

## TRICKS OF SAWDUST MEN.

THE murder recently of a well-known sawdust swindler has had a detrimental effect upon the other men who made their living in the same way. The old methods had to be abandoned, but recent reports from all parts of the West show that they have flooded a good many towns with new circulars. The popular form of swindle, up to last August, was by working the "panel game." The first move of sawdust men is to secure the list of the names of people who were regular subscribers to lotteries and various gift-book concerns. People who go into those things will be pretty sure to bite on another scheme. When the list has been duly studied, agents are sent out all over the country to look up the history of the most promising ones. This done, a circular is mailed to each man, which runs something as follows:

Mr. ———.

DEAR SIR: I will confide to you through this circular a secret by which you can make a speedy fortune. I have on hand a large amount of counterfeit notes of the following denominations: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20. I guarantee every note to be perfect, as it is examined carefully by me as soon as finished, and if not strictly perfect is immediately destroyed. Of course it would be perfectly foolish to send out poor work, and it would not only get my customers into trouble, but would break up my business and ruin me. So, for personal safety, I am compelled to issue nothing that will not compare with the genuine. I furnish you with my goods at the following low price, which will be found as reasonable as the nature of my business will allow:

For \$1,200 in my goods (assorted) I charge.....	\$100
For 2,500 in my goods (assorted) I charge.....	200
For 5,000 in my goods (assorted) I charge.....	350
For 10,000 in my goods (assorted) I charge.....	600

Then follows advice to the verdant reader, impressing upon his mind that the gates of State prison are yawning for him, and that he must be very careful. He must send word two days before his expected arrival in this city, go to a hotel which is named and remain in his room until the manufacturer called upon him. This done, an agent sends up his card and devotes an hour to sounding the man, to see if he is fair game or an emissary from the police in disguise. If all promises well the man leaves, appointing the next day as the time for the bargain. On the day appointed the first caller drops in to the hotel and leads the stranger to the "factory."

In a roughly furnished office, before a high desk at the wall, sits the principal operator, busily counting out a huge pile of crisp bills. They are fresh from the Government Treasury, and of all denominations. The countryman is introduced, explained the process by which the money can best be disposed of, and given general