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FORGERY AND PAINTINGS.

Things are not always what they seem, especially in the matter of pictures and drawings, says a London exchange. There is a craze for "old" stuff, and there is always a supply forthcoming to meet the demand. Exactly whence it comes nobody seems to know, but as to its destination there is no manner of doubt. It is bought by people who think that they know a good thing when they see it, and who frequently suffer for their conceit. They buy for £1 what in their ignorance they are convinced is worth £50, and they find that they have made a bad bargain. The article may be a mezzotint which, if genuine, would be worth £35, but, being a facsimile, it is perhaps dear at a sovereign. The purchaser would not look at it at that price in the shop window, but he will cheerfully pay five times that figure for it at auction, rather than take the advice of a picture dealer, whose modest profit he would disdain to pay. The man who makes rubbish is naturally induced to go on making more when he knows that auction rooms are haunted by ill-informed bargain-hunters. There is, needless to say, no reflection on the auctioneer, who, even if he had the requisite skill, has no time to sit in judgment on every picture or print which is included in his catalogue.

Not Hard to Copy.

Until an artist is dead his works are not usually the subject of forgery. But let him once get beneath the ground, and then, if he was the fashion, a fine field is thrown open. David Teniers predicted that when he died it would require a gallery a league long to contain all the pictures attributed to him. His prophecy was too modest. Twenty leagues would have been nearer the mark. T. B. Hardy, the marine painter, is another name which has been the subject of a good deal of forgery. He was a prolific worker, yet as soon as he was gone there were not enough of his beautiful water-colors to satisfy mankind, and the imitator set to work energetically. Copies cost little to produce, and involve no originality. All that is needed for success is to work with an unscrupulous dealer, and to receive the co-operation of a public which is ever ready to pick up something which, if genuine, would be dirt cheap at the price so greedily paid. No doubt the gambling spirit has been fostered in the case of pictures by certain little incidents which, if strung together, would make an exciting volume. But the man who rakes over a dustbin, and finds an "old master" which he sells for £1,000, is a very rare person. He has, at least, never been known to do the trick twice over. Yet a good many picture buyers are looking for fortunes in the same direction.

Craze for Engravings.

The craze for engravings has, like many other things, its ups and downs. The Landseer craze is nothing like so strong as it was a few years ago, and even the great Hogarth is comparatively at a discount. To-day engravings after Sir Joshua Reynolds command much attention, and so do those after Sir Thomas Lawrence and Gainsborough. Forgery is a strong word to use in connection with engravings, but what is often done is to palm off fourth editions as firsts by removing the margins. But this, of course, would not take in the experienced collector, who knows the points. Sometimes, indeed, the second and subsequent editions are unmistakably, and perhaps intentionally, different from the first in matters of detail. The man who makes pictures or engravings his hobby, may, as a rule, be trusted to know, not only as much about them as dealers do, but very often a great deal more. It would be surprising, indeed, if the devotion of a lifetime to a particular study did not have this result. It is the collector who is on the fringe of knowledge who frequently makes mistakes. He has to make bad bargains in order to learn wisdom, but even he would scarcely be found giving £6 for a bogus Morland, worth about 30s., under the impression that it was a genuine engraving of a value of £25.

"Original" Pictures Please.
Various circumstances have con-

spired to help the forger and the fabricator of recent years. One is that the great majority of people do not attempt to obtain large pictures. In the first place their purses may not be equal to it. In the second place, their taste is for something pleasing, which shall, if possible, have some approach to "originality." They have got sick of seeing the same engravings everywhere. It is a little trying when middle-class people, paying a series of afternoon calls, are compelled to gaze on the same kitten and the same ball of string in four out of every five houses. The number of "pictures" which the stores have worked off in various parts of the country is simply amazing. Now we are getting a reaction, and a desire for something better, which may easily be misguided. The untrained judgment so readily goes astray. The average man, when he learns that a picture attributed to a particular artist has been done up so many times, finds prima facie evidence that he has got hold of something original. The wiser man, on the other hand, attaches value to pedigree, and will not take risks such as the less experienced will run. It is not a bad habit to buy your pictures from a dealer you can trust, for no man of reputation will sell you for £50 a picture that cost him £5, and is worth very little more.

An Equine Murderer.

A remarkable story, says The Liverpool Post, comes from Mellor, near Blackburn. A man noticed a horse circling continually round a lamb, urging it towards a fence, and finally thrusting it through a hedge into a flooded dyke beyond, at the exact spot where another lamb was found drowned.



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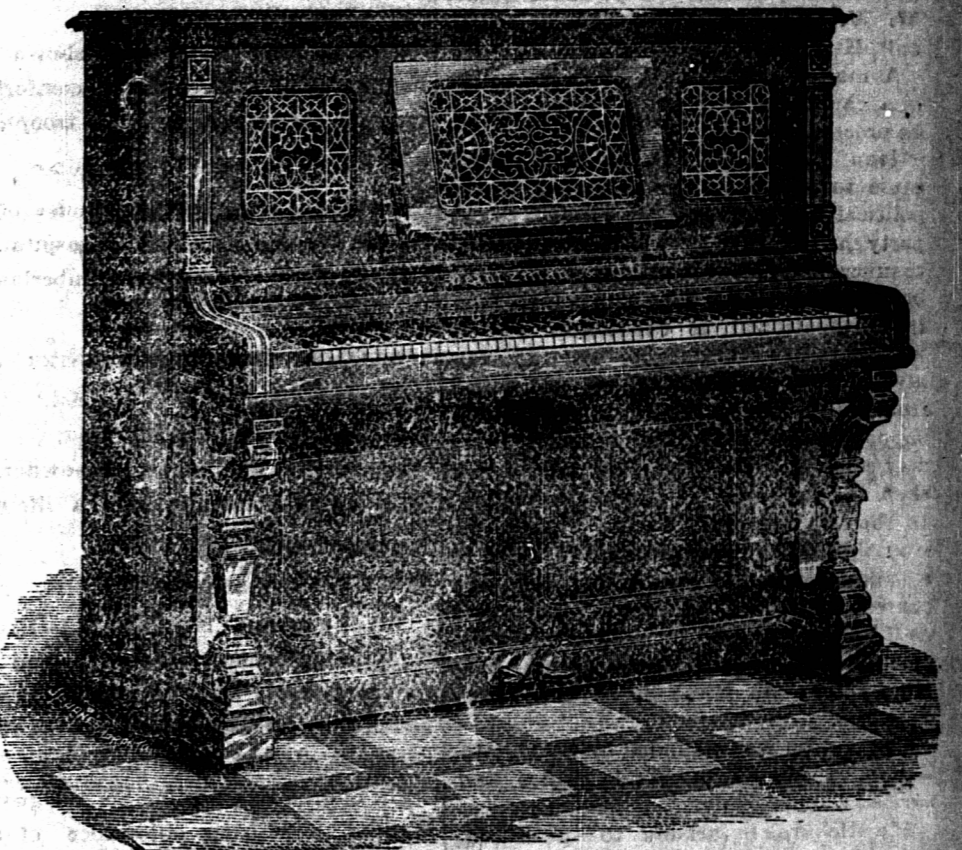
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