

SWINDLERS USE BLIND POOLS AS LURE FOR CASH

Millions Being Fleeced by Promises of Easy Money Quick.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Blind pools, very much akin to the notorious Ponzi swindle, still flourish in spite of the Ponzi fiasco and imprisonment.



Gullible people are still being fleeced of millions by this distinctive swindling scheme. A blind pool is technically known as a "participating syndicate," or "discretionary pool."

Five such pools were closed by the authorities in a single month. Yet others are now running in big cities. I know of half a dozen in New York alone. Three in Baltimore at one time had no fewer than 6,000 members. The branch office of another blind pool which had five branches—took in \$1,000,000 in a single year.

The blind pool scheme is this: A firm advertises it will buy and sell any kind of bonds on the partial payment plan, the customer drawing interest on the whole principal from the beginning. Then the customers are told that a quicker way to make money is through the firm's "participating syndicate."

High Dividend Offer
Prospective clients are assured of from 20 per cent to 120 per cent in yearly dividends, payable monthly, by signing an agreement to pay the firm 30 per cent on their profits and giving the pool's agents full right to trade with their money as the agents see fit.

Whether blind pool operators actually do any buying or selling is a mystery. They keep going by distributing in dividends a small percentage of the golden flow of money into the office. When something interferes with the enlistment of fresh "clients" the dividends cease, and the blind pool proprietors fade away with the bulk of the clients' cash.

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Remember Tonsiline
TONSILINE is the National Sore Throat Remedy—it is sold in every State in the Union. Most people buy a bottle occasionally because most people occasionally have Sore Throat. They buy it for the prompt, welcome relief it brings to sufferers from this malady. You can forget Sore Throat if you will only remember TONSILINE and get the bottle NOW that waits for you at your druggists. Look for the long necked fellow on the bottle when you get it.

35 cents and 60 cents. Hospital Size, \$1.00.



I wish I could wear a low neck dress?

Whyspend time wishing that eruption did not show on your back and arms, when Resinol Ointment will doubtless clear it away entirely?

Apply freely before retiring and cover with a soft cloth. In the morning you will be surprised to note how much of the soreness, roughness and angry look has disappeared.

Resinol Soap for the skin and hair cannot be excelled. Sold by all druggists.

Resinol

Thin? Run-down? Sure Way to Get Right Weight

Increase Your Red-Blood-Cells. That's the Sure Way! S. S. S. Builds Blood-Cells; This Means Strength!

Do you know why insurance companies refuse to insure a great many men because they are under weight? Simply because to be under weight



often proves low fighting-power in the body. It often means you are minus nerve-power, minus red-cells in your blood, minus health, minus energy, minus vitality. It is serious to be minus, but the moment you increase the number of your red-blood-cells, you begin to become plus. That's why S. S. S., since 1870, has meant to thousands of underweight men and women, a plus in their strength. Hollow cheeks fill out. You stop being a calamity-looker. You inspire confidence. Your body fills to the point of power, your flesh becomes firmer, the age lines that come from thinness disappear. You look younger, firmer, happier, and you feel it, too, all over your body. More red-blood-cells! S. S. S. will build them. Ladies and gentlemen, a peaky, bony face doesn't make you look very important or pretty, does it? Take S. S. S. It contains only pure vegetable medicinal ingredients. S. S. S. is sold at all druggists in two sizes. The larger size bottle is the more economical.

S.S.S. makes you feel like yourself again



New Arrivals in Spring Millinery

Silks
Straw Braids
Hair Braids
Taffetas
Satin

\$3.98

A Splendid Assortment!

Close-Fitting Poques Almond Black
Draped Hats Brown Grey
Off-the-Face Red Sand
Roll Brims Copenhagen Navy
Soft Sports Effects Pheasant Brick

The Store
of Greater
Values



Watch
Us Grow!

Men's Carhartt Overalls and Jackets

Well made of
blue white back
denim. All sizes.

\$1.69

Men's 36-Inch Sheep-Lined Coats

Moleskin top,
beaver dyed
sheeps wool col-
lar. Belted.

\$7.65

Rudolph Valentino Corduroy TROUSERS

Just Received
Another Shipment

Plenty of
All Styles

\$3.95

20-Inch bell bottoms; navy
blue; 16-inch knee, pearl but-
ton trimmed; all the rage for
young men.

Saturday Will Be Another Great Day of the Expansion Sale!

Prices Tumble in a Drastic Effort to Rid Our Shelves of All Winter Merchandise!—



Prices Have Hit Bottom!

\$50 Women's Finest CLOTH COATS

Luxuriously Fur Trimmed!

MATERIALS
Normandy
Bolivia
Suedine
and Other
Rich Fabrics

\$22

Coats, Capes, Wraps, Dolmans!

Yes, most every style that has been so popular this season is included in this rock-bottom price sale. As all woollens have advanced 25% it is a wise shopper that selects her Coat now for next winter.

Women's and Misses' Sizes, 16 to 44

**Extra Special! \$25 Fur-Trimmed
All-Wool Velour COATS \$9**

Fair values were never more firmly expressed than in this group of Silk Lined Coats. Colors are navy and brown. Sizes 16 to 44.

Saturday, a Sale of

360 Spring Dresses

More New Ones Arriving Every Day

MATERIALS
Taffetas
Canton Crepes
Poiret Twills
Wool Crepes
New Satins
Spanish Laces

\$8

STYLES
Bouffants
Beaded
Paneled
Tailored
Circular

A Complete Range of Colors!

The next season is beginning to assert itself in our popular priced Dress section—and already you will find rack upon rack of radiant lovely Dresses for only \$8.00. Better make your selection tomorrow.

Women's and Misses' Sizes, 16 to 44



Now Is the Time to Buy Your

New Spring SUIT

and Get a Full Season's Wear

New Twills
Poiret Twill
Velour Checks
Tricotines
and Others

\$19.75

Batwing
Barley
Lentil
Cinder
Navy
Black

Tailored, Blouse, Draped, Box and Balkan Models

And such new ideas! Perky ribbon bows and shiny metal clasps, instead of buttons. New long-waisted effects, embroidered in quaint foreign designs. Box suits with alluring sleeves, etc. Select yours tomorrow.

Women's and Misses' Sizes, 16 to 44

Sacrificed!

Girls' COATS

\$25 Values
Featured
at Only

\$9.75

Finest Broadcloth and Suedine, all colors and styles. Richly fur trimmed. Sizes 2 to 16 years.

\$5 Girls' COATS

Good warm coats; dressy and sport models; some have fur collars. Sizes 2 to 14 years.

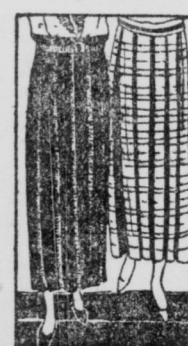
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Continuing the Sale of

Spring Skirts

\$4.00 Values

\$1.85



While these are marked ridiculously low the quality is exceedingly high. Sizes 25 to 32.

\$10 and \$12 New
Spring Skirts

Distinctive models of finest materials; a rare opportunity. Sizes 25 to 32.

\$4.95

Special Purchase!



Underthings

Regular
and
Stouts
\$1.50
Values

88c

Chemise, Camisoles, Bloomers,
Step-ins, Pettibockers,
Gowns, Princess Slips
and Petticoats

Beautifully made of Batiste Crepe,
Sateen and quality Muslins.

Brocaded Corsets

\$3.00 quality, women's new corsets low and medium bust; four hose supporters.

New Corselettes

Well made of heavy coutil, an excellent foundation for present styles; 2 nose supporters.

49c

\$5 Oxfords, Strap Slippers

For Women and Misses



Advance
Spring
Styles!

\$2.85

Choose from patent, brown or black calf or kid oxfords. Black satin or brown calf one-strap, brown calf or black kid two-strap and patent leather one-strap styles. Heels are military, low, baby Louis and Cuban, with rubber heels attached.

STOUT WOMEN

Clean-Up Sale of \$25

All-Wool Coats

Fur and
Self
Trimmed

\$14.50

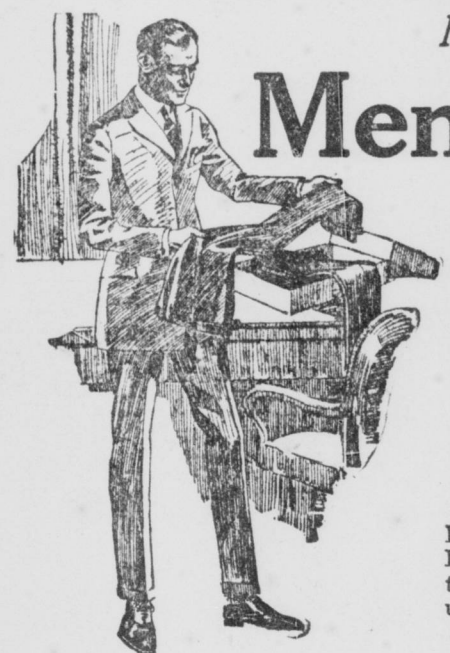
Youthful slenderizing styles—dressy and tailored, richly silk lined. All wanted colors. Special Saturday only.

Sizes 43 to 55

\$5 Stout Wool Skirts

Fashionable new Skirts of all-wool velours. Sizes up to 40 waist band.

\$2.95



Now for a Clean Sweep of Up to \$25

Men's Winter Weight 2-Pants Suits

Clothing That Has
Been Selling
Through the
Season at \$18.50,
\$22.50 and \$25—
NOW —

\$12.75

Sizes
36 to 48

All-Wool
Stoutly
Tailored
for Real
Service

Extra Trousers to Match Without Extra Cost!

In this group are Suits in styles and materials that are just right for year-round wear. In order to clear our stocks quickly we have decided to take a big loss—to sacrifice these garments at a price low enough to move them out quickly. Come early Saturday and save.

Men's and Young Men's

Plaid-Back OVERCOATS

Regular
\$20 Values
Saturday

\$9.75

All-Wool
Belted
Models

Saturday we sacrifice 200 Overcoats, tailored of warm fleecy materials, raglan shoulders, patch pockets, etc. As wool has advanced 25% you will do well to buy an Overcoat now for next year.



Clean Sweep of All

Boys' 2-Pants SUITS

and Overcoats

Knickers Full Lined

Up to
\$15.00
Values

\$4.95

Suits made of long wearing, serviceable fabrics, in newest styles; overcoats of chinchilla and other good materials. Some are plaid lined.

Sizes 7 to 18 Years



1,000 Boys'
All-Wool

Overcoats and Juvenile Suits

Jersey, Serge and Tweed

\$6.00
and \$8.00
Values

\$2.85

Sizes
2 to 8
Years

Panel back chinchillas, good warm jerseys, etc. Suits in midday, Balkan and Oliver Twist styles. Save now.

Boys' Lined Corduroy Pants

Strong wearing
pants, knicker
style. Very special
at—

79c

Boys' Crompton Corduroy Suits

\$7.50 values; the
best wearing suit a
boy can buy; Nor-
folk style.

\$3.95



Remarkable Purchase and Sale of 1,000 Girls' Spring KNICKER DRESSES



Bought
to Sell in
a Regular
Way at \$2.29,
Saturday

\$1.49

Fast Color Gingham!

Beautiful gingham in bright, fresh-looking checks and plaids; also plain chambray combinations. Colors are red, brown, blue, pink, green. Choose from a dozen different styles Saturday.

Sizes 8 to 14 Years

\$3.00 Gingham Dresses

for Girls 2 to 14 Years

Clever new frocks of colorful checks, plaids and plain chambray; embroidered and contrastingly trimmed.

\$1.98