Speak very pleasant to the cat. Remember, if bereft Of one life, which is dear to her, She only has eight left.

And then suppose that life is sad— And often it is so— Think tenderly how you would feel With nine to undergo.

Good friends, to cheer a single life,
That were a deed well done.
Remember, he who cheers nine cats
Cheers really eighty-one.
—Boston Woman's Journal.

A GAME OF POKER.

"No, I don't play poker any more, said a big westerner who came into an up town clubhouse the other night with some friends who had been showing him the town. Somebody had suggested a little game of draw as an appropriate wind up of the night's diversion.

"Why, how is that?" exclaimed one of his friends. "You used to play a stiff rame. You haven't sworn off, have 700 ?**

"N-no," said the westerner, still erious. "I have not sworn off, but here is no excitement in the game for ne now. The last game I played was oo exciting."

The thrilling story thereof runs as follows:

"It was a dozen years ago, when was a tenderfoot, with the usual allowance of freshness and ignorance of frontier perils. We used to call it brashness, and I was certainly brash. I roamed fround the country rather for the better part of a year, with a more or less vague purpose of settling somewhere, but not raring much where.

"I was well down toward New Mexto when there was a rumor of Indian reonbles, and I heard that a company of Juited States troops were on the march oward one of the principal villages where the redskins were particularly

sallen. "I had been out hunting for a week with a couple of fellows I had met in ne of the towns, when we got the news com a stranger who came into our camp ate at night and asked for supper. He ...imitted when we questioned him-not oo closely, for inquisitiveness is at a arge discount on the plains, but casually-that he was a scout in the government employ and was on his way to join

his company. "'There's likely to be some pretty warm work, ' he said when we asked a ttle more, 'for if the red devils are not on the warpath now they will be in a my or two, and you fellows will do a mart trick if you turn back.'

"Turning back, however, didn't seem very attractive to me when there was so anch excitement ahead. I promptly remarked that I thought I would go on with the scout and offer my services to he cantain in command. I told you I death. was pretty brash at the time, and I had o knowledge of military affairs. My notion was that the captain would be lad of a recruit, or, at least, that he onld make no objection to my going with him.

"I noticed that the scout looked at me a little curiously, but he evidently bought it was not his business to eduate tenderfeet, and he only grunted. Iv two companions were as fresh as I was, and we told the scout we would go along if he had no objection.

"'It's a free country, and I reckon you can travel wherever you like,' he ...id, with a grin that I understood betafterward.

"We started before dawn and had hirty odd miles to go to strike the trail where the company was expected to amp that night. There were still some cu miles to go, when, as we were bounding a small hill, the scout suddenly teaped from his horse and called to us to do the same.

"He had seen Indians, and, to cut it short, we camped that night in a place where the scout said that four men could hold out for awhile even against the handred or so in the party that had surrounded us. It was a certainty, though, that we would all lose our scalps unless help came, for there was no water to be had, and the Indians knew it and made themselves comfortable just out of range of our rifles.

'The scout didn't say much for a long time, but we could see that he was thinking as hard as any of us, and we were all pretty busy at it. There didn't seem to be anything to suggest, or at least there was nothing that I could think of, excepting to make a dash and try to break through.

'Nobody said anything in reply when I spoke of that, and the scout gave me look of disgust that made me angry rough, but shut me up all the same. amaily he said :

"'It's just this way: These devils mave caught us and they know it. They you't make a rush, for they know we will shoot, and an Indian will never sk being shot if he can get his man thout. We can't fight our way out. ay bere any longer than we can live without water.'

"I asked him if the captain wouldn't take a search for him, and he said the de s on his way south, he said, 'and at trail he is on is ten miles to the east t us. There's only one thing that I see,

that means certain death for some-.s. I reckon. It's certain death for of us, though, if something ain't sie.' I asked him what it was, and

es id: "If one man can make his way atheast far enough so that the noise the firing will reach the company, e captain will send a searching party. all depends on how far the man gets fore he is killed. If we all ride out, è will all be killed. If one man goes,

or others may stand a chance. We all looked at one another in silerge for a good while. My blood ran at the idea of riding out alone into that suck of flends, but I realized that our only chance was for somebody to go, and I knew life was as sweet to the others as it was to me.

"Instinctively we began first talking about the way the man who should go should maneuver to best advantage before raising the question who should be the man. It took only a few minutes, though, for the scout to give his advice, which was for one to ride out, waving s white handkerchief. He was to keep to the eastward and ride as hard as he dared toward the Indians, looking sharply for the weakest point in their line toward his right. He should then make a dash and ride as hard as possible until it was all over, firing as often as

he could. "Then we had to decide who should go, and I supposed, of course, that we would draw lots, but one of the men

spoke up unexpectedly: "'Whoever goes,' he said, 'doesn't want to start for some hours. The scout says just after daybreak is the best time. What is the matter of settling this thing with poker? We can play freeze out, and three games will settle it, the winner dropping out each time."

"The proposition caught me. You know I used to pride myself on my poker. After a little hesitation the others agreed. The man who proposed it had the cards, and we counted out 600 coffee beans for chips and began playing on a blanket folded and faid on the ground.

"You would think the details of a game like that would fix themselves in the memory so that I would be able to tell you every hand I held and every bet I made, wouldn't you? Well, I can't. In fact, I can't tell anything about the first game excepting that I was the first man to lose all his chips. I had played often enough for what I thought were high stakes, but the thought that I was playing for my life rattled me completely, and I really believe I bet at random.

"Whatever I did I lost, and the man who had proposed the game won out. He was shot in a gambling house three months later-had an extra ace in his sleeve, I believe, or something like that.

'The next freeze out, between three of us, was a comparatively short one. It did not take more than 20 minutes for the scout to gather in all the chips, but, short as it was, I managed to get myself together a little, though I was still full of the thought of the value of the stakes -a thing which, I have noticed, always interferes with my play.

"When the third game began, however, I pulled myself together with a most tremendous effort and really became as cool as I ever had been before at a game of cards. The man I played against this time was a young Englishman whom I had grown to esteem highly in the short time I had known him. His people at home never heard this story, and I hope they never will. They know that he was killed by the Indians and that he was on a hunting trip, but they never heard of his last game of feeble and inefficient. Therefore traincards nor of the way he rode to his

"We had each 300 beans, and half a dozen hands were dealt before either of us got cards to bet on. Then on my deal I caught three deuces and made it 50 to play. He looked at his cards and raised me 50, which I covered. He drew one card and let it lie without looking at it, plication of any old science goes to the while he watched me.

am more glad than I am of almost any-thing else I ever did in an almost use. mind with useless knowledge in requirless life to think that I made the worst ing students to learn these, not dead, play I ever saw made. I liked the man but living languages. well, as I said, and some impulse that better chance.

to the strength of my hand, but I didn't. schools are beginning to recognize the

ing at my draw. "He gave me one look, in which I read a perfect appreciation of what I his chips forward.

ever told me so, and I actually could not lift my cards. His nerve never shook, though, apparently, and he turned his fifth card over as he laid it on which may save or make you hundreds the blanket. They were all clubs.

man. Then I managed to turn my hand to Make Money With Hens" is a secret over. I had drawn the other eight." The westerner stopped. He drained

his glass and then said: bring me some whisky besides. This stuff with it the four Poultry Keeper illustradoesn't go to the right spot." Then, tors, the most wonderful books published

after he had had his drink, he said: "You don't wonder, do you, that I don't play poker any more?" "No," said his hearers, "but finish

the story." least that is the end of it, as I think securing it. Sample copy free. about it. The Englishman shook hands with us all and rode away. We watched him until he fell, and he must have gone fully three miles. A good many Indians fell before he did, for he was a clever shot. Later in the day the company

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In a tank at the aquarium is a sea raven 14 or 15 inches long. Like all sea ravens, it has a big head and an enormous mouth for a fish of its size. In the same tank is a sculpin, perhaps a foot long and a little slenderer than the sea raven. The two were lying on the bottom of the tank the other day, the scul pin just ahead of the sea raven and wagging its tail ielly in the sea raven's face. Whether the sea raven was incensed by this or the motion simply suggested a chance for a square meal without hunting for it, it would be impossible to determine, but the next time the sculpin's tail came by the sea raven detained it, and then it began to swallow the sculpin tail first.

The sea raven had taken in four-fifthe of the sculpin, about all but its head. The sculpin, too, has a great head for a fish of its size, but the sea raven, with its capacions mouth, would have got it down all right and swallowed the entire fish but for the short, stout spines that the sculpin has, one on each side of its head. These now spread out and settled in the corners of the sea raven's jaws. It was like spreading a stick across the mouth of a pit. It was quite impossible for the sea raven to swallow the sculpin any farther. In fact, its only desire now was to get rid of it, and, helping itself a little with some slight wrigglings, the sculpin was soon free again and swimming about. - New York Sun.

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Second, the scientific school is a pro-I couldn't understand then, and can't fessional school. Its graduate goes from explain now, told me to leave the thing its commencement, as goes the graduate to chance and to give him a little the of the school of law, theology or medicine, directly to his life's work. It is "I had played with him before, and I not a school of liberal culture or of genwas certain that he was drawing to a eral training. It is to be said, and said flush, and somehow I felt that he had with the utmost clearness, that the govfilled it. Of course I should have drawn ernors of our best technical and scientific I drew one card only, holding up an advantages which the man desiring to eight spot to my deuces, and I shoved enter these schools possesses if he has all my beans into the pot without look-ing at my draw.

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Games for the Children

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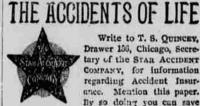
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