10		THE PITTSBURG I	DISPATCH, TUESDAY, D	ECEMBER 27, 1892.		
FUIL IN MACHETICAA	said a lady of the court of Louis XIV., "is marked by this character of love for the	HUMAN WEAK POINTS.	servant breaks a piece of crockery she must immediately and willfully break another	A SEDUCTIVE GAME.	with great care, and rest assured that some- one is getting better hands than you.	NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
EVIL IN MAGNETISM.	marvelous (I would say superstition, if I		piece in order to destroy the spell. When the housewife drops her disheloth she will		Stay Out Till You Get Something.	
erne in innunerionni	was not imbued with it myself), which de- notes the decadence of society. Never	I manter on the Densite Denstined	surely have company that day, and the same rule applies if she drop a fork and	An Expert's Opinions on the Fine	"As regards good or bad luck, the worst kind is to get good hands and continually	А
	were the Bosicrusians, the adepts, the	A Chapter on the Deceits Practiced	same rule applies if she drop a fork and the times hold it to the floor, but in this case	Points of Poker Playing.	have them beaten by better ones. No one	
Congress to Be Urged to Pro-	prophets and all that pertains to them, so numerous, so well attended. Conversation	Upon All the People.	the visitor will be a gentleman. Should		can contend with such a turn of affairs. If you can get nothing but poor hands contin-	
ceed With Vigor Against .	turns almost entirely to these subjects; it		she, without premeditation, place either two knives, fork or spoons at one plate or	SOME THINGS TO BE OBSERVED.	ually, I can only repeat the advice I once	OOLIADE
	occupies everybody's mind, it excites the imagination even of the most serious."	THE CHARMS, OMENS AND SPELLS	give two spoons with one cup or bowl, the	Some Thinds to be observer.	received from an old card player, which was, 'Stay out till you get something.'	SQUARE
the Black Art.	Marvels of the Mystery.		person receiving them will be married within a year. Place the wishbone of a	Not So Much What You Win as What You	"I have been asked very often which was	
	Besides the blasphemous "bleeding	That Are Used to Work Upon the Supersti-	fowl over a door and the first one who en-	Eave That Counts.	the better hand to draw to between a flush or a straight, and I always say, to the	
THE EMOTIONAL CRAZES	Christs" exhibitions, and those grouped under l'elat de mort, and the cataleptic and	tions Folk.	ters under the bone will be the first in the house to be married.		strongest hand. It may be easier to fill the	DEAL
III ENVIOUAL OBALLO	physical ones, which Bertrand says were		It is held by superstitious people that if a		straight, but the flush is the better hand to hold. So, when one opens a jack pot with	DEAL
•	noticeable for their characteristic of in- vulnerability of the subject, which Calmell	FRIDAY AND THE THIRTEEN CLUB	spotted or white cat cross your path you caunot have years of pleasure. A black		but one pair and a four flush, if there is but	
Since the Days of Jansen Brought Up	does not account for, but describes as ecsta-		cat following you indicates good luck, and	In talking about the game of draw poker.	one raise before the draw, or unless some one stands pat, it may be best to draw to	
to Furnish Evidence That	toconvulaive theomania, Blane describes in- fantile conditions and characteristics sud-	Every piece of machinery, no matter how	coming to your store or house indicates wealth and plenty. To kills cat is the	one evening recently, a writer for the Bal-	the pair, as the chances are that three aces	Is what we give to every cus-
	denly spread over the faces of adults, accom-	carefully and elaborately constructed, has its weak point. The same remark applies	worst ill luck and brings seven years of	timore American heard a gentleman who has	or face cards will be the best hand; but if there are no raises before the draw, split	tomer at all times. We don't
THEIR SPREAD MUST BE CHECKED.	panied with gestures, attitudes, move- ments and voices of children. Among	to the human frame, and the weak point is	To meet a red-haired person on first get-	played cards for a good many years express	the pair every time and draw to the flush,	
THEIR SPREAD MUSI DE CHECKED.	the intellectual phenomena observed	the tendency to a belief in the supernatural,	ting up indicates a dull day in business, and	the opinion that there were no rules by which to play the game, and from the way	laying aside the discard that you may show it after the hand is played. A good play is	advertise to-day overclats at
	among the convulsionists, he men- tions temporary gifts of intelli-	more familiarly called superstition. Fre-	if such a one crosses your door on New Year's Day you will have an unlucky year.	he plays he is evidently sincere in his	to raise on two pairs, if you sit next to or	50c on the dollar or \$12 coats
Evils of Religious Excitement and Fanat-	gence, eloquence and resolution; ignorant	quently there are many weak points, and in this case superstition is the weakest and	While making a trade if a cross-eved per-	belief. As a matter of fact, there are a	within one of the opener, as that will prob- ably keep out those who would otherwise	at \$6 and to-morrow 50 per
icism Reviewed.	and stupid young girls talking with vivac- ity, elegance and rhetoric; reading and	most ungovernable, but if there be but	son looks at you it indicates that the bar- gain will be unprofitable. To hear a cricket	number of things to be taken in considera- tion, if one wants to play with any degree	come in on one pair, which they might im-	
	aneaking in languages they had never	"one screw loose," it may safely be set	chirp is good luck, and it is always a wel-	of success, which can as well be called rules	"It is generally best to draw one card to	cent off and a premium for car-
ALARMING GROWTH OF BAD PRACTICES	learned, bearing with deaf ears and seeing with closed eves. These convulsionists	down to superstition. It does not, however, naturally follow	come sound under the hearthstone of the farmer's house.	as anything else; for if they are not	threes, holding up the smaller of the odd	rying them off. Allour goods
	were attended by assistants, who were	that superstitious people are necessarily	A bird flying in the window indicates	observed, it will generally result disas-	cards, for it is about as easy to match that card, and thus fill your hand, as to do so by	are on the square, genuine
In one way and another labor, in this free	called secours meurtriers. It was always noticeable that the health of these convul-	moral cowards, says a writer in the New	failure in business, so that in panicky times the poor birds are very weary. Every	trously to the player who ignores them. There are many persons who indulge in the	drawing two cards; besides, you don't	a subscription and the second state of the second
and glorious country, may be said to have a	sionists was not injured by these physical	York Times, for where there is no distinction	horseshoe found in the roadway should be	fascinating game who never take into con-	reveal the fact that you have three to start with.	and first class in quality. Our
hard time of it. In fact, the constant occa-	prodicies.	there is no personality, and as all men are superstitious none can be a coward. Yet,	placed over the door of the house, because it brings the best of prosperity and keeps	sideration anything but the element of	"Of course, if there is any betting before	prices are square, too, and al-
pation of labor seems to be warfare, and	Richard F. Burton, the celebrated En- glish traveler, referring to Methodism and	there are different degrees of absorption in	witches and the devil out. A streak of	chance or luck, as they call it. Of course, there is a large percentage of chance in this	the draw, it may be better to draw to the full strength of your hand, as you may need	ways marked as low as the con-
when it is not engaged in actual conflict with the world and the firsh it finds itself	to John Wesley and George Whitfield,	different beings and some are saturated	profit is coming when you find many, be- cause it denotes good fortune.	as well as in almost all games of cards, but	four of a kind to win with. In conclusion,	
called upon to take arms against the devil.	"Both these religionists, and mostly the	with superstition while others are only	The Kissing Prognostications.	there is much besides that, and it is to refer	let me give one more good rule to adhere to, and that is, if you want to keep always	ditions of the seasons will per-
The exact meaning of this proposition, says	latter, who died A. D. 1770, at Newberry,	touched by this species of insanity. A Sign for Almost Every Act.	If your nose itches you will be kissed,	to some of the fine points of play that this	shead of the game, you can do so in one	mit. There's one thing certain,
the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, is conveyed by Samuel Gompers, President of the Ameri-	New England, converted and preached to thousands in America, there establishing	There appears to be an inherent tendency	cursed or vexed. If a horse stumbles	article is written. The writer, therefore, hunted up an old and expert exponent of	way only, namely: Leave it alone."	that, whatever price goods you
can Federation of Labor, who has received	field services and campmeetings, revivals and conferences, which, like those of the	toward a belief in the supernatural, and	while being rode to the race do not bet on him. If you fall when going upstairs you	the great game of draw-s man who has	WHITE MEN ON KONGO.	
an alarming and highly interesting warning	French Convulsionists in the last century,	this induces faith in prognostications. There is a sign for almost every act of life,	will have trouble or lose some lady friend.	spent his days and nights at the green		buy from us, you get the same
from S. Heydenfeldt, Jr., who has given to	galvanized Christianity with a wild and	and misfortune, or the contrary, is pre-	If your lips tickle you will be kissed by a stranger.	table, and this is what he said about poker: How to Make It Interesting.	The New Census Shows That 950 of Them	honest home-made clothing for
the study of electro-magnetism and other pernicious acts much careful attention. "I	feverish life. Spread of the Doctrine in England.	saged by the most trivial curcumstances.	The Hebrews have a custom of breaking	"Anyone can learn the rudiments of the	Are Living There-The Country Build-	which we have built up a na-
have been informed," says Mr. Heydenfeldt,	"Falling among educated men, the doc-	There is not a part of the human being's	crystal at a wedding to scatter brightness upon the happy pair, and they, in common	game by reading 'Hoyle's Games,' but it is	ing Up-Conditions Constantly Growing Better.	
"that there are seventeen secret societies	trine in England and in the colonies was	dress, not an article in use by man, not a thing which grows on earth, not a star	with people of other races, throw rice after	only by long experience that one gets to	The Kongo Free State has taken the cen-	tional reputation. Our stamp-
which electro-magnetize their members, who are, without knowing it, connected with a	received with a bewilderment of enthu- siasm, and it soon produced the usual	which twinkles in the firmament, not a thing	the newly-wedded couple when they leave the house to bring them good fortune.	know how to play a good game, and not al- ways then. In order to make a game of	sus of its white population. On December	ed repair guarantee accompa-
system in India, Arabia and Germany.	fruits of such frenzy-prophecies that fixed	under the earth, which has not its super- stitions. The actor on the boards of the	When a dog howls at night it is a sign of	poker interesting, a five-cent anto and twen-	31 last year there were living within the limits of the State 950 white men, of whom	nies every sale to keep in re-
Those who have adopted it did so undoubt-	the end of the world. * * * mir- neulous discernment of angels and devils,	theater is gnarled with superstitions that	death to one who may be sick in your house. Should a white cat come to your door there	ty-five-cent limit game should be played in	912 were Europeans and 27 Americans, be-	
edly without investigating or studying the injury to physical or mental conditions of	mighty comings of the power of God and	cannot be eradicated by any amount of proof. The negro takes them into his sys-	will be a death in your family. Upset the		sides a few Arabs, Indians and Malays.	pair, free of charge, any suit
man. It is easy, then, to account for the	outpouring of the spirits rhapsodies and prophecies, dreams and visions, accom-	tam with his first breath and holds to them	salt at table and you will quarrel with your host. Two chairs facing each other indi-	mind if you don't want to be always a loser,	Four hundred and forty-five of	or overcoat costing \$10 for
nervousness and restlessness of the people	panied by rollings, jerks, barks, wavings	with a tenacity strong as his love of life, and not only in civilized communities do	cate a hasty visit from some one with good	and that is, that it is not so much what you	the Europeans are Belgians. The principal centers of white population are	one year. So much for ready-
of the United States, which physicians tes-	and convulsions, syncope and catalepsy and the other hysterical affections and obscure	they exist, but they are found in the inte-	To get rid of a wart you must steal a	win as what you save that makes you a winner at the close. It is the constant	Matadi, Boma, Banans, and Leopoldville.	
tity as steadily increasing." To understand properly the advance of	disorders of the brain forming the charac-	rior of Africa and in the very heart of China.	piece of meat from the butcher's block, rub	and a start that county up in the out	The greatest number are living at Matadi, where there are 279 white men, most of	made. In our Tailoring De-
conditions that have produced this alarm-	teristic symptoms of religious mania." In speaking of the spread of permicious	A strong and healthy mind repulses su-	it on the wart, bury it, and when the meat rots the wart will disappear-sure cure.	Good average hands will win more than a	them engaged on the Kongo Railroad,	partment we are selling off
ing result, Mr. Heydenfeldt asks the reader	emotionalism in the United States, Jules	perstition, and the weaker the mind and body the more it will absorb the belief in	When your left hand itches you will get	few large ones, for, as a rule, when one	though there are also quite a number of	odd suit patterns, odd overcoat
to begin with Janseniam and trace the de-	Remy, the French naturalist and traveler, in "A Journey to Great Salt Lake," re-	the supernatural. The sick, weak-minded,	money. If your right itches, you will shake hands with a stranger.	holds a very strong hand there is nothing out against it.	State officers, commercial agents, and mis- sionaries. The capital of the country,	
velopment of magic, convulsionism and magnetism.	fers to the ceremony of endowment among	nervous, debilitated, old and infirm are su- perstition's easy victims, Strong-minded	The Empress Josephine was said to have	"It ought not to be necessary to call at-	Boma, which is about 50 miles from the	patterns, odd pants patterns
The Heresy of Jansenism.	the Mormons, by which wives are sealed for all eternity, to conversion through mes-	men laugh at tales of the manifestation of	been a clairvoyant. Napoleon constantly consulted his "book of fate," and placed	tention to the importance of each player putting up hfs ante in regular turn, and	mouth of the Kongo, has 146 white resi- dents. Boma is an important center for	at very low prices.
. The heresy of Jansenism first made its	meriam; hearing voices of unseen persons	the supernatural, yet "a constant dropping weareth away a stone," and even the sen-	implicit faith in astrologers, soothsayers,	holding his cards till it is his turn to bet,	trading companies. It has become a very	Come and get first choice.
appearance in France A. D. 1641. The	and mind reading; to the tenacity of their faith, which has been confirmed by the evi-	sible man has been known to waver, and,	fortune tellers and other frauds. Josephine was said to have presaged Napoleon's de-	whether he has anything or not; but it is	tadi, it has a good hotel and a sani-	Como una gos jorse endice.
Bishop of Ypres, Jansen, published a book entitled "l'Augustinus," setting torth his	dence of their senses through magical prac-	though rarely, to fall a victim to that worst of all insanity, superstition.	feat at Waterloo because of the breaking of	throw down their hands as soon as they see	tarium, and it has a steam tramway to carry	
doctrine, which received the support of the	tices; to the Mormon theocratic and eelectic systems and to the hatred of the Catholic	The Thirteen Superstition.	a vase. One Sign of Disaster.	they have 'failed to connect,' that one can-	passengers from the river front to the hills, a mile or two distant, where most of the	*****
Abbe of the Bernardins at Port Royal,	Church and the Government of the United	All countries have their peculir "folk	A toad on the doorsten is a certain sign	not retrain from referring to such actions as being in extremely bad taste. It gives one	buildings of the State and Standed Banana	

entitled "l'Augustinus," setting torth his doctrine, which received the support of the Abbe of the Bernardins at Port Royal, which was founded in A. D. 1204, by one of the Montmorency, situated near Chevreuse, five leagues from Paris; the support of the Abbe St. Cyran, who was suspected of Quietism, and also the allegance of the young theologians of France. Urban VIII. condemned the doctrine of Jansen and parfially suppressed the beresy. Its principal adherents retired to Bruxelles and afterward to Amsterdam, where they founded a small church. The tomb of a deacon named Paris, of the

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Church of St. Medard, at Paris, who had passed for a saint in certain quarters, be-came the object of great veneration among the unfortunates whom he had relieved during his life, and at the place, it was rumored, miracles were worked. The Jansen-ists, who wished to prove the authority of and, and wished to prove the authority of a divine call among the sects of miracle workers, concluded to appropriate those of the Cemetery of St. Medard. This person was not the only person endowed with the power of miraculous cures.

Miracles Became Too Common

English take the palm for "folk lore" among Caucasians. One of the commonest among Caucasians. One of the commonsta superstitions is that ill luck attends the person who goes under a ladder. There is sense in this provided a mau be going up that ladder with a hod of brick, for a brick at me. is known to be harder than a human head, and the force of gravitation draws the hardand the person who succeeded in beating out the bottom as he ran under it and esened clay toward the center of the earth. The superstition concerning the number 13 has been pretty generally eradicated by the Thirteen Club, of New York, for the caped being marked by the contents was the hero of the sport. club has disproved it in hundreds of in-stances. Whence it originated it is impos-sible to may. Like all other superstitions, the millions), as well as other practices of the demons incubi. There are sects among them the Mormons (especially the seers of their church hierarchy), whose fanaticism is such that they seek to raise what is generally called the sub-jective condition of man (of the whole people), which is weak and sub-ect to the mental dictation, suggestion and control of other minds, in such a manuer (there being different ways) that it can 'be asserted over the objective by the aid and

does so, B and C throw down their hands, after drawing, say, one card each, and only D is left in, A, who has a fair hand, will bet more than if there were three to contend Lookout for the Draw.

any player how many cards he drew except the dealer, and he is not obliged to tell how many he took after a bet is made; so every player should watch and remember how many cards each one drew, which will pre-vent asking foolish questions. There is a common saying among poker players that 'it is all in the draw,' and there is a lot of truth in that. An old sporting man once said there were but two things he was afraid of, and there were but two things he was atrain of, and they were a one-card draw and a locomotive. The player who has drawn one card is always dangerous until he has thrown down his hand. No one can tell that he may be drawing He may have either two pairs, three of a kind, a four straight or flush, or even four of a kind; therefore, unless you can beat threes, be-ware of the one-card draw. For example: Suppose A is dealing a jackpot which neither B nor C can open. D opens it, and B and C stay and draw one card each. The chances are almost certain that they are trying for a strainght or flush. Now, suppose D has three kings—it would be foolish for him to bet the limit, because, if either B or C fill, they will raise him, and he will feel compelled to call, while if he should merely bet a small check, the chances are that neither B nor C would call unless they did

This is the country where, according to Burton's testimony a few years ago, white men could not live. He had spent a little while on the lower Kongo, and got the idea 954 and 956 Liberty St., that the climate was particularly deadly. No man over said more uncomplimentary STAR CORNER.



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One Sign of Disaster. A toad on the doorstep is a certain sign that the house is under evil influence, and some disaster must necessarily follow. The toad must be killed to avoid sorrow. In "Much Ado About Nothing" Benedik says: "Hang me in a bottle, like a cat, and shoot This has reference to the prevailing idea that a cat was an unlucky animal. There was a prevalent custom in Shakespeare's time of placing a cat in a bottle with a lot of soot and hanging it on a line,

Every profession, trade and occupation has its folk-lore. Even the farmer who studies the actions of animals will tell you studies the actions of animals will tell you what they portend concerning the weather, and in many cases sensibly, too, for they build their homes and lay in their food through instinct given by Divine Provi-dence with reference to the coming winter; they house themselves before a coming storm; their coats are heavy or light as the minter whell he server or othering and winter shall be severe or otherwise, and they often give the farmer who watches them valuable indication concerning his

they have 'failed to connect,' that one cannot retrain from referring to such actions as being in extremely bad taste. It gives one player an unfair advantage over another for one or more players to throw down their hands before it is their say. For example: If it is the turn of A to bet, but, before he

with instead of one. "A very necessary thing to observe care-fully is the draw. No one has a right to ask

No man ever said more uncomplimentary things about the Kongo climate than this great traveler. He thought a white man mightas well commit suicide as to go to the Kongo, and yet, in spite of the forebodings of Burton and others, the white population is rapidly growing. In 1889 there were 430 white men in the country. Two years later, with 950 white residents, the foreign population has more than doubled. All over the upper river and its tributaries these white people are spread. Even far away in Katauna, on the western head waters of the Kongo, a country which was

passengers from the river front to the hills. a mile or two distant, where most of the buildings of the State are situated. Banana is inhabited almost wholly by agents of various trading companies, and 123 white men live there. Leopoldville is the largest town on the upper Kongo, and the starting point of the steamboats which leave Stanley Pool to ply upon the upper river. Ninety-seven white men and some women live there, while at Kinchassa, only four or five miles distant, are 33 more white men.

These so-called miracles commenced eift. n July, A. D. 1731. About that time they became very common, and at the end of several months there were 500 known Convulsionists, that is to say, people who went into convulsions under the influence of religious emotion.

All ranks of society, as well as the nobility, were among the witnesses of these strange spectacles. The prodigies provoked discussions as to their source and genuineness; each side invoked scriptural text to support their denials and assertions, which for many years continued to support their deniais and americans, which for many years continued to be the subject of publications. Their novelty had attracted all Paris. Women and girls had been hired to take part in these scenes, which became so scandalous that the Government ordered the cemetery closed. Driven from the cemetery they continued to exhibit their convulsions al other points, until by an ordinance of Februnry 17. A. D., 1733, they were prohibited from giving exhibitions in public as well as in private reunions.

Interdicted and suppressed in different cities and villages they continued never-theless to increase. The popularity and rage for these convulsions gained accessories from all classes of society, their ranks augmented and their proselytes, among whom were women of birth and persons of high rank, assembled at their meetings. The refusal of the priests to administer sacraments to this heretical sect was for many years the cause of trouble and misrepresentation. Their assurance was such that they even claimed that the Catholic priests were obliged to administer to them the sacraments.

# A Bitter Controversy for Years.

This refusal to administer the sacraments continued for many years to be the subject of bitter controversy. Upon the Jansenists securing more than a majority of the French Parliament the decrees of the Bishops which were not in accord with their demands were reversed.

During this time, notwithstanding the watchtulness of the municipal authorities of Paris, the followers of the Convulsionists met at the houses of distinguished peo-ple. Sometimes the police made arrests, but the zeal of the Jansenists did not rest and from A. D. 1740 to A. D. 1760 their exhibitions continued and their doctrine was preached.

In attacking the church, Jansenism had disturbed the religious faith of the country and the respect of authority which consti tute its power. From its origin it was supported by the philosophers whose writings, apparently directed against ecclesiastical power, attacked the rights of the King. These philosophers, whose object was the religious and political emancipation of society, foresaw that the disciples of the Jansenists in disturbing conscience and beliet promised an element of juture usefulness for them in carrying out their designs, and hastened to sustain them.

#### Parliament Aids the Philosophers.

Voltaire, as little in love with Jansenism as he was with the Catholic Church, did not dissimulate the joy he felt at all measures which would arouse the antagonism of each towards the other. Another great auxiliary of the philosophers was the Parliament, which from its ancient spite against the temporal power of the church was predis-posed towards the Jansenists, of which it as principally composed, and gave aid to their cause.

In his first chapter, "Birth and History of Animal Magnetism," H. Blane con-cludes that all the phenomena produced by the Convulsionists are due to the effects of spimal magnetism and magic. He savs: "Jansenism, with its convulsions, developed the taste for the marvelous in every part of France. It had also opened the road to a school of philosophy which was stendily directed to destroy the basis on which the ancient society of France reposed, but ruined at the same time magical Jansenism, which pretended to have a religion at its outset, and consigned it to obscurity."

power of other minds, with or without the use of electricity, of which the objective is usually ignorant and assumes the originality and responsibility of all thought, expression and act; which is the first step and link in lifting the spiritual over the temporal."

### Congress Called on to Act.

Time for the Law to Step In.

Mr. Heydenfeldt takes the ground that legislation and treaties, with the most se-vere penalties, are needed to prohibit the use of electricity on human beings under certain conditions. He believes that the

magic, sorcery and mysteries of the Middle

Ages have been revived among us in Americs, with a more scientific knowledge

of electrology. "Demonology (under the name of hypnot

ism) is being practiced, including the in-generating, incubating and inhumating from distances (on a large scale, going into the millious), as well as other practices of

In view of this disturbing conditions of affairs a resolution has been taken to excite the interest and action of Congress, and to this end a measure has been drawn up, entitled "An act to prohibit electro-magnetizing, mesmerizing, or hypnotizing human beings, or affecting one person through an-other by electricity, and to declare the same to be a crime against the law of na-tions, and to define its punishment." This act in substance provides that any person who shall "apply a current of electricity to one person for the purpose of affecting an-other" within the boundaries of the United States shall be deemed guilty of a crime, the punishment for which shall be death; and any person who knows that such cur-rent is being applied and does not give information to the authorities shall be deemed an accessory, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$5,000 and not more

than \$20,000, and by imprisonment during his natural life, or for a term of years not less than two. It is against such diabolism as is outlined

by this bill that, doubtless, Mr. Gompers and the entire Federation of Labor are preparing to fight. How well they will succeed is a question interesting to all who will watch the experiment.

# A BLIZZARD BLOWING.

Kansas Catching It-The Mississippi Froze Over-The Ohio and Kanawha Freezing Hard - Cold in the Mohawk Valley Snowing in Arkansas.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 26 .- A typical blizzard began its formation last night and at 3 o'clock this morning it had fully materialized, the mercury at that time having fallen to 6° below zero. The blizzard was preceded by considerable snow and accompanied by the usual biting north wind. The storm is far-reaching, extending over the entire Southwest and is particularly severe in Kanses. In this city the thermometer registered 9° betow zero at 10 o'clock this morning. Several

of the roads have trains in the drifts. A dispatch states that the thermometer dropped below 12° at Davenport, Is. This afternoon persons were crossing the Mis-sissippi on foot. The weather in the Mohawk valley was the coldest of the season. At 7 A. M. it was 6° below zero and 14° below at Cloversville. A few days more of the present cold weather will entirely close the Ohio and weather will called with floating ice and many rivers are illed with floating ice and many of the boats are laid up. Several of them will be in bad condition should the

cold snap continue. A hard snow fell in

# SEVENTY-FOUR DROWNED.

Arkansas last night.

Awful Result of a Steamably Collision in Japanese Waters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 .- The steamship Oceanic brings details of the loss of the Japanese man-of-war, which was lost in the inland ses by collision with the steamship Ravenna. Early on the morning of November 29 the man-of-war Chishima Kan was run into by the Ravenna off the shore of the District of Ito and went to the bot-

tom immediately. Of the crew of 90 only 16, including two officers were saved. The Bavenna, which was also badly injured while transferring her passengers to the Empress of Japan, out into the Chishima Kan's boilers. An scurity." "The end of this incredulous century," explosion followed and all of the rescued were severely injured.

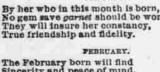
land were given by Jacob. This superstition declares that of the thirteen persons sitting at the family or festive board one must neo essarily die within a year. Like all other superstitions, when the saying comes true, believers are loud and eager in the circula-tion of the fact, but the numberless in-

stances of the fallacy of the ridiculous prognostications are never noted by them. The Birthstone Nonsense,

All countries have their peculir "folk lore," and it may be remarked that the Af-

ricans seem to have a superabundance. It may also be taken for granted that the

A superstition attaches to every precious Twelve of these have been selected as birthstones and applied to the twelve calendar mouths of the year. They are very prettily described in the following verses: JANUARY.



The February born will find Sincerity and peace of mind, Preedom from passion and from care If they the *amethyst* will wear.

The same may be said of Friday, the sixth day of the week. It is declared by superstitions people that a journey commenced on that day must prove unsuccess-ful, and that the same is true of any other undertaking started on Friday. Yet P. T. Barnum, the great showman, in a letter to the writer declared that he always began his great enterprises on Friday. That he was almost invariably successful is well known. One material fact which cast odium upon the day was that it was generally chosen in this country for the execution of murderers. Owing principally to the efforts of the Thirteen Club the execu-

tion day has been changed or varied in all States of the Union, and this has, to a great extent, brightened the day. MARCH.

Who, on this world of ours, their eyes In March first open, shall be wise In days of peril, firm and brave, And wear a bloodstone to their grave.

APRIL She who from April dates her years, *Diamonds* shall wear, lest bitter tears For vain repentance flow; this stone Emblem of innocence is known. MAT.

Who first beholds the light of day In spring's sweet flow'ry month of May And wears an *emerald* all her life Shall be a lov'd and happy wite. JUNE.

Who comes with Summer to this earth, And owes to June her day of birth, With ring of *ogate* on her hard. Can health, wealth and long life command.

JULY. The glowing ruby should adorn Those who in warm July are born: Then will they be exempt and free From love doubts and anxiety.

AUGUST. Wear a sardenyz or for thes No conjugal felicity: The Angust born, without this stone 'Tis said must live unloved and lone,

SEPTEMBER. A maiden born when Autumn leaves Are rustling in September's preeze A sopphize on her brow should bind; 'Twill cure diseases of the mind. OCTOBER.

er's child is born for woe And life's vicisitudes must know; But isy an cpai on her breast, And ho pe will full those woes to rest.

NOVEMBER. Who first comes to this world below With drear November's for and snow, Should prize the topos's amber hue, Emblem of friends and lovers true, « DECEMBER.

If cold December gave you birth— The month of snow and ice and mirth, Place on your hand a furguois blue; Success will bless whate'er you do. How It Helps Business.

One thing that makes business good for the dealers in crockery is that when a

crops.

# CHICAGO 18 A PARADISE.

#### The Ladies in San Francisco Now Have Their Shoes Made in Chinatown. Chicago Inter Ocean.]

It seems that the only place entitled to be called America is that strip of the continent lying between the Alleghanies and the Rockies. East of the Alleghanies it is all English, don't you know, English dress, English mannerisms, and English drawls; west of the Rockies it is all Chinese, don't you know. In San Francisco and the coast cities, according to Mrs. Mark S. Ringley, who is at the Victoria, it's the fad now among society women to patronize Chinese merchants and workmen.

"The fashionable women in San Francisco," said Mrs. Ringley yesterday, "are now having all their shoes made by Chinese shoemakers. Some one found out that in Chinese shoes there is not only economy but a whole lot of conditions involving new sensations, and the San Francisco girl is always ready for a new sensation. To these sensation-loving girls the shoes are really worth the trip. It is exciting and unusual in that queer quarter of the town. The girls, as a usual thing, as soon as they come home change every stitch of clothing, because in that quarter there is no telling what contaminating germs may adhere to them. As the lady steps from her carriage at the corner on what the Celestials term 'Slock amenta' (Sacramento) street she is in a neighborhood where there is a very substantial reason for vigilance.

The purchaser of Chinese shoes must pick her way among Chinese meat markets, subterranean tenements, that are the most unsavory places in the world except the streets of Naples or the Chicago Stock Yards, opium joints, noisome alleys and foulness of every description. She must stand fire under the oblique glances of leering, evil-visaged, almond-eyed, long-queued denizens of that idle, overcrowded district, She stands all this that she may get the fashionable Chinese made shoes. But, as I said before, the San Francisco girl likes excitement, and as a rule is always out for an adventure. "San Francisco," concluded Mrs. King-

ley, "contains more concentrated badness, anyhow, to the square foot than any city in the world, not even excepting Paris. Chicago is a paradise of purity compared with it."

# CASSATT IS NOT IN IT.

### He Hasn't Been Asked to Go Into Cleveland's Cabinet.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 .- The mention of A. J. Cassatt's name in connection with the Secretaryship of the Navy in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet is the cause of some speculation in political circles. A reporter called upon Mr. Cassatt at his home this evening, and asked him whether the President-elect had tendered him a portfolio.

"Oh, no," Mr. Cassatt quickly replied. "Has Mr. Cleveland, through his intimate friends, intimated making you such an offer?'

"Not at all. You must remember I am pot in politics, and have no aspirations whatever for a Cabinet office," said Mr. Cassatt,

# It Is Punch All the Time.

Chicago Mail.) Strange that almost all prize-fighters go to keeping a saloon. First it's punch and then it's punch.

And Start Up in Europe. . Washington Post.]

If this outflow of gold continues, the Keeley institutes may be forced to shut down

are maintained constantly growing better. Doctors are now within reach when they are needed; fill, when they would raise him. Where they play the opener to bet last, of course, he would have to use his own judgment as to what to do, and be guided by the reputa-

# Now, as to Jack Pots.

"It is the almost universal rule that if an opener is not called, he is not obliged to show more than enough to open the pot. He may have only a pair of jacks, and for fear some one may have a higher pair, he will draw but one card in order to create the impression that he has two pairs or better, which will generally prevent his being called by the holders of but one pair. If he were compelled to show his whole hand, he would have to give away his play, and no one likes to do that. To draw one card to a pair of jacks is not always a wise

tion of his opponent.

thing to do, but when it happens, as it sometimes will, that one cannot improve the pair he opens with, one is tempted to resort to some other scheme to make them win, and that is one that works well some times.

"Right here let it be said that if feel tempted to try some new play or feel inclined to do a little bluffing, don't try it on a winner, for he is probably playing with your money and can afford to see what you have. You can bluff a loser very easily, for when a player is continually being beaten he is apt to lose confidence in his hand. It has been said that more is lost on three aces than any other hand that can be held. To some, three acres look to be 'as big as a house, while they are not such a particularly strong hand when straights are played. Against a one-card draw they are not much better than a pair of deuces until the one-card draw is disposed of. straights are not played, three of a kind is a good hand and one can afford to bet more on it, but in all small games straights are played to beat threes.

## Some Fatherly Advice.

"Many players think it a good thing to hold an ace with a pair of jacks when open-ing a jack pot. I don't agree with them, for this reason: In the first place, it lessens the chances of getting another jack, and, even if they do draw an ace, someone will just as likely as not have threes, and the just as likely as not have threes, and the aces top look so good the holder will call to his sorrow. The better plan is to draw to the pair; then, if you make the third one or better, you have not created the impression that you had threes to start with, and the probability is you can get a better play than you could have obtained after drawing two cards. Who has not heard the saying, 'Winners first, losers last?' When I played marbles we used to say that, and it applies yery well to used to say that, and it applies very well to the game of poker to this extent: I have I have often seen a person play in hard luck all through a game, but seldom have I seen anyone play with uninterrupted good luck for the same length of time. For that reason, if your luck in getting good hands and mak ing them win is in the early part of the

game, have a care for the time when dame fortune will desert you for some other fellow. Then you must stop trying experi-ments, or you will be sure to stop with a "When the cards run to a person, as they will sometimes, he can draw to almost any-

thing and get enough to win with. 'Draw to a shoestring and get a box of shoes' is

e Kongo, a country which not knowd at all seven years ago when the Congo State was formed, 45 white men are now living. At Basoko, at the mouth of the Aruwimiriver, where the natives pur-sued Stanley on his first journey, crying, 'Meat! Meat!" as they fired their arrows at him. 40 white men are now living in the big State station at the confluence of the rivers, and at other posts up the Aruwimi. At Equatorville there are 14 and at Ban-

gala 23 whites. These two places are where the military training schools of the State The conditions of life on the Kongo are

supplies of medical stores and European food of all kinds are kept in abundance. Most of the whites live in houses exported from Europe and the houses are well furnished. In fact, the whites have been making a study of how to live in good health, and how to make life as comfortable as pos-sible; and it is to their increased knowledge in these respects that they are now able to live in the Kongo region for some years in very good health. The rate of mortality has greatly decreased within the past four

years. THE FLOWER THAT FLIES.

An Odd Creature of the Lizard Tribe Found in Asia and India,

Philadelphia Press.] One of the strangest of the many odd cseatures that inhabit the wilds of Southern Asia and India is the "flying flower," a small brilliant-hued lizard of the order of bracovolus. On the wing these curious species of zaurian resemble a richly-tinted When at rest he compares favorinsect. ably with others of the lizard tribe, with the exception that he has extraordinary protuberances on both sides of the body. These are the "wings," which are formed by a cutaneous flap, wing-like in shape, supported by series of false ribs. In color these flying lizards are blue and

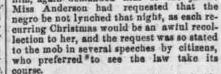
gray, with intermediate tints of various kinds and shades. The tail of this creature is very long and slender as well as very snake-like in appearance. A large pouch, for the bar of the state of the s fast to the under jaw, and extending to some three inches below the mouth, adds to the ferocious aspect of the good-natured, harmless creature. The wings are not what a scientist would call "true wings," but are used mainly as parachutes.

When the lizard leaps from a limb of tree into the air the contact brings out its cutaneous flaps and enables the possessor to soar away at an angle to a greater or lesser distance, depending altogether on the height of the starting point.

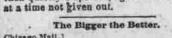
# TO LYNCH OR NOT TO LYNCH.

A Kentucky Mob Voted on the Question Being Stopped by a Girl's Appeal. BOWLING GREEN, KY., Dec. 16 .- Bob Harper, the negro who has been in jail here for a week as the assailant of Miss

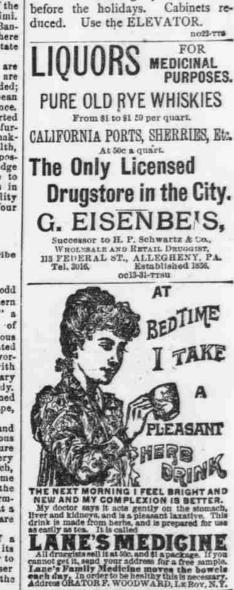
Kate Anderson some time since, was identified by her last night. Great excitement prevailed and the mob that has several times assembled to hang him, again demanded him of the jailor.



The mob appointed a committee to decide the matter, agreeing to abide by its ruling. The question of lynching him that night or some future time was discussed and four voted to spare him for the time. The men then quietly dispersed, agreed to reassemble



to a sneestring had get a box of snees is the way they put it. Then is the time to make your play bold and strong, and you will win; but when you find that you are not improving anything in the draw, play



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