

GAMBLING CRAZE IN ENGLAND.

Every Club's Hall Porter Is a Betting Commissioner.

The craze for bridge has by no means monopolized the gambling instinct of London society.

Instances of high play are growing daily more frequent as the nervous tension of the moneyed class seems to be in need of relief by gambling. A man who knows not the slightest thing about racing, but who plays billiards every afternoon, calls the hall porter of his club about half an hour before each race and says: "Two hundred and fifty dollars each way on the favorite." "Very well, sir," replies the porter, and the deal is effected. Each Monday as he enters the club he receives his account and settles it.

The hall porters of all the clubs and of the hotels find most of their duties during the racing season to consist of acting as betting commissioners. They know all the bookmakers, and besides getting a commission from the bookmakers if the backers win, they receive a generous slice of the winnings.

Saloons Closed on Pay Day.
In Norway on pay days saloons are closed and savings banks open until midnight. Servant girls hire for half a year at a time by contract at public registry offices. There is a telegraph box on every street car. One writes the message puts on the right number of stamps and drops it in the box. Farmers can borrow money from the government at 3 per cent. There are practically no illiterates. The average wage earnings are \$88 a year. There are more reindeer than horses, more sheep than cows.

Reward For Printers' Errors.
By the recent dinner of the London Association of Correctors of the Press, over which Anthony Hope presided, attention was called to a queer custom of the old time. Printers used to chain copies of their books outside their offices, and if any passing scholar detected an error he was rewarded according to its magnitude—a cup of wine for a broken letter, a cup of wine and a plate of beef for a turned letter and the like.

American Invasion of Canada.
The business and social relations between Canada and the United States are growing closer than ever before. The American "invasion" of the Dominion is an established fact, and the provinces are rapidly becoming Americanized. A large number of the leading American corporations have established plants in the Dominion near the border.

Ancient Helms Unearthed.
A relic, supposed to be a gold tray or server of rare Celtic design, has been found in Ireland during the operation of turf-cutting in the bogs. A pair of old dwelling pistols was also unearthed, and some distance away, at a depth of eighteen feet, was found a coffin containing a skeleton. Emblems in the coffin indicate that the remains may be those of a French officer of high rank.

Japanese School System.
A boy and girl must attend school as soon as they attain the age of six, and remain there until the age of fourteen. The first four years they teach them the Japanese and Chinese languages, and the latter four years they add English; when a boy and girl are graduated from the Japanese common schools they can read and speak English.—Exchange.

A Town Without Births.
With a population of 200, New Salem borough has not had a birth for over a year, and but few children reside in the town. There are 58 families and 17 widows in the town, and one-fourth of the population has passed the age of 50 years. Nine persons have passed fourscore years, and 19 three score and ten.

When Battleships Are Sold.
Condemned battleships rarely bring more than five per cent of their original cost when broken up. In many instances not even this is saved, some ships being sacrificed for as little as three per cent of their valuation.

The Cost of a Title.
It is not generally known that the British government pays an annual pension of \$25,000 a year to the successor to the title of Lord Nelson because of the victory at Trafalgar. Twenty thousand dollars was paid yearly to each Duke of Wellington until the title became extinct.

British Infantry Drill.
The new British foot drill discourages fixed forms of command, so that "Line that hedge!" would be quite proper in skirmishing. All unnecessary commands are discarded. The men "stand at ease" on completion of a movement and come to a "slope arms" on beginning one, without an order and so forth.

Profane Pictures Suppressed.
An exhibition of cinematograph pictures representing life in the infernal regions has been stopped by the Munich police at the instance of the bishop, who protested against the "profanation of hell."

Encalyptus Tree For Swamps.
The Austrian encalyptus tree is being grown on a large scale in Southern Europe and Northern Africa, because of its tendency to drain swamps.

BIG CLEARANCE SALE

AND MERCILESS SLAUGHTER OF PRICES!

A big lot of seasonable merchandise to be closed out at prices that mean a great saving to the buying public. This will be your time to practically

Buy At Your Own Figures!

We are not offering you old, shopworn goods or unseasonable articles, but merchandise of merit, goods that are right up to date and in good demand the country over. But owing to a contemplated remodeling of our store rooms, we want to reduce our stock quickly, hence the astounding low prices quoted below, which will last

From Jan. 10, To Feb. 1, 1906.

Sweeping Reductions in Men's and Boys' Clothing and Furnishing Goods.

Boys' Suits, \$8.75, reduced to	\$5.00
" " " " " " " " " "	3.75
" " " " " " " " " "	2.25
" " " " " " " " " "	2.50
" " " " " " " " " "	1.95
" " " " " " " " " "	2.25
Men's Corduroy Pants, \$2.50, now	\$2.00
" " " " " " " " " "	1.75
" " " " " " " " " "	1.85
Boy's " " " " " " " " " "	.90
" " " " " " " " " "	.40
Men's Fine Dress Pants, \$3.25, now	\$2.75
" " " " " " " " " "	1.75
" " " " " " " " " "	.95
Boy's " " " " " " " " " "	.40
Men's Jeans and Work	
Pants, 1.00, "	.75
Men's 50c. Shirts,	.40
" 50c. Underwear,	.38
" 50c. Overalls,	.40
" 85c. " " " "	.70
" \$1.00 and \$1.25 Dress Shirts,	.75
" 50c. Dress Shirts,	.40
" \$1.50 Gloves,	\$1.20
" \$1.00 " " "	.90
" 50c. " " "	.40
" 50c. Mittens,	.40

Big Reduction in Shoes.

\$3.50 Shoes will go at	\$2.95
3.00 " " " "	2.50
2.50 " " " "	2.00
1.65 " " " "	1.45
1.50 " " " "	1.30

10 Per Cent. Reduction on all Rubber Goods.

Hoods' Heavy Rubber, 95c., at	.85
Men's Arctics, \$1.15, at	\$1.00
Full line of Wool and Cotton Socks at the same sweeping reduction.	

Great Sacrifice of Bed Covers, Blankets, Etc.

Comforts, \$2.75, reduced to	\$2.25
" " " " " " " " " "	1.60
" " " " " " " " " "	1.40
" " " " " " " " " "	.80
" " " " " " " " " "	.70
Cotton Blankets, .85, " " "	.70
" " " " " " " " " "	1.20
Wool " " " " " " " " " "	All Less 20%

Ladies' Furnishing Goods at Astounding Low Prices.

White Silk-Shirt Waists \$3.75, to	\$2.75
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" " " " " " " " " "	2.25, " 1.75
" " " " " " " " " "	4.50, " 3.50
Ladies' Muslin Night Gowns at	.45
" " " " " " " " " "	\$1, now .80
" Under Shirts from 45c. to	\$2.00
" Flannelette Shirts reduced to	.40
" Wool Underwear, \$1.00, now	.80
" Red Wool Underwear,	1.00, " .75
" Fleece-Lined Underwear,	.50, " .40
" Fleece-Lined Underwear,	.25, " .20
" Wrappers, 1.00, " .80	
" Golf Blouses, 4.25, " 3.00	
" " " " " " " " " "	3.75, " 2.75
" " " " " " " " " "	2.25, " 1.75
" " " " " " " " " "	1.75, " 1.35

Collars, Belts, Trimmings, Rushings, Ribbons, Fancy Pins, all at great bargains.
Ladies' Furs at 25 to 50 % off.
Big reduction on Ladies' Shoes—10% off.
Misses and Ladies' Coats—20% off.

Dry Goods at Prices to Please the Ladies.

Lancaster Gingham reduced to	.90
Calicos " " " "	.05

Outing Flannel " " "	.09
Shirt Waist Flannel, 15c. " " "	.12
Plaids, 18c., " " "	.15
Mohair, 35c., " " "	.25
Fil do soie, 35c. " " "	.25
Big Line of White Dress Goods at 20% off.	
Children's Hoods, less 50%.	
Children's Dresses, \$2.65, now	\$2.00
" " " " " " " " " "	1.75, " 1.25
" " " " " " " " " "	1.49, " 1.00
" " " " " " " " " "	1.25, " .85
" " " " " " " " " "	.98, " .65

Stationery and Miscellaneous Articles Almost Given Away.

A Good Line of Stationery, Consisting of Envelopes and Paper, Account Books, Day Books and Memorandum Book, at Away Down Prices.
Buggy Whips from 35c. to 95c.
Big Reduction on all Tin and Granite Ware, such as Stew Kettles, Buckets, Cake Pans, Pie Pans, Graters, Toasters, Colanders, Potato Mashers, Skillets, Etc., Ect.

Chances Like This Come But Seldom.

Strike while the iron is hot! A dollar saved is a dollar earned! Call early and get the pick of the bargains! Come and visit the biggest and best store in Salisbury! It will pay you!

HAY'S DEPARTMENT STORE, C. T. HAY, Manager.

Election Notice, First National Bank of Salisbury, Pa.

The annual meeting of the stockholders for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the banking room of this bank, Tuesday, January 9th, 1906, between the hours of one and two o'clock p. m.
1-4 ALBERT REITZ, Cashier.

Chest Protectors from 25c. up to \$2.00, at the Elk Lick Drug Store. tf

WANTED AT ONCE!—Two good girls, either white or colored, for kitchen work, at Hay's Hotel. Address D. I. Hay, Elk Lick, Pa. tf

Headley's Choice Chocolates and Bon Bons in 1/4, 1/2 and 1-lb. boxes, always on hand, and fresh, at the Elk Lick Drug Store. tf

WEDDING Invitations at the Star office. A nice new stock just received. tf

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Meyersdale & Salisbury Street Railway Company will be held at the General Office, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Monday, January 8th, 1906, at 2.30 P. M.

L. D. WADDELL, Secretary. 1-4

Ask for Free Calendars and Almanacs at the Elk Lick Drug Store. tf

Hot Water Bottles of all kinds, from \$1.00 up, at the Elk Lick Drug Store. tf

PIANO LESSONS!—Pupils taken by Miss Linna M. Perry, graduate in music. Theory and harmony taught. Grant street, Salisbury, Pa. tf

Fine Farm for Sale!

In connection with sale of personal property, on Jan. 12th, 1906, commencing at 10 a. m., will also offer my farm for sale, at Bevansville, containing 40 acres, especially adapted to the culture of small fruit. Has erected thereon a nine-room dwelling house, well finished, also large summer kitchen 18x30, another two-story building 25x45, and bank barn 40x65. Three acres in orchard of choice fruit.

J. A. BEVANS, Bevansville, Md. 1-4

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