

Indian Magic Explained. The Indian juggler appears to be a conjurer, there is no doubt that they are all reasonably explained. The appearance of a living being from a place where trap-doors, veils, exits or collusion were impossible, seems inexplicable; yet the juggler, quite by accident, detected a way in which this trick is done. The juggler stepped at Madras onto the deck of a Peninsular and Oriental steamship, and offered the company assembled, who were lounging about highly bored by the old mode of cooling, if they would consent to show them something better than common juggling. The juggler, of course, was forthcoming; he cleared a space on the deck, and told his wife to lie down. A young woman, who may have been seven stone, but more probably lay down, and her husband, who was a shallow, flat basket, a handle at the back, exactly resembling the baskets used for vegetables in East Anglia, and called a "bun." Then, with a light and graceful gesture, he took up the basket and laid it down two or three feet off, when it was seen that the man had vanished. Unfortunately for the juggler, the writer accidentally stepped on the edge of the "bun," and heard a little cry of pain. The whole thing had been a piece of conjuring. The young woman learned to hook herself with her legs and prehensile toes into the network forming the top of the basket, and the husband, a slight powerful man, had learned to lift as if he were lifting nothing but a basket. The writer of course, knowing nothing about this conjuring, after one savage glance, nothing, either, and the trick is quoted as one which, owing to the absence of machinery, cannot be explained away.

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### THE NATIONAL GAME.

CLEVELAND and Philadelphia are facing each other in the matter of receiving bases on balls. CHAMBERLAIN has evidently developed into Cincinnati's winning pitcher. GRIFITH, of Chicago, is bothering all the heaviest batters of the League. O'ROURKE, late of Louisville, has signed to play third base for St. Louis. NEW YORK is now the strongest club in the League from a pitching standpoint. O'ROURKE lasted twenty years as a ball player, but only two months as an umpire. SHUGART, of St. Louis, has developed into one of the greatest outfielders in the profession. The Baltimore Club release Mullane. He lost a majority of the games that Baltimore dropped. JENNINGS, of the Baltimore team, has been hit nineteen times by pitched balls so far this season. The only League clubs that have not been shut out this season are the Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. RADFORD, of Washington, is said to be the only player in the League who is exempt from Sunday ball playing. BALTIMORE has gone crazy over Hanlon's boys, and the city is now one of the best in the League from an attendance point. It is the St. Louis-Cleveland game of June 23 that the Boston Concord had but one put out and no assists, which is a record breaker. PFEFFER, of Louisville, is playing some wonderful ball. If he has an equal on the diamond the player is certainly not in the big League. KELLEN, of Pittsburg, has probably had enough of the Brooklyn for this season. They have knocked him out of the box every time he has gone in against them. NEARLY half of all the home runs made in the League so far this season have been hit in the Boston grounds. The Boston also lead the League teams in this respect. The Boston management has taken the first step toward giving Boston at least one first-class catcher in securing that brilliant young backstop, Tenney, of Brown University. The first base play of Tucker, of the Boston, this season has never been surpassed. His record is twenty-two straight games without an error, and in thirty-two games an average of .998. LOUISVILLE'S poor record is brightened by five defeats of her old rivals of Cincinnati, from whom Louisville, in Association days, would have rather won the series than the championship. She also won three straight from the Brooklyn.

ANSON, of Chicago, does not allow any of his players to talk back to the umpire, and he always does so in the kicking himself. Perhaps the old man has discovered in his many years' experience on the diamond that fighting the umpire does not pay. BALTIMORE has not yet won a game from Pittsburg, Chicago has not yet won any from Brooklyn, Louisville has yet to beat New York, Boston, Brooklyn and Baltimore, Philadelphia has yet to win one from St. Louis, St. Louis has not yet beaten Baltimore, and Washington has lost six straight games to Baltimore.

How They Stand. The following table shows the standing of the different clubs composing the National Base Ball League:

Club	W. L. Per.	Club	W. L. Per.
Baltimore	43 21 672	Cleveland	36 30 54
Boston	46 24 657	Cincinnati	31 36 46
New York	40 27 597	St. Louis	31 40 43
Pittsburg	39 31 537	Chicago	25 43 36
Philadelphia	35 28 556	Louisville	23 45 33
Brooklyn	35 28 553	Washington	19 53 27

NEW YORK has 600 unions. LONDON police get \$6 a week. IRON moulders now use a label. FRANCE has female farm laborers. DETROIT, Mich., has a Pastor's Union. SYRACUSE, N. Y., has a labor league. CO-OPERATIVE potteries are increasing. ALLEGHENY (Penn.) police have a union. The French working day is eight hours long. IRELAND'S linen industry employs 100,000 persons. CHICAGO painters and decorators work eight hours. ST. LOUIS, Mo., carpenters get thirty-five cents an hour. HOUSEMAIDERS in England receive an average of seventy-five cents a week. IS a Mr. Carmel (Penn.) coal mine only one native American is employed. A MEMBER in St. Petersburg, Russia, is paid \$12 a month, with board, a baker \$9.60. THREE THOUSAND iron smelters were thrown out of work at Butte, Montana, because of the strike. GERMAN Postoffice employees are not permitted to marry without the special permission of the Government. SIX HUNDRED custom tailors went on strike in New York City, in opposition to an attempted reduction of ten per cent. in wages. DELEGATES of the Bohemian miners have decided in favor of a general strike in August for shorter hours and higher wages. THE tin plate scale was signed at Pittsburgh, Penn., at a conference of manufacturers and workers. Forty mills and 18,000 men were affected and a general assumption took place. The Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, in which the railway engineers of the United States are largely interested, will hold its first meeting in Brooklyn from August 29 to August 31. CONSIDERABLE interest is being manifested among seamen all over the world about a proposed international union. The American sailors number about 15,000. Altogether it is reckoned that 78,000 men of all nations follow the sea for a living. FOURTEEN young women of Indianapolis (Ind.) have tried, by putting their small means together and borrowing the rest of the money, established the Union co-operative laundry two years ago. They now own a plant valued at \$47,000 clear of incumbrance. EUGENE V. DENN, who ordered the big anti-Pullman strike, is under forty years of age, and was selling sugar in his father's store in Terre Haute, Ind., before he became a railroad fireman. Denn, as President of the American Railway Union, gets a \$3000 salary.

Fierce Forest Fires. Forest fires are causing serious losses to lumbermen near Bradford, Pa. Many destructive fires are raging between Bradford and Kinzua, in the hemlock district, traversed by the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad. At Peck's switch, near Marshburg, a pile of sawlogs containing 350,000 feet of timber was destroyed, and a force of men are at work trying to confine the flames to one locality. The logs destroyed belong to Weed, Mundy & Co., Bradford, and are partly insured. East of Meadville, three miles in Corydon township, 2,000,000 feet of hemlock logs owned by the United Lumber and Coal Company, of Oil City, and the Warren Packard Company, of Warren, have been destroyed. Families at the lumber camps thereabouts have moved to places of safety, taking their household goods with them. At Thurston's camp Corydon township, the people barely escaped from their houses before the flames destroyed all the property in the place. The fire was the result of the recent dry spell, and as rain has commenced to fall, it is likely there will be no further danger.

Ocean Steamers Collide. The passenger steamer Vladimir, bound from Sebastopol for Odessa, came in collision with an Italian steamer, near Eupatoria, a town of Russia, on the western coast of the Crimea. The Vladimir was so badly injured that she sank. Some of the passengers were saved, but it is believed that fully 50 persons were drowned.

### PROMINENT PEOPLE.

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