

REAL OR MYTHICAL

STANDARD OIL ACCUSED OF USING LEVERS AGAINST COMPETITORS

One Circé—Titan haired and beautiful to look upon; capable of causing several millions of Fritz August Heineze's dollars to flow into the coffers of the Standard Oil company...

When the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, mother of all the little oil trustlets which go to make up the so-called Standard Oil trust, files its next schedules with the Federal bureau of corporations, should it contain one item along the above lines?

To this question is given an emphatic "yes" by Mrs. Lillian Hobart French, who to quote her own words, is well acquainted with the affairs of Heineze, the Colorado copper millionaire.

This same "yes" is reiterated by Thomas W. Lawson, arch enemy of the Standard Oil crowd, at 26 Broadway have not one but a staff of many Circés to get its enemies' secrets from them for its own use.

On the other hand, there comes a just as emphatic "no" from John D. Archbold, vice president and director of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, director and official in most of the subsidiary companies, and recognized as one of the most powerful of all the barons of Wall street.

Mrs. French first "Press Agent." Mrs. French was the first one to bring to the notice of the public this young woman who it is alleged has furnished the Standard Oil men with most of the secrets of their business.

This mysterious Marie was supposed to be living in London at the time the industrial heat-seeker detectives in the world's metropolises immediately started on a hunt for her.

But this clew was upset to some extent when the woman said: "Really, I do not know the difference between Standard Oil and corned beef."

But to return to the Titan haired woman, Thomas W. Lawson was asked what he knew of the affair and he was more than willing to vouch for the facts of everything Mrs. French had said concerning her.

But it was not only the feelings of Mr. Heineze which Mrs. French sought to injure, she also made an attack on the pocketbook by way of the courts. Only a few weeks before he was married in Brooklyn, Mr. Heineze was served with a summons in a suit filed by Mrs. French to recover \$25,000 in bonds, which Mrs. French said were given to her by Mr. Heineze, but which he borrowed from her to tide him over financial embarrassment during the panic of 1907.

Reason Enough to Retaliate. Mrs. French was ready to talk the whole affair over with the greatest freedom. It seemed to give her pleasure to show her friends how she had been able to get the truth out of the Standard Oil company, and she was not at all loath to tell them that she had been able to get the truth out of the Standard Oil company.

Miscellaneous Reading.

OUR LOSS FROM PESTS. \$400,000,000 Annually Eaten Up By Insects. All of our undesirable citizens are not two legged nor are they all by habit city dwellers.

THE HORSE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Was Introduced By Spaniards, Notwithstanding Claims to the contrary. It will not be uninteresting to many to know something of the wild breed of horses of Carolina and Southern America.

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Hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to import nursery stock from abroad without a special permit from the United States department of agriculture.

This disease is, so far as is known, actively introduced into only one district of Germany, from which most of our white pine seedlings are imported.

White pine culture has been abandoned in Holland, as well as in parts of Germany and Russia, solely because of the grip of this fungus.

Our gate is also wide open at present to the entrance of two other dreaded European pests—the "nonne" moth and the white pine spinner.

MANY LOTTERY ROMANCES.

Fortunes Won and Lost By Freaks of Chance. That the age of lottery romance is by no means over, is proved by a singular story which has just come to us from Brussels.

The web is not yet woven, though the pattern is not selected, and perhaps another session of congress will give the unfinished product to the market.

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THE FIGHTING MAN.

Stories of Reckless Courage of the Old-Time Sailors. To illustrate the directness and simplicity of the mind of the fighting man there is no anecdote which better exhibits these qualities than the one dealing with a certain line-of-battle ship at the time of the mutiny of the Nore.

What meant the color and design of the porcupine national cap which the sailor wore, when his jubilee and his elevation to the royal state were to be celebrated, and when, on any day, he was to be promoted to a higher rank?

He then sent for the first lieutenant and ordered that the ringleaders of the mutiny were to come and interview him where he sat.

The tools or plates used for polishing are very different from the grinding-plates; they are much lighter, being constructed of a basis of aluminum or wood coated on one face with small squares of moderately soft rosin or pitch, which in turn is coated with a thin layer of beeswax.

Truly Fortunate That the Customs Men Looked at Her Plump Daughter. Reports of customs officials are constantly emphasizing the fact that they have to watch women much more closely than men to prevent smuggling.

MAKING OF BIG TELESCOPES. The factory which most successfully manufactures the mirrors for the great telescopes is the one at St. Gobain, France.

Caught the Jury—Oratory is, indeed, a lost art, said a Cleveland man the other day. "I used to go down to the courts just to hear the lurid speeches. Nothing doing in that line any more. The lawyers do not talk about flowers, rainbows and sunbeams any more."

THE SLAVIC SPARTA. Glimpses of the Romance of the Balkan Kingdom. "My country," said an Afghan Ameer, "produces two crops—stones and warriors."