

ENGLISH BUYERS HAVE TO BEWARE

Merchants Cheat and Are
Not Ashamed—Get What
You Can Is Their Theory.

New York, Feb. 21.—A London correspondent of the Times writes: One of the first things an American who starts housekeeping in England has to find out is that if he doesn't look uncommonly sharp he will be cheated right and left by the tradesmen who supply him with the daily necessities. English honesty is a tradition, but it hasn't penetrated down to the small tradesman, nor indeed, to some of the big ones. In fact the legal motto: "Caveat emptor"—let the buyer beware—is still the keynote of all dealings in the British Isles.

Except in some of the big stores, where the American influence has made itself felt, the one price system is unknown, and the little local man charges every price he thinks he can get. The grocer and the butcher and the vegetable man don't even stop at that. If you don't scrutinize your bills closely you will find yourself paying for grapes that never were delivered and for groceries that you never have eaten. When you draw attention to the "mistake" the tradesman tells you blandly that they ought to have been charged to Mrs. Smith, next door.

Government Makes "Mistakes." But one would hardly expect that government institutions are run on the same principles. One would think for instance, that the great British government would scorn to exact more taxes than were its due or that a British municipality would be ashamed to overcharge you for your share of carrying away the ashes and garbage and keeping the streets clean, but in dealing with these public bodies one must also bear in mind the motto: "Caveat emptor."

One of the favorite tricks of the British municipality is the overassessment of real estate held by small owners, who may be assumed to be ignorant of the proper methods of fixing taxation. Big real estate companies never are overassessed, because they wouldn't stand it, and an attempt to do so might lead to expensive and unpleasant litigation. Here's a typical case of an attempt to fleece a small owner which actually occurred in a London suburb a few days ago. Hundreds of similar cases occur every week.

How Taxes Are Assessed. To begin with it is necessary to explain that in England the local taxes are assessed on annual rental value of the house, and not as in the United States on its capital value, but the law says that this annual rental value shall not be the rent actually paid. It is the net return to the owner after a proper allowance for repairs and other outgoings and usually is about four-fifths of the actual gross rental value. In the case in point a man had bought a house in the same row as that in which he had been living as a tenant and when he received his first local tax bill he was surprised to find that his rental value was a good many dollars higher than that of the similar house he had just quitted. He protested to the local council and received a reply that he would be notified of a date on which he might appear before the assessment committee and state his case. In the meantime the collector turned up a couple of weeks ahead of his usual calling time and threatened that if the tax demanded was not paid at once the sheriff would be put in possession. A few weeks later, nothing further having been heard from the council, the man wrote again, and this time he received a letter stating that the council had decided to reduce his assessment to a figure a little higher than the owner claimed it ought to be, and intimating that if he didn't want to take that he could sue.

Owners Overassessed. Suing would have been expensive, so the owner accepted the concession and asked for a refund of the money overpaid on the first half year's bill, whereupon he was informed that this was impossible, as at the time he paid the higher assessment was the legal one.

I find on inquiry that a number of other owners in the same district have been overassessed in the same way, but those who made no protests received no reduction and are paying more than they ought to. I also learn that it is the accepted practice all over London boroughs to try on the highest possible assessment in the hope that no protest will be made in the case of small owners.

But the municipal governments are not the only offenders. The great imperial government of the British empire also tries to squeeze a little bit extra out of the unfortunate taxpayer when it can. The income tax law provides for a number of exemptions, but it is so involved that only an expert can understand it, and if the puzzled taxpayer appeals to a collector or surveyor for help he is told that the official's business is to get all the money he can and not to help any one to reduce his tax bill. Moreover, it seems to be his business to try on extra charges. I have before me an income tax bill sent after receipt of a perfectly straightforward return to which the sum of \$35 had been added without rhyme or reason.

Beware Is Motto. When the taxpayer called at the collector's office to ask what this meant, he was met with the bland statement: "Oh, we often add a bit like that, and sometimes people pay up and take no notice of it." The theory seems to be that they sometimes catch people who have understated their income and are afraid to protest, but it is admitted that they also catch a great many who are careless or unfamiliar with

Consumption Often Develops From Pneumonia.

Consumption readily attacks those who have had pneumonia. Many sufferers from tuberculosis give a history of having had pneumonia. The lungs thus weakened are more easily attacked by the germs that cause consumption.

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the intricacies of taxation methods and think they have to pay.

And then if one discovers that he has paid too much by inadvertence, it is more trouble than the money is worth, as a rule, to get it back from the treasury. One would think that the great British government would make it easy for the taxpayer to get back what belonged to him; but no, one must hire an expert income tax agent and pay him about half the money to get back the other half. Then after six months' wait and innumerable letters and attendance at the tax offices you may get what the government never had any right to have.

Truly, the English motto is, "let everybody beware."

SPELLING MATCH.

About one hundred persons attended the spelling match given last evening at the First Christian church under the auspices of the Central Aid society. The women of the church challenged the men to participate in the event. Mrs. George Mansfield and the Rev. S. W. Traum were the victors. Later the baskets, which had been prepared by the women, were auctioned by Mr. F. F. Haisley. The affair was successful from a financial and social standpoint.

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CUB REPORTER LASSOED VICIOUS STEER

In true Wild West style, John Thomas, a local cub reporter, lassoed a vicious steer that escaped from the Glen Miller stock yards last night. Young Thomas, who is a true son of the Western plains, had his lasso with him as usual. He was walking near the stock yards when the large animal leaped the fence and started in pursuit of Patrolman Frank Reemert who was with Thomas. With a "Hi, there," Thomas twirled his piece of rope and the trick was turned. The steer with a snort dropped to its knees and a few minutes later was returned to the stock yards.

An Apology to Amanda.

This is to apologize to a colored lady whom we admire and respect. We printed a little anecdote about her not long ago, and in it we tried the impossible, attempted to imitate her inimitable Mississippi accent. Then we showed her the story. She wasn't as tickled to find herself in print as we expected her to be. While acknowledging the truth of the story, there was still a cloud on her ebony brow. "What's the matter, Amanda?" we asked. "Didn't you want to get into the paper?"

"Gittin' inter de pape's all right," she hesitated. "But, mist', y'll didn't ought to put it down dat Ah talked dat away. Ah don't never use none o' dat 'African talk'!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Hogarth Used to Forget.

William Hogarth, the famous English artist, was so absentminded he caused his friends much entertainment. When he was prosperous enough to have his own carriage he first used it to make a call upon the lord mayor. When he came out of the Mansion House it was raining hard, and the artist tramped the entire way home, wet to the skin. When asked why he had not come in the carriage he said he forgot all about it, and a messenger had to be dispatched to the coachman to tell him to return.

Why He Stopped.

They had been engaged only a week. He had kissed her fully forty times that evening. When he stopped the tears came into her eyes, and she said: "Dearest, you have ceased to love me."

"No, I haven't," he replied, "but I must breathe!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

HE CURED HIS RUPTURES

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BREWERY TO EXPAND

New Equipment Ordered to
Increase the Output.

Announcement was made on Tuesday by Louis Illif, manager of the Minck Brewing company that the capacity of the plant would be doubled, enabling the company to manufacture 35,000 barrels of Richmond Export enabling the company to manufacture to the plant necessary for this increase are now under way and upon completion an expenditure estimated at \$45,000 will have been made. The steps are taken not only to increase the output but also to improve the quality.

The new equipment includes boilers and coopeage and ice machines. For these new cellars will be built which will connect with the present cellars of the plant. The machinery has been ordered and the work in other respects started. It will be completed in the spring.

The company is not regarded as a shipping brewery; almost its entire output being disposed of in Richmond. Richmond Export beer is the general favorite here, the consumption being several times greater than that of all other beers, it is generally believed. It is improbable that the additional equipment and improvement will require the employment of any more men.

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CONRAD TO LECTURE AT SPRINGFIELD

George W. B. Conrad, assistant in the law department of the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters in this city has accepted an invitation from George W. Maxwell, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Springfield, O., to address the association on next Sunday on the subject "Mission of the Y. M. C. A." Mr. Conrad who is one of the best known colored residents of the city is an authority on the association work in the United States among colored people. There are 12,000 members, 136 associations, 36 general secretaries, 3 assistants to the general secretaries and 186 colored colleges in which the Y. M. C. A. work is carried on.

MAY REFUND "RIGHT AND LEFT" FINES

The statement of Mayor Zimmerman at council meeting last evening that the board of works after preparing a report on the resolution for the remittance of the money to those fined for violation of the right and left ordinance had decided to reconsider the matter, seems to indicate that favorable action will yet be taken. Although the mayor did not say what the report prepared stated, it is believed it was a refusal to remit the fines.

CLAIMS HIGHWAYMAN ASSAULTED HIM

Franz Hugenstein, a Hungarian, limped into the Pennsylvania station Sunday, and said that he had been robbed of \$20 by a highwayman. The robbery is said to have taken place in the railroad yards, near Thirteenth street. Hugenstein said he had been kicked in the side and struck in the head with a large stone. He dropped to the ground unconscious and when he revived his money was missing. The police are investigating. Hugenstein is in the hospital.

ARRANGE FUNERAL OF MRS. CLEVERER

Centerville, Ind., Feb. 21.—The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Cleverer will be held at Doddridge Chapel tomorrow morning. The body will be taken from the home at 10 o'clock. Burial will be in the Doddridge cemetery.

MEETING POSTPONED.

The meeting of the Criterion club has been postponed this week on account of the death of Mrs. Gentle's mother, Mrs. St. Claire.

THREE CHILDREN ADOPTED TUESDAY

Three children were given up by their parents on Tuesday in the circuit court owing to circumstances which made it almost impossible for them to care for the children. The children were placed in good homes. The include, Walter Morrison, aged 2, son of William Morrison, mother dead, adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long; Mary Gamby, aged 2, and Harold Parker aged 2 months adopted by Howard Brooks and wife and child's name changed to John Thomas Brooks.

COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE WEDNESDAY

County officials with the exception of county clerk George Matthews, will close their offices on Wednesday, celebrating Washington's birthday as a legal holiday. This is the first time in several years that the offices have been closed on this day.

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SPRING Dress Goods Announcement



Winter weather will soon be over—then is when you will want to be ready for Spring. All our lines in Wool Dress Goods and Silks are at this time most complete. With the new weaves and the very beautiful medium and subdued shadings, it makes the dress goods more pleasing than ever. We feel as though every lady ought at this time to give the selection of dress goods her earliest attention as the buying has already started. The Richmond people know that Knollenberg's store has always carried the most complete lines and that they are always sure of finding just what they want. This year you will find us still better prepared than any previous year as the styles of goods seem to be particularly good.

SILKS and WOOL POPLINS in plain and Jacquard figures; fancy weaves in ombra and pin stripes. SERGES—Chiffon, Broadcloth, Mannish Effect Suitings and a full range of plain goods. SILKS—Foulards, Jacquard, Messaline and Taffeta. Plain Silk Cashmere and other staple lines.

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SPECIAL NO. 1—Beautiful all silk Foulards, this is a specially fine line and one that you couldn't fail to appreciate at this special price of **58c** yd.

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SPECIAL NO. 3—One lot of fancy Silks for waists and dresses, goods that is worth 75c to \$1.00 per yd., at a special price this week..... **58c** yd.

SPECIAL NO. 4—One lot of silk and cotton Foulards, 27 in. wide; you can't afford to miss this great value at the price this week of..... **28c** yd.

SPECIAL NO. 5—5 pieces of genuine Heatherbloom Taffeta in Black only; this is a regular 35c quality to be sold during this week, special price **28c** yd.

SPECIAL NO. 6—Best quality All Wool Serges and Henriettas, 36 in. width, Knollenberg's price during this week at **50c** yd.

The dress goods department has been remodeled, all the shelves and counters having been revarnished and finished, giving the room an entirely new appearance. Being a well lighted room, the remodeling of the fixtures affords special cheerfulness to the eye. With the unusual bargains we are offering we anticipate a generous patronage in this department.

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