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ME CADETS HAD A LAUGH AT THE OFFICERS' EXPENSE.

w a Billiard Table Was Smuggled ato the Bareacks at West Point nd the Story of its Accidental

There are many traditions and stoof escapades at the Military acadeat West Point that are handed down from class to class, and one of interesting of these is that re-

s the billiard table. Shortly (7 s civil war the cadets, always dert for some new scheme for sement, decided that they would to have a billiard table and acdingly organized a billiard club. A ection was taken up with which to rchase a table, and a suitable place

s sought in which to set it up. Until present steam beating apparatus installed in the cadet barracks, most people suppose. ut 30 years or more ago, the heatwas by means of furnaces. The ement of the sixth division of the rracks was used for coal bins, the as being so arranged that there was large one near the center of the ilding, which could only be reached passing through one of the others. fter considering all available places is coal bin was finally selected as belace least liable to detection,

at be remembered the table thorized.

de was bought in New York n sent to Garrisons, across the river, there was no West Shore railroad those days. One cold winter night was hauled by a team of oxen across e river on the ice and up the hill and as safely stowed away in the coal bin fore morning. The table was soon t up and became a source of great loyment to the cadets. A keg of er was always kept on tap, and mps were hung from the ceiling, givig the room a cheery appearance. he members of the club used to gaththere at all hours of the day and ight, when their presence was not reuired elsewhere by their duties, and t around smoking, drinking and tellig stories while two of them played illiarda.

The authorities soon became aware at there was a billiard table somethere in the barracks, for they could ear the balls clicking together, but hey could not find it. The cadets conlinued to enjoy the privileges of the illiard club for more than a year.

Finally one night soon after midight, as two officers were returning from a convivial evening at the mess they saw two cadets, clad in their underelothing and dressing gowns, merge from the north sallyport and isappear down the steps to the areaway in front of the barracks. Instant ly the thought of the billiard table ashed through the minds of the two officers, and they started quietly after the cadets. On reaching the basement doorway of the sixth division the two eadets entered, and the officers, arriving a moment later, saw them climb over a pile of coal and enter an open door, through which came sounds of laughter and conversation and the clicking of balls, while the air was laden with fragrant tobacco smoke.

The officers paused for a moment and held a whispered consultation. Finally deciding that they would tell the other officers of their discovery and have all of them come down the following night and enjoy the fun of a raid on the club, they withdrew and went home. Next day all the officers at the post were informed of the disovery, and it was arranged that the raid should occur at midnight.

All might have gone well, and the officers might have had their little fun, had it not been that there were three cadets the previous night instead of two. The third had forgotten his pipe and had gone back for it, while the other two went on and were discovered by the officers. The third, coming along a moment later, saw the officers and quietly followed them, observing all their movements and listening to their whispered conversation.

When they withdrew, he went in and told the members of the club all he had heard and seen. The cadets at once realized that it was all up with the club, but they determined to have a laugh at the expense of the officers. Accordingly all arrangements were made before the club adjourned that night.

The next night the officers met as arranged and crept stealthily down the reaway and into the sixth division. Hearing no sound of clicking balls, ome became skeptical and concluded the whole thing was a hoax, but nevertheless they pushed on and climbed over the pile of coal. Opening the door, they were greeted with a glow of light, but still no sound. On entering they found the room deserted, but cheapest at Kuerten's. e billiard table, an almost of beer, several pounds

ome chairs and lastly a ble, addressed to the offit West Point. The note ct that as the officers of en so kind as to permit stinue its existence for es, as it was deemed id up the club's affairs. igned "The Executive

f course, were much soing thus outwitted by me cadets. Nevertheless the table was removed to the officers' mess and, according to tradition, is the one still in use there.-New York Tribune.

Practice.

Parke-I never saw a child with such a remarkable memory for names as

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A lady I know very well in New York, who was giving a dinner party, told me she always dreaded the arranging of her guests at her tables, lest she put people together whom the "law had set apart," as she put it. "It would be perfectly dreadful to seat a gentleman beside a lady to whom be is paying allmony."-Smart Set.

The Court Needed Posting.

Hall police court when the judge espied | crat. in a group of young girls mingling in the large audience a delinquent witness whom it was urgent be interview. "Mr. Marshall," his honor exclaimed,

"have that young lady step here." "Which young lady, your honor?" "I don't know her name - the one with the light straw hat and dark skirt." the court added. The clew was

insufficient. "What kind of walst?" inquired the marshal.

"Ruffle on the sleeves and trimmed with er-the usual sort of what d'you call em," said the court.

"I understand. You mean leg of mutton sleeves, with-er-what's his name attachments," replied the marshal in faint hope of striking the technical

"No; not exactly," said the judge. "Would you recognize an empire gown if you saw one, Mr. Marshal?"

"Upon oath, no; I wouldn't swear to "Well, I know it wasn't an empire gown or a Mother Hubbard. I don't

think you understand much about female apparel." But here the young lady generously stepped forward, while a little boy

-St. Louis Post-Dispatch. As It Usually Happens,

"I suppose you had careful rearing, Mr. Courtney."

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The pattering of little feet
When shadows biar the light,
And root twining arms that meet
And packlase me at night.
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Not for away Love's steps shall stray-

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BEST GAMBLING SYSTEM.

The One That Will Surely Beat Fare and Roulette,

"Every confirmed gambler in the world has spent more or less time trying to figure out some system to beat the game," said a well known northern sporting man. "The commonest and most plausible scheme is the one known as 'progression.' It is simply a doubling of bets until a winning occurs, and theoretically it is perfect, but the trouble is that all gambling games have a limit, and the doubling process increases a wager with such enormous rapidity that it is apt to get over the stipulated amount before the winning takes place.

"I was at Monte Carlo last spring," continued the speaker, "and was surprised at the number of touts who infested the grounds peddling 'sure thing systems to break the bank. The ludicrous part of it was that most of the peddlers were seedy and poverty stricken in appearance, yet they purported to sell secrets which would infallibly enrich any purchaser. I asked one fellow why he didn't try his system himself and buy a new hat, and he replied very glibly that he was 'working for a syndicate' and under bonds not to play.

"Nearly all of these systems are based on progression and would be im- Leave Orders at possible in high play owing to the casino limit. Nevertheless I saw a num- Elv's Store. ber of small progression players at the tables and was told that they have been a fixture there for many years. They were nearly all horrible looking, bloodless old women, who began with the smallest possible wager and quit when they won 20 francs, or less than \$4. A house official informed me that they were tolerated about the place on account of age and infirmity and that their dally winnings were regarded in the light of a pension.

"In the days of open gambling in New Orleans I remember there used to be several broken down sports who were said to make a living off the games by 'progression playing.' I have my doubts about it, however. The best system and the only system that will beat fare and roulette is to stay A trial was progressing at the City away." - New Orleans Times-Demo-

Read This Before You Write. Never write poetry until you are at least 30, unless you fall in love, when it will come to you like the measles. You would better begin with storiesthat is, if you have a leading idea and can invent situations. Do not attempt the novel until you have passed your fortleth year. A novel requires a knowledge of men and manners, a study of human character, and powers to create dialogue and invent surprises. I know that there have been instances when very young men have written clever poems and novels, but these were freaks of genius which do not often occur. Avoid attempts at bu-That mine has already been worked for more than it is worth, and the best of it seems to be labored. What the funny men do produce is not equal to the unintentional humor which is to be found in congressional speeches on the tariff, and in the eld fashloned epitaphs in the country churchyards.-Thomas Dunn English In Success.

Uses of Olive Oil. Olive oil should be found in every nursery and on every medicine shelf. laughed, and the murshal threatened In time of croup it can be given freto send him to the penitentiary for life. quently and will not disturb the digestion, as do many medicines. It is often given in place of cod liver oil and is as effective in building up the system and far less disagreeable. It is recommended by many specialists both as a food and a tonic. A certain young chemist never has a cold or requires any medicine except a spoonful of olive oil every night and merning, which he takes regularly. He seldom wears an overcoat.-New York Trib-

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