THE METHODS OF GAMBLERS IN THE METROPOLIS.

Securing Victims - The Polished Ropers-In and Their Ways-How the Young Learn.

Writing about the gambling dens of New York, "Hermit" says in the Troy Times: No one can obtain admittance to a first-class "hell" unless he is introduced, and hence the door is carefully guarded; but however secure they may be from legal interference, there is danger from espionage. Merchants frequently find it important to watch their and a special detective might thus interfere with the interests of the ficult to any one who has money. In-deed, there are persons lounging—and in some cases even boarding—at the best hotels who are employed to lead strangers there would be as much generosity if he to these places of ruin. These "ropersin" are handsomely dressed, and have that easy and elegant way that marks the "citizen of the world." They notice the arrivals and closely scan each newcomer, and if any of the latter exhibit any sign of wealth the net is at once spread. First comes the genial smile and the winning conversation. The "roper-in" is of course a business man and knows how to talk business. The conversation then extends a mole-hill to a mountain. to the wonderful sights offered by the metropolis, and perhaps before another evening has passed the stranger is ready to survey Broadway by gaslight. Most visitors are fond of adventure, which a companion naturally sandars which a companion naturally renders more attract-They take an evening stroll, and a drink adds to the exhibaration of the

After a brief walk the "roper-in" stops before an elegant private house, remarking as he does so: "I wish to call on a friend; will you accompany me?" "Cer-tainly," is the reply, and after a ring at the door they enter an elegant and spacious parlor where gentlemen are enjoying the newspapers or conversation. Later on a musical bell is heard, announcing supper, and this dispels all memory of the "friend" who was to be seen. The "roperin" intimates that they had better accept the invitation, and they find in the next room a table glittering with silver plate and laden with tempting dishes. In common with the rest they enjoy the luxurious fare, and then wine is served, and all drink freely until the delicious delirium has wrought its full power, when they adjourn to the room upstairs. Here a number of "gentlemen" are playing cards, and at the head of the room the clerk is selling circular pieces of ivory or metal, called "chips," each of which is stamped with a value from \$5 up to \$100. "You perceive," says the decoy, "that we have entered the temple of fortune. Some of the men before us will before morning make thousands, while others will lose. No one should play who has not nerve enough to bear a loss, and if he bears it boldly it will come back again. Fortune always favors the bold." The visitor soon sees men who commenced with a dozen chips go in a little time to the desk with 50 or 100 and change them into greenbacks, and so, to try his luck, he ventures a \$5 bill and wins. This surprises him, and he tries again, and again wins. These gains he puts at risk once more, and wins a still larger sum. This stimulates him to another throw, and he loses. "Perhaps," says the friend, "fortune has ceased her favor. Shall you stop here ?" "One more, first," says Another, and he loses, and the next moment wins

ever and continues the game. Indeed, it is almost impossible to break off until the rooms are closed at approach of dawn. He settles with the "bank," as the proprietor is called, and finds him-self the winner by \$50. This is a strange but pleasing appearance, and as he walks back to his hotel he is conscious of a new. and powerful appetite. Having arrived at his room he seeks rest in vain, but may trolled the manufacture of hairpins, and at least be able to dream of the bank and it is only within the last twenty years its pile of wealth. The next night he that the goods have been produced in tries his luck again with varied this country to any extent. The machinery success and with still deeper excitement, used is of a delicate and intricate charand thus he is led on, one step at a time, until he has reached a condition favorable for finishing his case, which is then accomplished. It is not uncommon for several pigeons to be plucked at the same house and at the same time, Concerning these decoys, it may be said that they are in many cases polished gentlemen. They are well paid, the rate, of course, depending on their success. Thus, if \$5,000 be won from one of their dupes, the "roper-in" should expect at least \$500. This he is not expected to keep. Indeed, hairpins every minute. To economize, the points of the po it is probable that his love of gaming will soon lead him to lose this at the hands of some more adroit master of the art. After the "roper-in" has got too old and shaky a preparation and baking in an oven. for his trade he is turned off to shift for himself.

He now becomes more excited than

Many years ago a young man of one of the first families succeeded in getting an have a perfect polish. The slightest appointment as purser in the navy. He was a dissolute fellow, and among other vices was addicted to gambling. As a result, instead of acquiring a competence, as he might have done, he became a heavy defaulter and was obliged to resign. Previous to this he had won the affections of a New England girl of an influential family, and just as he resigned they were married. Her friends, to whom he made a good excuse for his change, procured him a high posi-tion in civil life, but he was soon dis-missed for gaming and other dissolute conduct, and his wife subsequently procured a bill of divorce. He then came to this city, where he became an attache of a first class "hell," His elegant manners gave him great success, and for a number of years he lived in handsome style. Dissipation, however, brought premature old age, and as soon as his powers of fascination were gone he was cast off in helpless poverty. He now lives upon the an even mind in the presence of great charity of his near relatives, and is a sorrows and sudden joys alike. - Golden miserable illustration of a wasted life.

One of the greatest dangers to which a young man from the country is liable is found in the bad companions met in boarding houses. There are several hundreds of these establishments within a quarter of a mile of Union square, and each contains from ten to twenty clerks, candle and passing eggs rapidly before When a country youth enters one of the light. They each handle about ten these he is in a new world. He comes barrels, or 8,400 eggs per day. Each with a stock of good resolutions, and has been well laden with paternal advice, large end; if the egg is stale the spot is but the pressure which now surrounds larger. A good egg is transparent. If him is far more powerful. As a matter bad it is opaque.—Now York Sun.

GOTHAM'S GAMBLING DENS, of course, most of his associates are discipated, and there is a rivalry which shall be the first to induct him into evil.

WISE WORDS.

Every man has follies, and oftentimes they are the most interesting thing he has

A noble nature can alone attract the noble, and alone knows how to retain them

They also work who plant the roses, else were we little better than the beasts of the field.

When the forenoons of life are wasted there is not much hope of a peaceful and fruitful evening.

Censure is most effectual when mixed with praise; so when a fault is discovered, institution. But introduction is not dif- it is well to look up a virtue to go in

were a rich man.

This tide of man's life after it once turneth and declineth ever runneth with a perpetual ebb and falling stream, but never floweth again.

If the grain were separated from the chaff which fills the works of our national poets, what is truly valuable would be to what is useless in the proportion of

Everbody is making mistakes. Everybody is finding out afterward that he has

Kind words, and liberal estimates, and generous acknowledgement, and ready appreciation and unselfish delight in the excellences of others-these are the true signs of a large intellect and a noble

A Novel Aquarlum.

Mention has been made in the newspapers from time to time of the novel squarium that Mr. Adolph Sutro iptended to build out upon the ocean beach, near the Cliff House. Those who have been out to the Cliff House and have descended the steps that lead to the beach, will doubtless have noticed a little cove sheltered between two high rocks about 100 feet from the steps. this cove the aquarium is now being built. The aquarium will consist of a round wall of rock fifty feet in diameter, fifteen feet thick, and fourteen feet high, and will be roofless. The flooring will be made in a unique way, according to Mr. Sutro's plans. Solid pathways of rock will be built around the interior of the aquarium, and between them there will be little ponds of water that will be three and four feet at low water. water will come into these ponds from the ocean with fish and other marine objects in the following manner: A tunnel 300 feet long and eight feet high will be bored through the rock between the ocean and the acquarium, and at the seaward side of the tunnel there will be wire-screen gates, which can be opened and shut. At high tide the gates will be suffered to remain open, so that the water and the living objects in it can come freely into the acquarium. At high water the whole acquarium will be flooded-the pathways and everything-and no one can go in then, When the tide begins to recede the gates are shut, and only the water can flow through pathways the public will be admitted inside the walls. Sea anemones, devil fish, angel fish, starfish, crustaceans, shells, all varieties of large and small fish, and perhaps even occasional seals may be caught in the acquarium. At low tide there will always be something interest-

Manufacture of Hairpins.

ing to see there .- San Francisco Call.

acter, as the prices at which pins are sold necessitate the most rapid and cheapest process, which can only be procured by automatic machines. The wire is made expressly for the purpose and put up in large coils, which are placed in a clamp, which carries it to the machine while straightening it; from there it runs in another machine, which cuts, bends, and, speed these machines will turn out 120 hairpins every minute. To economize, Here is where the most constant and careful attention is required, as the pin must be perfectly smooth and the enamel particles of dust cause imperfections and roughness, which are objectionable.-

Brooklyn Citizen. Killed Through Joy.

"Joy never kills" is an old saying, often met with in the last pages of three volume romances, but its truth has been disproved in two instances in recent occurrence. One was that of an old negro woman who, on being awarded a large pension owing to her husband, died under the shock of the announcement; the other is also to be laid at the door of the pension department, whose netification of the intended payment of several thousand dollars to a disabled soldier in this city caused the poor man's heart to give such a leap of happiness that a blood

vessel was burst, and death ensued. These mishaps remind us of the words of the poet Horace, familiar in our school days, which warned his friends to keep sorrows and sudden joys alike, - Golden

Egg Testers.

"Walk in and see the egg testers," said one the largest egg dealers in the city. There were four of them hard at work in a darkened room, each seated before a

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL

Chemists are at work in the French Antilles perfecting processes for making alcohol from sweet potatoes. One gallon of alcohol can be made from fifty-eight pounds of sweet potatoes.

The Germans use at the present day among their furniture makers, carpenters and joiners thirseen different varieties of saws, each of which has its own peculiar size of the teeth, as well as a different relation of the teeth to each other.

A new way of tempering drill points is to heat them cherry red and drive into a bar of lead. A workman in a mint accidentally discovered the fact by throwing. in disgust, a drill that he was trying to temper, so that it stuck in a piece of

A citizen of Davenport, Ia., whose garden is situated about 100 feet from an electric light tower, has remarked that his lillies close at sunset, but open again a few minutes after the arc lamps have been lighted. It has been observed at Detroit, too, that the foliage of the trees exposed to the rays of the electric light is much more luxuriant than that of such trees as are not.

The handy wheel attachment known as the odometer for measuring distance has long been used. A new instrument called the "autographometer" has now been contrived to automatically register, being carried about on a light vehicle, the difference of level of the points over which it passes. The art of surveying threatens to be reduced to the mere rolling of a wheel.

There has recently been invented in Paris a small press which will enable blind people not only to print the raised characters which they are able to read with their fingers, but also the ordinary characters on the same sheet of paper. A system of writing for blind people has, of course, already been invented by Braille, but it only permitted them to communicate with each other, whereas In a Live Town. Cash bonus paid to the new mechanicism enables them to all kinds of manufacturing enterprises. form letters which can be read by everybody, Henceforward, therefore, blind persons will be able to communicate by letter with their friends, without being obliged to have recourse to the assistance of others.

An Extraordinary Recovery.

The lad Harris, who rode Richmond in his races at Washington, is the young man who was so badly injured at Latonia last fall, when his horse fell while in the lead in front of a field of thirteen horses, then got up and dragged the senseless jockey after him for nearly a

I don't think the full facts of Harris's marvellous escape have ever been printed, hence a paragraph will be interesting. Harris was picked up for dead and his body laid out and placed in a coffin. It was kept for a couple of days so as to enable his wife and sister to attend the funeral. The night on which they arrived they were taken to the coffin. For some reason or other the attendant touched the cyclid and raised it. To everybody's horror the cyc was seen to move. Harris was taken out of the coffin and soon gave more pronounced man-ifestations of life. When he recovered consciousness entirely, however, it was found that he was insanc.

He was placed in an insane asylum, where he remained for three months, them. The living objects will be re His reason returned as suddenly as it had tarded, and will seek the comparatively left him. But his memory is a complete deep water in the ponds. When the blank for the three horrible months, All waters have receded sufficiently from the the race. After that he has forgotten everything up to the time he regained his mental faculties in the asylum.— Sporting World.

Wrinkled Age and Youth.

Age takes small account of the immediate flight of time, says H. C. Banner, in Scribner. To the young a year is a mighty span. Be it a happy or an un-happy year that youth looks forward to, it is a vista that stretches far into the future. And when it is done, this interminable year, and youth, just twelve months older, looks back to the first of it, what a long way off it is. What tremendous progress we have made. How much more we know. How insufficient are the standards by which we measured

the world a poor 365 days back! But age has grown habituated to the flight of time. Years! We have seen so many of them that they make no great impression upon us. What! is it ten years since young Midas first came to the counting-room, asking humbly for an entry clerk's place—he who is now the head of the firm. Bless us! it seems like yesterday. Is it ten years since we first put on that coat? Why it must be clean out of the fashion by this time.

A citizen of Eatonton, Ga., is offer-ing for sale eight hundred pairs of shoes made before and during the war in his factory.

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