

HIGH PLAY AT MONTE CARLO

Tables Always Full and Bank Doing Well, Says Londoner Who Brought Back Some Money.

Walter Martin, a Piccadilly cigar dealer, has the distinction of having broken the bank at Monte Carlo three times in an hour recently and to have returned to his home in London with money in his pocket, according to the London correspondence of the Sun and New York Herald. To many persons who have heard wonderful accounts of winnings—and losses—at Monte Carlo, "to break the bank" looks big. However, Mr. Martin's winnings in that one hour of play netted him just 15,000 francs, today worth about \$985 in American gold.

Mr. Martin admits that he was "in luck." He said that he played with "a defensive system" of his own.

Two "sittings" stood out in his memory. One of them was when he broke the bank as related above. The other was when he lost 500,000 francs. He played roulette.

"I was able to pay the living expenses of myself and a party of friends of the tables, and also to come home 'in pocket' as a result of my two months' visit," he said.

"In the whole of my experience at Monte Carlo, and I am an old player, I do not remember the tables so crowded. It is difficult to get a seat. British and French are at Monte Carlo in about equal numbers, and one thing that struck me was the number of women players. I should say there were three of them to every man.

"I saw several well-known people who were having bad luck and losing a lot, but one young Frenchman had done amazing well and in three months had won £250,000. And, like a wise man, he had packed up and gone away with it.

"The tables, however, are prospering greatly, owing to the number of inexperienced and reckless players."

SAYS BEES HAVE LANGUAGE

University Professor Asserts That They Also Have Some Sort of Telegraphic System.

Bees have a language and a system of telegraphy, according to Professor Francis Jager, chief of the division of bee culture at the University of Minnesota farm. Wonderful progress has been made in bee culture, but their means of communication still remain a mystery, according to Professor Jager.

Professor Jager has conducted many experiments in an effort to learn something of the bee's mysterious form of communication. In one of them he took the queen bee out of a hive, which was four or five feet high. As soon as the working bees discovered their leader was missing they began crying. The crying was audible four or five feet from the hive. Within 36 seconds after the queen bee had been replaced at the bottom of the hive the crying subsided at the top of the hive, and they showed their joy by standing on their heads, according to Professor Jager.—St. Paul Daily News.

Keep Life's Windows Open.

Life is constantly confronted with new ideas. They must be examined before being accepted. In this as in everything else there must be the right light in which to make the examination. The bright light that makes the diamond flash destroys the sensitized plate. Each must have the light it needs to meet the thing it was made for. So each challenging thought must have its setting and life's windows are the media through which we see them. He who knows how to use his windows can have just the kind of light he needs within. He who closes his windows to the light is sure to settle farther and farther into himself and sour in his own stagnation. To live sweet and fresh lives men must see. It's a matter of opening the windows.—Exchange.

Ludicrously Low Prices.

From a letter just received in New York from Prague, Czecho-Slovakia: "This city is one of the most beautiful places I ever saw. And the prices just now, if you have American money, are simply ludicrous. My room at the best hotel cost me 75 cents a day. You can dine at the best restaurants, with wine thrown in, for 50 to 75 cents. I just sent out a pair of shoes to be repaired by a cobbler, and what do you think the profiteer charged? Five cents! And you can go downstairs to the so-called American bar and get a champagne cobbler for 25 cents and a Martini cocktail for 15 cents. Just got my week's bill from my hotel. Seven days' lodging and breakfasts—\$6! and it's the best hotel in Prague!"

Jamaican Women Given Vote.

Under a new law the women of Jamaica, British West Indies, are to have a vote in the elections for the parochial boards and the legislature. Every woman is entitled to vote if she is twenty-five years of age or more, can read and write and is of British nationality, but she must have also certain salary or property qualifications. The salary designated is £5 a year, or she must pay £10 in rent or £2 rates on house, lands or personal property.

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NEW IDEA IN MOTIVE POWER

Vertical Vanes Used in Windmills Foretell Possibility of Idleness in Any Weather.

Europe is facing a serious shortage of fuel, of all kinds. Coal, gas, gasoline, wood, alcohol—all these fuels are lacking. The result is that inventors have turned out in force to solve the power problem in new ways. A French inventor has developed a new form of windmill in which vertical vanes are used. The advantages of this form are said to be: Power—no matter in what direction the wind is blowing; noiseless operation; the windmill does not have to turn about, with consequent loss of time; there is no danger from strong winds or gales; it develops five times the power derived from usual forms of windmills; there is practically no upkeep or operating expense. The builder says that he is ready to undertake the building of such windmills in all capacities from one-half to 100 horse power and over. The windmill is recommended to be run in connection with an electric generator and storage battery, so that, when the wind is blowing, electrical energy is stored up for use during the calm weather. However, it is estimated that the windmill can operate in practically any weather, and but very few idle days are encountered throughout the year, writes Hereward Carrington in Leslie's. This windmill may prove of the greatest practical value to many farmers and those desirous of obtaining power cheaply and easily.

PROOF OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP

What More Could Be Asked of Any Man Than the Sacrifice That Is Here Recorded?

There are various ways of evidencing true friendship. Sorrow and suffering bring out the best in others, but it is our habit to be sympathetic and not always does it prove that sympathy and friendship are akin. When a man will lend you money without collateral he is indeed a friend.

But we find our true friends in other ways. The other day we were in a hurry and we needed a hair cut. So we went to our favorite barber shop to find our favorite barber busy, and a man ahead of us.

We were about to depart without the trim we sorely needed, when the man ahead of us spoke up:

"You always have the same barber, don't you?"

"Yep," we replied.

"Well, I'm next for his chair, but I'm in no hurry. You just go ahead and take my turn. I'll wait."

There was friendship for you, and as we thanked him for his kindness we couldn't help remarking:

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he will give up his place in a barber shop for another."—Exchange.

Attention, Diogenes.

Diogenes, wake up! Here's your honest man! Right here in Houston, recently, a man entered the consolidated railway ticket office and purchased a ticket for a child more than five years old. Then he promptly tore the ticket up.

It developed that a woman, accompanied by a child, departed from Houston within the last few days for a city more than 1,000 miles away, but did not obtain transportation for the child.

When the ticket was bought the purchaser was asked when the party was going. He replied, "They have already gone."

Then it developed that the man, conscience-stricken at the thought of cheating the railroads out of the cost of a child's ticket, decided to follow the old adage, "Better late than never."—Houston Post.

Unconventional.

An old woman from Sullivan county came to a recent convention held at Indianapolis. Now, never before had she attended a convention, and she had very strange ideas of conventions—such as to thinking that they were made up of banquets, parties, etc. But this one was just a line of lectures, lectures, lectures. And the old lady did not like it at all.

At the close of the last day she went back to her hotel, weary, disappointed and hungry. She saw another delegate and began to talk to her of the week's lectures. "No, indeed, I have not liked this," she said emphatically, "and more than that, I know I shall never be a conventional woman."—Indianapolis News.

Meaning of "Call," a Market Term.

A "call," in market parlance is a contract giving the purchaser the option to buy a commodity or security at a fixed price, within a fixed time. It is used in speculation in grain, cotton, stocks and foreign exchange. When German marks, for example, are selling for 1.6 cents, a broker will sell for \$85 the privilege of buying 25,000 marks, within nine months, at 5.6 cents each. If the price within that period goes above 5.6 cents, the holder of the call can purchase at that price and sell at the prevailing market price, and have the difference as a profit. If the price does not reach the quotation named in the "call," the money spent for it is lost.

An Effort at Logic.

"You say you want equal opportunity for everybody?" said the man who tries to be fair.

"I do," answered the anarchist.

"And you are protesting against injustice?"

"I am."

"Then why don't you give the innocent bystander a chance for his life when you plant a bomb?"

Highways of Durable Types.

Second only in importance to the size of the present road-building program is the excellence of the character of the roads being built. Sixty per cent. of the total allotment of federal funds which has been approved to date will be spent for roads of such durable types as bituminous concrete, Portland cement concrete, and vitrified brick. These roads, when built, will increase by 7,600 miles the total of 14,000 miles of roads of this class which existed in the United States before the Federal-aid road law was passed. But these figures by no means represent the total mileage affected.

In 1915 the total expenditure for roads and bridges by all the States and local governments was \$267,000,000, while last year the estimated funds available for main road construction are nearly three times that amount, or \$633,000,000. In all federal funds to the amount of \$266,750,000 have been apportioned among 48 States without a suggestion of favoritism—so adequate are the provisions for a just apportionment.

Uncle Joe Has Plenty of Pep.

Here are two more about Uncle Joe Cannon, Member of Congress from Illinois, 85 years old and chipper as a youth, writes Gus J. Karger in the Cincinnati Times-Star.

You know that he broke his arm last fall. Everything has come along all right except that the fingers of one

hand remain somewhat awkward. Uncle Joe wouldn't at this time make a good pickpocket or piano player. "I don't mind it very much," Uncle Joe said to his secretary, "save for one reason. It interferes with my shuffling with cards."

He was still carrying his sore hand in the lapel of his coat for protection when, on a visit to Chicago, an enthusiastic friend pulled it out of its refuge and gave it a hearty shake. Uncle Joe, wincing, struck out with his able left hand and landed on the other's lamp. Whereupon, throwing his hat in the air, the assaulted party gave voice. "Three cheers for Uncle Joe," he shouted. "He hasn't lost his pep." And then Uncle Joe apologized for losing his temper.

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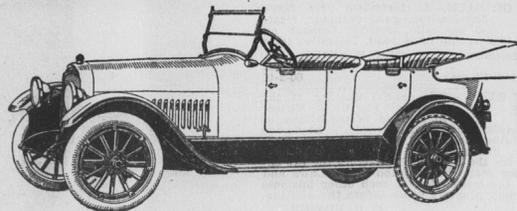
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