

BIG SUGAR FRAUD.

Wife of Friend, the man with the... THE SHAM PROCESS.

The following is a summary of the... The fraud was discovered in the... of the sugar refining process.

One of the most interesting features... of the report of Mrs. H. M. ... the progress of the fraud.

Well, Olla, that was a good day's... of the fraud, and I could... the progress of the fraud.

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CAPRICIOUS FORTUNE.

HOW THE FICKLE MISS FLIRTS WITH THOSE WHO COURT HER.

The Great Majority of Gamblers Are Unfortunate—A Fly Tenderfoot Who Won \$5,000 on the Black.

"The caprices of chance or fortune, whichever you may call it, are singular, to say the least, remarked a well known gambler in New Orleans, in a recent issue of the 'Catholic'.

"I don't know him from a crow, but having won out pretty well, I tossed him a white check and told him to go and make a winning. What do you suppose that duck done? He cashed the check, took the quarter, strode over to the tub-tico game, placed it on the black, and won \$5,000 on the black.

"All right; there's \$5,000," said the sport, putting ten \$500 bills on the black. "Just flip the ball and see what she'll do," coolly chirruped the fellow.

"The dealer, who had just received the ball of the pocket, sized up the player to see if he was bluffing and had a cable to it, and seeing the fellow meant business, he let the ball go, and it fell on the black, and the player won the money.

"Go ahead; win or lose. Give us a roll and see what my luck is today." "The dealer refused to turn, and the player about to take up his money and leave when the dealer came over, and after a little meditation told the dealer to roll the ball and he would pay the bet if he lost.

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MARRIAGE ON THE CONGO.

STRANGE CUSTOMS OF LITTLE PORTUGUESE COLONY.

A honeymoon spent in a hut—importance and power of the "fetich man" in the Congo—how to get a wife from a neighboring town.

Happier than some other races of men, those of the West African tribes practice infanticide. On the contrary, it is considered a misfortune not to have many children, and this desire is the source of some very curious habits and customs.

With the Kabina the bride and groom immediately after marriage are locked in a hut which must never be opened until before, and after, the bride has been confined for three months, except that at every midnight the old men of the town take the groom and the old women the bride and escort them to the "fetich man" to whom they appeal for children.

When a native wants a wife, if he has none in his own town to suit him, he goes to seek for one in a neighboring town. If there is a girl in his town of the age desired, if the answer is in the affirmative, he then presents his case to the old men of the town, and after a day or two of talk, at which they do not interfere much, they agree that he may bring home as a wife a woman from another town.

After securing this permission he, with presents in his hands for the protection of the spirit powers, visits the head "fetich man," and after listening to his many prayers receive a charm. He is then ready to seek for a bride.

In the meantime the women of his town—maids, wives and widows—having been advised of his intention and being incensed by his slighting them in selecting a stranger, are prepared, as they are allowed by their laws to do, to prevent his leaving until their charms have been admitted and their indignation allayed by many presents.

However, having overcome the difficulties of his departure, he arrives at and is received in his prospective bride's town by the old men of the place and by them conducted to the "palaver house," where there is more talk and more rum. It is not until the evening that he is allowed to see the girl he has selected, and from then learns the sum in beads, rum, cloth, etc., he has to pay before he can take her home.

After a woman becomes a wife different laws affect her. If convicted of unfaithfulness she is punished according to the customs of the place. This, as a rule, finds expression by her being sold into slavery. A peculiar belief in their finding reason for the failure of any endeavor or undertaking which may have in hand in their wives' forgetfulness of their duties.

A native chief, when about to start on a journey, or go on a hunting or trading expedition, or to war, on the day before his departure calls together his many wives and advises them of his intention. He then reminds them that the success or failure of his effort depends upon the purity of his heart, and that he must be purified before starting on his journey.

REMARKABLE VOLCANO.

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