

RIGGEST JACK POT EVER PLAYED.

General Miles' Story of High Play After Richmond Fall.

"I don't play poker myself," said Major Gen. Miles. "In fact, I am glad to say that the game has rather come out in the army, but I think I can claim to have been a witness of the biggest game as to stakes that was ever played."

"Tell us about it, General," said Col. Ochiltree. "I have some pretty good poker stories in stock myself."

"And so have I," said Henry Watterson. "For instance, Joe Blackburn's, about the game played in the trenches at the battle of Shiloh with a table made on the bodies of the comrades of the players."

"Well," said John W. Mackay, "as to stakes, I will enter a claim for some of the games played in the good old days in Nevada, when the boys had the Comstock lode to draw upon. But, General, let us have your story."

"It was in the spring of 1862, when Davis, Lee and the rest of you Confederates, Col. Watterson, were in full retreat from Richmond toward Danville, and we were pressing you night and day, hardly stopping to eat or sleep. On the eve of the battle of Sailor's Creek—"

"I was there," said Col. Ochiltree. "It was in that battle that I was wounded."

"That day," continued Gen. Miles, "we overhauled and captured a Confederate wagon train and found, greatly to the delight of our boys, that several of the wagons were loaded with Confederate bonds and Confederate money in transit from the Confederate Treasury Department in Richmond to wherever the government, now on wheels, might make its last stand. The soldiers simply helped themselves to the bonds and the money, and the officers did not care to deprive them of the spoils to which they were richly entitled. At night, when we knocked off work for supper and a few hours' rest and sleep, I had occasion to ride along the line, and found, greatly to my amusement, a poker game going on around almost every camp fire. Stopping to watch one of the games, this is what I heard:

"How much is the ante?"

"One thousand dollars."

"And how much to fill? Five thousand? Well, here goes. I raise it \$10,000."

"Good. I see you and go you \$10,000 better. Twenty-five thousand to draw cards!"

"Then cards were drawn, and presently a bet was made of \$50,000. Some one went \$100,000 better, but he was ruled down. Fifty thousand was the limit. However, there was \$500,000 in the pot when it was hauled down by the winner, who had three treys and a pair of jacks. I expressed my surprise at the size of the game and told the boys they had better go slow or their funds would run out."

"Never fear, General," replied one of them. "We will keep within our means. You ought to have been here just now. We had a jack pot of \$1,200,000."

"I think you will agree with me," continued Gen. Miles, "that no bigger poker game than that was ever played."

—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Time of Parting.

"Laura!"

There was an undertone of sadness in the young man's voice. Outside all was calm. The full October moon shone—pronounce it, please—peacefully on a community that was beginning to wrap itself in dreams. Whatever of misery or squalor—sounded the long—had disfigured the landscape in the garish light of day was hid from view beneath the friendly shadows of night, and there was nothing in sight to vex the eye of the man in the moon or bring the flush of indignation to his rounded cheek.

The quick ear of Miss Kajones caught the melancholy inflection of young Ferguson's voice.

"What is it, George?" she whispered.

Even in the semi-darkness of the Kajones parlor the face of the maiden might have been observed to take on a paler shade, and for a moment the youth did not reply. The cat on the rug awoke from a troubled dream, yawned, stretched itself, turned the other side to the fire, and went to sleep again, and the flowers in the vase—kindly call this vase—on the piano diffused their mild, grateful perfume through the apartment.

"At last the young man spoke.

"Dearest!" he murmured.

"What is it?"

"It is growing late."

He looked at his watch.

"It is growing late," he repeated, tremulously. "The last car will pass along in three-quarters of an hour. I must leave you in exactly forty minutes—and he clutched her hand—"in forty minutes exactly! Dearest!"

"Oh, George!"

"I must begin to say good night!"

—Chicago Tribune.

Insolence Rebuked.

Major Lomax, of the United States army, visiting in Canada soon after the war of 1812, was entertained in Quebec by the officers of one of the royal regiments. After dinner, speeches and toasts being in order, one of the British officers having imbibed too generously of the champagne gave as a toast: "The President of the United States, dead or alive." The toast was accepted with laughter. Major Lomax rose to respond, saying: "Permit me to give as my toast, 'The Prince Regent, drunk or sober.'" The British officer sprang instantly to his feet, and in angry tones demanded: "Sir, do you intend that remark as an insult?" To which Major Lomax calmly replied: "No, sir; as the reply to one."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Dr. Collyer's Good Appetite.

The Rev. Robert Collyer, while at the breakfast table of one of his friends in the country near Boston, was asked by one of the family: "Mr. Collyer, do you enjoy as good an appetite as you have in years past?" To which he replied: "My dear, if I lose the appetite I now have, I hope no poor man will find it."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Ingenious Excuse.

Frank comes into the house in a sorry plight.

"Money on us!" exclaims his father. "How you look! You are soaked."

"Please, papa, I fell into the canal."

"What! with your new trousers on?"

"Yes, papa; I didn't have time to take them off."—Omaha Bee.

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It is not difficult to keep hairs out of milk, but manure finds its way into the pail unless the udder and teats of the cow are thoroughly washed and wiped dry with a clean towel. It is necessary to do this in order to obtain clean milk.

The State dairy commissioner, of Minnesota, reports that eighty creameries and twenty cheese factories have been started in Minnesota this year. He accounts for the large preponderance of creameries over cheese factories by the fact that hog raising has become an important factor in Minnesota farming, and the creamery returns the skimmed milk, while at the same time it pays as much for the whole milk as does the cheese factory, which returns nothing. Commissioner Anderson also reports that the large number of creameries have driven oleomargarine out of the State, because they are now able to manufacture and sell good butter at prices so low that oleomargarine has no chance.

The Right Way to Feed for Eggs.

The feeding of poultry has been receiving increased attention during the last few years, especially at the Rhode Island, New York State and Ohio experiment stations. In a general way the experience of these institutions demonstrates conclusively the value of a ration rich in protein. This is easily understood, for we know that the egg is very rich in albumen or protein and this element the hen can get only from the food it consumes. Similar tests have been made on a practical scale by many of the larger poultry keepers of the country. Among them is George J. Nisley, a well-known fancier and manufacturer of incubators and brooders in Washtenaw County, Mich. He makes a specialty of thoroughbred Light Brahmas, Langshans, Buff Cochins, Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandotters, both for sale and fancy stock and also for eggs for market. His egg records attest his judgment both in breeding and feeding, and on the latter subject he says:

"I have bred fancy poultry extensively for twelve years, and during that time tried various ways of furnishing my fowls and chicks the requisite supply of animal food, but have found nothing so convenient, so economical, and so satisfactory to use as Bowker's animal meal, and the increased demand for it among my customers is evidence that they concur in my own views. I feed it in soft food. During winter my laying hens get it daily in their morning meal; in summer I feed more whole grain (mainly wheat and oats), but still aim to have them get soft food and animal meal two or three times a week.

"I mix it with the dry ground feed in the proportion of about one part animal meal to eight or ten parts ground feed, and then thoroughly scald the feed, letting it stand and cook in its own heat an hour or two before feeding. For ground feed I have found that two parts corn, one part oats, one part wheat, ground together, and then one part wheat bran added, makes a very desirable combination. For chicks I have the oat hulls sifted out, and some times omit the bran, as it may prove a little too loosening when the animal meal is also used, as we always do, for I would not think of trying to grow chicks without it. They get it every morning. I find it advisable to use a smaller proportion of animal meal when first beginning to feed it, and increase the amount as they become accustomed to it."

Prospects for Cattle.

Farm News says that it is probable that the business of rearing cattle is improving and promises to continue to improve for an indefinite period. The day of the long-horned, wild-eyed range steer is about gone, and his range has been taken up and fenced in and put to crops by "the man with a hoe," and the endless miles of pasturage have become definitely limited and are becoming more circumscribed year by year. This is gratifying in more ways than one. The awful suffering of range cattle during the winter months, the blizzard till stopped by a wire fence, and then piling up there to freeze to death, will not be heard of, and the sleek, well-fed steer of a better system will take his place and furnish better beef to the consumer. Every year it is becoming more to the interests of the cattlemen to furnish neat, well-ripened steers for the market, and he is quick to respond to the demand. The other day, in Chicago, we could not help but notice the difference between most of the cattle in the yards and those we used to see there a few years ago. Then the yards were filled with bony, long-horned specimens from the ranges of the Southwest; now they were mostly neat and plump, showing signs of Hereford, Scotch or Short-horn ancestry; and they were being sold at a price that must have convinced their owners that the good times had come again. It will be a great day for cattlemen when they will bring their cattle at prices that will bring to them some of the old-time profits, and it seems as if the day when this will be done is near at hand. Then the breeding of fine stock will become more common and we will see better cattle and more of them all over the country. The outlook for the cattle man is bright, and in spite of the predictions of a few croakers, there is a prospect that is good, and that bids fair to usher in an era of fair prices for fair stock.

Profit in Fruit.

The profits on new fruits are large, if they possess merit and are introduced in a businesslike way. The estate of the originator of the Fay currant has received over \$40,000 in royalties from the introducer, who has doubtless made an even larger net profit for himself out of that delicious fruit. Had Mr. Fay, the originator of the Concord grape, shown equal business ability in selling it, he might have been a millionaire instead of dying in poverty. The Niagara grape has made a fortune for its promoters. Many other good fruits have failed to pay either the originator or the introducer for want of good business management. This last is the keynote to success in selling anything.

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