ANOTHER WICKED SWINDLE.

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LESS WASHING MACHINES.

A Miserable Trick to Induce Poor People to Send Their Money with the Promise of Big Rewards Brazen Effrontery of windlers Letters from Poor Women We Have Been Made Victims.

Swindlers and swindled! Divide the population of America into two parts and you have two the swindlers and the swindled, and the classes—the swindlers and the swindled, and the census of one will equal that of the other every time. Every day I get a letter from victims telling of new forms of swindles. A woman bought a set of teeth and they poisoned her mouth, and wanted to know if I would avenge A man bought a suit warranted all wool, and the daylight proved it all cotton. Another bought a pair of trousers, and the first breath of air made them shrink above his shoe tops. A woman paid to have her hair bleached golden, and it bleached red. A man paid \$6, 25 for a son of coal which only measured half a ton. Women pay for lessons in embroidery, scarfmaking, crayon work, needle work and are

never sail. People buy eggs at fifty cents a dozen which are not exactly what they are represented to be. Nor are these victims half so numerous as those who pay good money to guess the number of beans in a quart measure, or to guess the number of links in a chain, or to pay \$2-merely as a guarantee of good faith—for the loan of \$200, which they are to receive the following week, or to give \$5, and in a few days be ad-vanced several hundreds of dollars with which to establish a business, or to pay \$20 and learn perious and make a fortune. Of course they were rest the money they expect in return for ones investments. All these swindlers live on he find of the land, while the swindled have to safe; shout and bewall their stupidity. By

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bought that could do the family wash without assistance in thirty minutes, and to every Sweeten sending \$1 for a WOXDERFUL WASHER the machine would be given a thirty-dollar black silk dress. Well, there ach an advertisement, and there are hundreds

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family wash in thirty minutes I don't believe it would do a wash in thirty years. I afterwards wrote to the firm about the silk dress which they had forgotten to send, but they did not waste postage in replying. As they would not

answer my letters I decided to visit them. I

went to Dey street, and after considerable hunting about I learned from a letter carrier that

the firm I wanted was in a corner building on the second floor above a saloon. The entrance to their office was at a different number entirely to that over which they advertised. I followed

a man up the dirty stairs and he kindly showed

me No. 9, the office where the New York Laun-

It was a strange place for a business office. The room was not large and was decidedly dirty.

There was a stove, and several desks strewed with papers and letters. The floor was very dirty and had never known a carpet. It was almost covered with torn envelopes, which some lary person had been too careless to put into a

waste basket. I thought as I looked at the pile of loose paper what an easy place it would be to

set on fire. By the table nearest the door sat a young girl inclosing hundreds of the washer

pamphlets in envelopes and preparing them for the mails. Four sample machines stood on the

THE IMPUDENT SWINDLESS

There was only one window in the room, and near to it sat two men smoking and playing cards. They had their hate set on the back of

their heads and seemed entirely occupied with

The young girl at the table looked up at me when I entered, and so did the men. but no one

spoke. The girl looked as if she was afraid, and

the men looked as if they did not want to have the men looked as it mey did not when I made a their game interrupted. At last, when I made a

movement to go in to them, one came up and, standing before me, waited for me to explain my business.
"I want to see the proprietor of the New York
Laundry Works." I said.

We do not advertise any such thing," he said shortly.

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JOSE STORIS, 133 Dupout street, Buffalo, H. T.

"You see I did not know that you were com-ing, and did not manufacture those testimonials for your benefit," he said with a grin.
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"No, but you doubtless expect some or your victims to call, so this does not prove anything," I replied. "I think in this business you are making a wrong use of the mails."
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