, about three days after that they held a ghost dance and free fight out at the Digger Indian encampment, and as I had the Colonel's pencil out anyway, a few hours, I wired in it and bill him to the tribe out that way. Then I had him found and reported, and as the jury couldn't agree as to the particular tribe the Indian belonged to, I impanelled another one—double the box, don't you—and gave the papers a roasting good item. It's a great thing to stand in with the reporters, by the way."

"How much did that make?"

"Well, I was about $240 ahead on the speculation then, so I waited until a lot of emigrants passed up country, and the next day one of 'em was found dropped dead on the road of heart disease—apoplexy on, don't you? Same old scrape with a big fift hat and stubble beard—pockets full of mescreal. I think I tapped the taxpayers for about $175 more that time. Well, I waited for a week after that, and then had the remains doubled up in a packing box and found among the unclaimed freight down at the railroad station. The papers wrote it up as a 'mysterious stranger case' and we had a ten days' examination. Lemme see! I think it was $147.50 the whole thing panned out before we were through with him. How does that strike you?"

"Why, I never heard of——"

"Why, that's nothing, my dear sir, nothing. I haven't got half through with that Chinaman yet. When I left home I had just got him nicely wedged in among the branches of a tree in the woods just out of town, dressed in a suit of complete black, with an old telescope in his coat tail pocket and a pair of big green goggles on his nose, for all the world like one of those observatory cranks. Goggle with the best. Don't you?"

"Didn't see I did."

"Why, that's the account dodge, don't you see? Unknown scientific party fallen out of a balloon. My own dodge entirely. Splendid, isn't it? The remains are a little worn by this time, I know, but what are you going to do in such an infernally healthy climate as San Diego? I expect to send the old lady and the girls to Europe on that salvage yet, if I have to wire it to prince to do it. So, my dear sir, your metropolitan coroners mean well, I know, but what you need is a little more enterprise, ingenuity and—and pluck."

"I'm afraid we do."

"Exactly. But I must hurry up to Park street and get front seats for this new farce comedy that opens to night. Great place to study up on anatomy, I just," and giving a late stockbroker who had just been brought in a punch or two with his curse the doctor drilled out.—San Francisco Examiner.

His Uncle Was His Mother's Shoe.

Boots and shoes have been used by sailors to drink out of and to bail boats. But surely the most extraordinary one ever made of a shoe—since the old woman of nursery rhyme fame lived in one—was the following: A friend of Friends generals was so small that at his birth a child's worn sole had to do duty for linen on the occasion. At his christening his mother thought he was far too small to carry in the arm, so she made him a little bed in her own wooden shoe, and in this way carried him to church.

The same wooden shoe afterward served him for a cradle till he was 6 months old. Further, we are told that when the child learned to walk, and the village cobbler was ordered to make him a pair of shoes, he found the task so difficult that he had to give it up; and no wonder, for at 6 years old the dwarf was only 22 inches high and weighed 4 pounds.—Chambers' Journal.

A Cheap Way to Warm Cold Feet.

More than twenty-five years ago, while I was in the Thirty-fifth Massachusetts regiment, scouting around in Virginia, I was sometimes troubled with cold feet. At one time while I was stamping upon the ground in the effort to warm my extremities a comrade in the same regiment said to me, "If your feet are cold try this." He raised his foot from the ground and struck some light blows with his hand on the upper part of his leg, just above the knee. I did the same with both legs, and instantaneously felt a flow of warm blood coming downward, and the feet became comfortably warm. The experiment was repeated with good effect in the comparatively warm climate of Virginia, and also with equally good results in the more rugged atmosphere of New England.—Boston Journal.

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