

HISTORY OF THE GAME OF WHIST

Something Made Perilous by the Revived Interest in the Game.

SCRANTON VS. ELMIRA PLAYERS.

This City's Team Lost the Match by a Small Margin--Something About Ancient Whist--Comparison of Different Kinds of Whist Games.

The fact that there is a widespread revival of interest in whist all over the country is generally understood and nowhere has the game taken a deeper hold than in Scranton.

There are five different games of whist known to history, namely: Long whist, counting honors, a game that is now almost obsolete; short whist, counting honors, which is still popular in England; short whist, not counting honors, which is the popular form of the game in America and in France; dummy whist and double dummy whist, which find favor also in this country and in France.

The literature of whist throws much interesting light on its origin and evolution. It was developed, no doubt, from the old card game of the sixteenth century called Triump, and was termed "trump." This game was called by its first players "truff and honors."

Concerning Monday night's games in Elmira in which a team from the Scranton Whist club was defeated, the Elmira Advertiser of Tuesday says: "The log talked of and much expected whist tournament between teams from Scranton and Elmira was played off last evening in the rooms of the Century club."

"Early in the evening they visited the club rooms, where they met the most cordial welcome from the gentlemen present. Promptly at 8 o'clock the games were started and proceeded until after 11 o'clock, to their conclusion. The general management of the affair was in charge of W. N. Eastabrook and F. A. Hudson, assisted during the evening by C. S. Sly and Judge Edgar Denton in distribution of the boards and arrangement of the players at the tables."

Table of match scores for various rounds: FIRST ROUND, SECOND ROUND, THIRD ROUND, FOURTH ROUND, FIFTH ROUND, SIXTH ROUND. Lists names and scores for teams from Scranton and Elmira.

Table showing the grand totals of points scored by the Elmira teams and the Scranton teams across various rounds.

SONGS OF THE CYCLE

A BENEDICTION. God bless the wheel that whirls round! That wakens the world's unmeasured soul, And makes a man of my torture feel Like praising the same wheel.

A LOVER'S WAIL. Lucinda has the cycle fast, And woe and love she grows; She wants a wheel and wants it bad, And likewise bloomer clothes.

THE FAVORITE. She brings my heart to my mouth, I wear, And all my attention wins, The sweet and beautiful bicycle. As along the road she spins.

BENEATH THE WAVE. Only a little mermaid, Who perched on a cold dam rock, And wept as if her system Had incurred a dreadful shock.

SEVEN AGES OF CYCLING. All the world's a wheel, And all the cycles merely tread! They have their enemies as to choice of bike, And one man in his time has many falled.

"Ay, guilty, honor!" winds whistling in his ears. Last scene of all, that ends a wheelman's life is cyclomania, oblivion to life, save gear, save spoke, save tire, save score.

"Two rounds of eighteen boards each were played, three Scranton teams playing east and west and three north and south in each round against the respective teams. The following is the list of players in each team and the respective scores:

THE MAN WHO DARED.

To Secretary of State Richard Olney Bestowing the Credits for Settling the Venezuelan Controversy.

Walter Wellman, in Times-Herald. It is probable President Cleveland will be able to announce to the country in his annual message that this is one of the greatest diplomatic victories of recent times.

The man for whom the credit for this extraordinary accomplishment is due is Richard Olney, not President Cleveland. He it was who did the work, who supplied the ability, the boldness, the persistence.

Those who understand the true inwardness of the Venezuelan episode know that Mr. Cleveland had very little to do with it.

It is worth while noting at this point that Lord Salisbury's surrender to Olney has afforded a distinct surprise to the diplomatic world.

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Table for Eric and Wyoming Valley Railroad showing routes and train schedules, including times for Scranton, Elmira, and other stations.

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Table for SCRANTON DIVISION showing train times and schedules for various lines and routes.