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FEMINE SPECULATORS.

Many Prominent Philadelphia Women Gambled in Stocks to an Alarming Extent.

The fact that many of the leading women of Philadelphia gambled in stocks was a fact brought out by the failure these recently of a big firm of stock brokers. The women who were losers by their collapse have through the offices of the assignee for the bankrupts, trying to make some advantageous arrangement of their unfortunate investments. As a rule, the women were well dressed, middle life. While in appearance they seemed to be shrewd, womanlike, scarcely one of them was able to comprehend how Howard, Crosby & Co. should not drop around and make good every investment made on the board, says an eastern exchange.

They had been slipping into this Chestnut street office for months to gamble on the market. The habit seemed to have a wonderful hold on them. As a rule, their custom was to drop in to the office each day and examine the board, laughing jolly about and following the musical click of the sounder. After comparing the quotations with those of previous days and watching the board for a few minutes the patrons would place their orders. If a certain stock would be 70 and advanced two points to 72, when the women returned on the following day they sold out and studied the boards for new investments.

WEDDED TO THE COCK FIGHT.

South Carolinians Cling to the Traditional Sport of Their Fathers.

"The breeding of blooded game cocks, for the Mexican market mainly, is an established industry in South Carolina," said a sporting man, reports the Charleston (S. C.) News. "Of recent years the South Carolina game cocks have become celebrated, and there are more orders standing now than can be filled from the present stock. The orders have to lie over until the young chickens are grown, and they always command the top prices when shipped beyond the border. These game cocks have left a string of victories in some of the richest mains fought in this state, and many hundreds of dollars have been won on their prowess. Other breeds of fighting chickens are raised in this state by men who never fight them, and some of the most prominent breeders have never wagered a dollar on any of their birds. They raise the champions for the profit to be derived from sales. Cock-fighting now is not so common in this state as it was formerly. According to the laws of South Carolina a main cannot be conducted within four miles of a church or schoolhouse. Ten-mile bill has been the cock-fighting headquarters for years. Recently a large pit was built, with rows of seats ranging above it, and crowds of sporting people are drawn to this place when championship events between South Carolina and Georgia are fought. The law does not interfere with the mains."

BOUGHT HER OWN RINGS.

This Young Woman Chose an Engagement Ring That Satisfied Her.

It occasionally happens that the ring a girl receives as an engagement token is far from suitable to her ideas of what such a thing should be. One young woman, however, will have no one to blame but herself if the ring she wears is not satisfactory, for she bought it herself, says the Chicago Chronicle. Her fiance lived in a small southern town, where there is not the wide variety of diamond rings from which to select that one finds in a city; therefore it was decided that when the young woman came north she should choose her own ring. And she did. She brought with her a goodly sum of money—her fiance's money, of course—and when she reached Chicago she repaired in haste to one of the big shops and with much care selected a solitaire that suited her. None of the clerks guessed, of course, that the girl with the flushed cheeks was buying the ring that she was to seal her engagement, but she was, and she paid her for it in a business-like way, secured a receipt, and left the shop smiling, and probably better satisfied with the bit of jewelry than she would have been if her affianced had bought it himself.

Japs Use Arabic Figures.

There is one thing which strikes a foreigner as being particularly strange in the uniform of the Japanese soldier, says a writer in North American Notes and Queries. This is that the numerals which he wears upon his shoulder straps to denote the number of his regiment are European numbers, not Chinese or Japanese ideographs. For instance, the soldiers of the Third regiment just wore a 3 upon their shoulder straps. I found upon inquiry that this was because the European numbers were so much more quickly and easily distinguished from each other than the complicated Chinese characters. A truly practical nation the Japanese!

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ONCE A ROUGH TOWN.

Avia, Ill., Was at One Time Over-run by Desperadoes.

Some Memorable Instances of Their Hardihood—One of Their Number Who Was Particularly Bad.

In the early '70s, when the new flourishing town of Avia was known by the name of "Headquarters," it was overrun with rough characters and desperadoes of all descriptions. The place soon acquired such a bad reputation that strangers were afraid to visit it. It was at this time, says a special correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean, that the Callahan clan was in the height of its power. This clan was an organized band of outlaws, and its members raided stores, looted residences, made counterfeit money and stole horses. In speaking of the old Headquarters days, one of Avia's pioneer citizens the other day told of some of his experiences.

"I was at work on a new building," said the old citizen, "when the sheriff requested me to go with him to arrest Bill Kollings, a notorious robber. He had another picked man, and we set out. The man we were to arrest, or kill if necessary, had been located in a small log cabin among the hills a mile south of town. The country was then in timber and was rough and unbroken. We made our plans as we rode along, and we were determined to make the arrest or die in trying it. We knew the character of the man we were after, and we were prepared for business. "Arriving near the cabin, we dismounted and crept up as noiselessly as we could. The shanty was surrounded by a stone wall about four feet high. When we had almost reached the place, the outlaw dog barked, and the next thing that happened the sheriff's hat was knocked off by a rifle ball, which also took a little of his hair. We discovered that the robber was fortified behind the stone wall, and it was quite evident that we were in for a siege, so we stationed ourselves behind some trees and fired a volley at the desperado. We knew we could not hit him, but we wanted to make him thoroughly understand that we were not going to be driven away empty handed. The fellow shot at us every time he got a chance, and we returned his shots. "After fighting Indian fashion for quite awhile, the sheriff said that something must be done, as his time was valuable. He suggested that we make a charge on the fortification of the enemy. First he tied his handkerchief to a stick and waved it from behind a tree. "What do you want, Mr. Sheriff?" sang out Bill, the bandit. "I want you to surrender," said the sheriff.

RUSSIAN SPIES ARE HERE.

They Are Keeping Watch of Billists Who Seek Refuge in America.

The Russian secret police are probably the most skillful in the world; they need to be. In the days of Napoleon III, the police of France had that reputation. They haven't it now for the best of reasons. An emperor needs a skillful spy in all the world's capitals. Russia has had its lessons in the death of the late czar and in the many attempts made upon the present ruler. So the chief of political police keeps agents in every great city in the world. New York, where so many Russian nihilists have found refuge; San Francisco and Chicago are especially favored in this way. Escaped convicts from Siberia sometimes drift to the Pacific coast, while Chicago is watched on general principles. New York, however, is getting to be more and more the chief object of the solicitous attentions of the czar's people, says the Chicago Chronicle.

The spies who keep tab on nihilists in America always claim to be nihilists themselves, exiled for their political views, or escaped suspects. It is their plan to secure admittance to some of the many nihilist circles here and keep the police informed of what goes on. So long as the nihilists confine themselves to speechmaking nothing is done about it. But if one of them should start for St. Petersburg with such a mission as that which took Bresci from Paterson the home authorities would be warned and stand ready to receive him after certain well-known precedents. As for the spy, his is a dangerous life. If suspected he may become at almost any time the hero of a mysterious murder case.

Sustaining His Theory.

No man is a real man of science unless he is ready to abandon his own conclusions, duly put on record, if subsequent investigations prove them fallacious. The president of a great college once wrote a volume on the practice of medicine. After it had been completed and he had gone to New York to arrange for its publication, his house was burned, and the manuscript of his book and all his notes were destroyed. He couldn't reproduce it. Ten years afterward he said: "That fire was the greatest of good fortune to me. If I had published the book, I should have had to stand by it, whereas now I know that it was all wrong!"

Death Rate in the Boer War.

Now that the war is drawing to a close, we can reckon up its cost in blood. Ten thousand men have purchased the Boer republics for Britain with their lives, not to speak of four times that number who have been wounded, many of them crippled for life. It is a terrible record, but it is consoling—if there can be consolation in such a deplorable event—to know that the mortality has been less than was expected when the full strength of the army in South Africa was known. The chances of war are that five men in a hundred will be killed in battle or die of disease, but the deaths in South Africa have been only four per hundred. This is nearly two per cent. lower than the mortality in our Napoleonic wars, and it compares favorably with the death rate in some of the principal wars of the century.—London Chronicle.

Aluminum for Soldering Rails.

Aluminum is used recently found for soldering the soldering of iron rails end to end in order to obtain a smooth, continuous track. Aluminum has the property of producing great heat in the act of combining with oxygen. The ends of the rails are placed together in a crucible filled with a mixture of aluminum and iron ore. The mixture being fired, an intense heat results, and the rails are firmly soldered together. This is said to be quite as efficacious as the electric method of soldering.—Science.

Solemn Statesman.

The pleasant news comes from Manila that pro-American sentiment is spreading rapidly among the insurgents and that hundreds are voluntarily taking the oath of allegiance to the United States authority. Under intelligent management the entire archipelago will soon be at peace.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Wife—"Oh, Harry! You can't talk straight." Husband—"Sprained my neck, my dear, looking up for the (his) leonids."—Town Topics. Fred—"When you opened your mouth to offer your hand did you put your foot in it?" Frank—"No, no. My heart was in it."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"How did Dadda ever become a councilman?" "Huh; he has the only law-mover in the neighborhood, an' has promised to buy a new snow shovel."—Indianapolis News.

"That newly-rich Billion carries beautifully." "Yes, he learned how to do that when they lived in a Harlem flat and he had to make one chicken go round with nine in the family."—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

"Yes, it's true," boasted Col. Bragg. "I've been in innumerable engagements, and yet I never lost my head." "And I've been in hundreds of them," replied the summer girl, "and never lost my heart."—Philadelphia Press.

She—"It's strange how the smallest things in life make the biggest difficulties."—He—"That's so. Last night, for instance, I could find the house all right, but for the life of me I couldn't find the keyhole."—Stray Stories.

"Say," remarked the first boy on the way to school, "I just heard the minister tell another man 'at my pa was a 'horrible example.' Wonder what 'at is?" "I guess," replied the other, "the man's 'at he's got a fraction in him."—Omaha Bee.

"Now, children," said the school teacher, "can you tell me of a greater power than a king?" "Yes, ma'am," cried a little boy, eagerly. "What, Willie?" asked the teacher (expecting the answer: "An emperor"), benignly. "An ace, ma'am," was the unexpected reply.—Town Talk.

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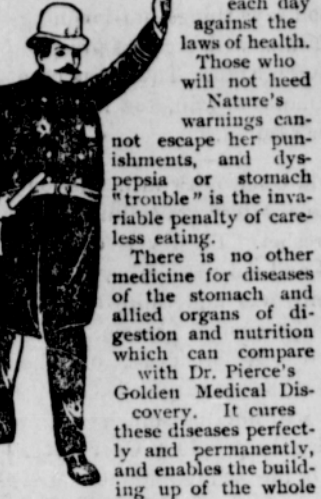
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