IMPLEMENTS OF GAMING.

Curious Origin of Playing Cards, Dice and Dominoes.

in and China the Source of These Pe-culing Playthings — Some of the Games Played by the

Who would suppose that playing eards were originally derived from the knuckle bones of sheep? Yet such is the fact. If you do not believe it, ask Stewart Culin, ethnologist, attached to the University of Pennsylvania, who, according to the Washington Star, has made the study of games, from the scientific point of view, his specialty. The so-called knuckle bones are familiar enough, being used to this day by children in various parts of the world. They are the ankle bones of the sheep, and are four-sided. It seems odd to find that dice in Arabic are called by a name which means ankle bones. body knows how long they were first employed for playing games. One day it occurred to somebody that a cube was better adapted to the purpose. That must have happened in very cient times, for the Romans of old had dice which were just like our own, eyen to the arrangement of the numbers on the faces-Le., the six opposite the one, the five opposite the two, and the four opposite the three.

It will be observed that the sum of any two opposite numbers is always seven. This may have something to do with the fact that seven used to be regarded as a magical number. Of the respect accorded to it there is evidence in many passages of the libbs. most ancient cubical die known date back to 600 B. C.-that is, twenty-tive hundred years ago. It was found at Naucratus, a Greek colony in Egypt. The earliest dice were made in pairs. right and left, like knuckle bones. of which was always from the right leg and the other from the left leg of the animal. Two dice were usually employed, because they were two knuckle bones. Mr. Culin says that dice probably originated in India. From that country they were carried to China, whence they have been distributed all over the world. The Chinese are great gamesters; they invented a modification of the dice, which is called the domino. Put two dice faces side by side and you have the domino. Dominoes are said to have been devised in the year 1120 of the Christian era by a Chinese emperor for the amusement of his wives. It is more likely, however, that they merely obtained the imperial approval at that date.

There are twenty-one possible throws with two dice, so twenty-one dominoes may be regarded as natural dominoes. However the Chinese have doubled up some of the numbers so as to make a full set for playing thirty-two in all. All over eastern Asia the customary outfit of dominoes is thirty-two. Our dominoes, obtained by way of Europe. are only twenty-eight and are modified it is in reality the mainstay of life in by the introduction of blanks. The but is an unimportant one among the many Chinese games of dominoes. The Chinese domino games are all of them dice games elaborated. Dominoes are also used in China, like dice, for fortone telling. That system of divinaastrological names. .

the numbers on the dice. Six in the throw of heaven, ace is the throw of earth, four is the throw of man, while one and three are chosen to represent the harmony that unites heaven, earth and man. The throw of double five is called the "plum flower," five and six is the "tiger's head." four and six is "red-head ten," one and six is "long-legged seven," and one and five is "red mallet six." These terms remind one of those given by negroes to various throws at the game of "craps." On Chinese dice the "one" and "four" are always red, while the dots on the other faces are black. Mr. Culin cannot assign any reason for this with certainty. There is a legend to the effect that on one occasion an emperor of the Ming dynasty was almost defeated in a game by his queen. The only possibility for him to win was that the dice should turn up "fours." They did so, and he was so gratified that from that time forth the "fours" on all dice were marked in red.

Take an ordinary domino of bone or wood, enlarge it, make it of paper, and it becomes a playing card. Mr. Culin's study of the subject has led him to the conclusion that this is the way in which the playing eard was originally evolved. The evolution began with the knuckle bone, which became a cubical die; the latter was transformed into a domino, and the domino, in its turn, was metamorphosed into a card. A domino with two "fives" on it represents the "tenspot" of the pack. The origin of "king," "queen" and "jack" is unknown. Possibly a little light may be thrown upon the mystery by the fact that the four sides of the knuckle bone are called in Arabic the "shah," "vizier," "peasant" and "slave." The same names are given to the numbers on the cubical die, the six being the "shah." One of the games played with dominoes in China is apparently the prototype of whist. Nobody knows when dominoes and cards were introduced into Europe. We, in America, get all our games from Europe; we invent no games. Poker is an old English game modified. Mr. Culin says that there are no new games; those brought out from year to year are merely modifications of old Games are originated in primiitive stages of social development.

One would naturally suppose that the spinning die, called the "tectotem," must be derived from the same original source as the cubical die. Apparently such is not the case. Mr. Culin bas traced the tectotem to Corea, where it seems to have had its beginANTS AGAINST SNAKE.

Numbers Won in a Long and Exciting

"While camping in Alabama during the late war," said Col. II. C. Crossman of Dayton, O., according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "I witnessed an attack of a band of black ants upon striped snake.

One evening, while I was trying to go to alcop, after a long day's march. I felt something move under my head. I lifted one corner of the blanket and found a snake between three and four feet in length. I quickly hit it with a small stick, but the reptile seemed hardly stunned by the blow, so I picked it up on the end of the stick and threw it about fifteen feet away. The snake tanded on a large ant hill. Almost intantly the ants poured forth from heir nest, which was underneath, and segan a vigorous attack upon, the inruder, who was soon covered by scores f his assailants, biting him fearfully. The battle raged with fury, the snake writhing about in torture.

The contest at first seemed an un qual one, for the snake was rapidly hinning out his persecutors, but on be other hand the ants were numerms and quick in their aggressive novements. The snake with one blow of his tall would kill or wound a long line of ants, but the active little crea tures were soon reinforced by fresh troops and fought with a desperation wonderful to behold. I was astonished beyond measure to see the tactics of the unts. When they saw their numbers were being lessened they disputched couriers for fresh relays of oldiers, who appeared on the scene in due time to replace the killed or wound-

"The moon after a time lit up the scene, but as there appeared no near termination of the struggle I gave up watching it and, stretching myself gain on my blanket, went to sleep. Refere striking tents the next morning I went to look at the battle ground The slain insects were scattered in every direction, but there were six or even watchful ants upon the back of the snake, which lay stretched out dead near the ant hill."

HEALTH IN CORN BREAD.

This Accounts for the Good Condition of the Southern Laborer.

Behold the average colored laborer on a southern plantation, said Hon. P. Winston, of Minnesota and Virginia, recently. How fat and sleek he looks; how his shifting eyes and amouth abony skin reveal the robust physical man. He is a type of perfect boulth, and to what does he owe his superb condition? I'll tell you in two words corn bread. There is the grandest food product in the world, and all honor to the noble American who is trying to teach the old world people the various delicious uses of orn bread and the many palatable ways it can be prepared for the table. If it were not for corn I don't know now many of the poor people of Virginia, white and black, would exist.

domino game of Europe and America is many localities of the old state. But the match game. It is played in China. to really love corn bread I think one must be used to it from childhood. cothern-born men of the old regime ormeneed gnawing on corn "pones" hen they were babies; as they grew lder the pone accompanied them on very hunting and fishing expedition, tion has an extensive literature of its and so, when maturity was reached, own. The Chinese dominoes all have corn in some form or other was wanted the table three times a day. This In Chine cosmical names are given to fact will, I think, militate against any come the people of Europe they haven't been used to it. It has always maded me that our own people, outide of the wouth, fail to appreciate the plant of the south, fail to appreciate the plant of maire. In the great occupant of the west its use is very limited, and the eastern mind, so the as carn is concerned, is a howling white the plant of the plant ide of the worth, fail to appreciate the

MEN AND WOMEN.

Some Cardinal Points of Difference Be-

Women always show by their actions that they enjoy going to church; men are less demonstrative. When a woman becomes flurried she feels for a fan: when a man becomes flurried he feels for a eigar. Women jump at conclusions and generally hit, says the New York Advertiser; men reason things out logically and generally miss the truth. Some women can't pass a mil-linery shop without looking in; some en can't pass a public house without going in. A woman never sees a baby without wanting to run to it; a man never sees a buby without wanting to ren away from it. Women love admiration, approbation, self-immelation on the part of others; are often weak, vain and frivolous. Ditto menwoman always carries her purse in her hand, so that other women will see it; a man carries his in his inside pocket. so that his wife won't see it. A woman can sit in a theater for three hours without getting all eramped up, catching the toothache or becoming faint for want of fresh air; a man can't. A woman, from her sex and character, has a claim to many things besides her shelter, food and clothing. She is not less a woman for being westled; and the man who is fit to be trusted with a good wife recollects all which this implies, and shows himself at all times chivalrous, sweet-spoken, considerate and deferential.

Lilipotian Cattle.

The Samoan Islands are the natural habitat of the most diminutive species of variety of the genus bos now known the naturalist. The average weight of the males of these tiliputian cattle soldom exceed two hundred pounds, the average being not greater than one hundred and fifty pounds. The females usually average about one hundred pounds larger, are very "stocky bullt, seldem belog faller than a merino sheep." These dwarf cuttle are nearly all of the tume erder-reddish mouse color marked with white. They have very large heads as compared with their bodies and their borns are of exceptional length.

One in Four.

is go, let the disease insiduously get the metry of you. You lose all courage: the slit cost exertion tires you; your feet, ankles legs swell; you cannot lie on your left sfinally, you become so bad that you can lie down without amothering, and are opelled to get what sleep you can in a challyou are urged to avoid this. You are invited to get well.

Have you the least little ambition left?

Mrs. Elisia Cassillay, a mill employed Lowell, Mass., had slight heart troubles myears ago.

Mrs. Lissa Cassiday, a mill employee of Lowell, Mass., had slight heart troubles many years ago.

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Sheriff of Wason County, Oregon

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Timber-Cuiture, Final Proof.

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U. S. Land Office. The Datles, Or., J.
Oct. 22, 1894. 4.

Notice is hereby given that Charles Keehler has filed notice function to make final proof before R gister at Beceiver at their office in the Dalles, Orrgon, on raturday, the 8th day of December, 1894, on timber-culture application No. 1827, for the Wig NEW, and NWW, 8EW, and SEW, awd, of section No. 2h, in township No. 2 such, range 2 nd. 10 cast.

He usings as witnesses: A. F. Haynes, Dular, Oregon, I tank Hathaway, Edward Griffin, Reuben Haynes, Boyd, Oregon, 1.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Notice is hereby given that the balles, Or., 190, 28, 1931.

named settler has filed notice of his intention is make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver of the U. S. Land office, The Dalles, Or., on February 5, 1935, vi. LAND OFFICE, The Dalles, Or.,

William Watson.

114 E. No. 2022, for the Sig NESG. NESG SEP. 3. Sec. 10, and SWI₄, SWI₄, sec. 11, Tp. 2 N. R 11 E. W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of, said lend, viz.; W. E. Huskey, F. P. Werdner, Resce Prethur, A. T. Prethur, Mosier, Oreg vi. JAS. F. MOOKE, Register.

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Hd E, No 5299, for the SEM, See 12, Tp 5, S R 12 *, W M.

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Ann er. Stogndill. No. 2523, for the sWig. Sec.25, Tp 4 8 R.43 Hd F. No. 222, for the second E, W M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of mid land, viz.

Chus. Hayward, B. D. Pitcher, Emot Mertz, J. P. snodgrass, all of Tygh Valley, Or, Jan. F. MOGRE, Register.

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