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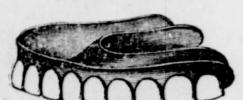
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A PACK OF CARDS.

A nobleman who kept a great number of servants reposed great confidence in one of them, which excited a jealousy in the others, who, in order to prejudice their master against him, accused him of being a notorious game-

Jack was called up and closely interrogated; but he denied the fact, at the same time declaring he never played a card in his life. To be more fully convinced, the gentleman ordered him to be searched, when behold a pack of cards was found in his pocket.

GROCERIES, BEDSTEADS & CHAIRS, Highly incensed at Jack's want of veracity, the nobleman demanded in a rage how he dared to persist in an un-

"My lord," replied he, "I certainly do not know the meaning of a card. LIQUORS, TOBACCO and CIGARS, The bundle in my pocket is my alma-

> "Your almanac, indeed; then I desire that you should prove it."

"Well, sir, I will begin. There are

four suits in the pack, which indicate

the four quarters of the year. As there are thirteen cards in a suit, so there are thirteen weeks in a quarter; there are also the same number of lunations: the twelve court cards represent the twelve signs of the zodiac, believe me, call and ascertain prices for nal course in one year. There are All kinds of produce and hides taken in fifty-two cards in a pack; that directly answers for the number of weeks in a year. Examine them more minutely FURNITURE WARE ROOMS.

and you will find three hundred and sixty-five spots, as many as there are days in the year; these multiply by twenty-four and sixty and you have the exact number of hours and minutes JACKSONVILLE, - OREGON. in a year. Thus, sir, I hope I have convinced you it is my almanae; and, by your lordship's permission, I will now prove it my prayer-book also. I look upon the four suits as representing the four prevailing religions—Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism and Paganism. The twelve court cards remind me of the twelve patriarchs, from which sprang the twelve tribes of Israel, the twelve apostles, the twelve articles of Christian faith. The king reminds me of the allegiance due his majesty. The queen of the same to PARLOR & BEDROOM SUITS, her majesty. The ten brings to my recollection the ten tribes in the plains of Sodom and Gomorrah, destroyed by Also Doors, Sash and Blinds always on the fire and brimstone from heaven; hand and made to order. Planing done on reasonable terms. The Undertaking a spe- the ten plagues of Egypt: the ten commandments; the ten tribes cut off for their vices. The nine noble orders among men. The eight reminds me of eight beatitudes; the eight persons saved in Noah's ark; the eight persons mentioned in Scripture to be released from death to life. The seven reminds me of the seven administering spirits that stand before the throne of God, the seven liberal arts and sciences given by God for the instruction of man; the seven wonders of the world. The six reminds me of six petitions contained in the Lord's Prayer;

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY THE SISTERS of the HOLY NAMES. THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR OF THIS school will commence about the end of August, and is divided in four sessions, .\$40.00 the six days of creation. The five reminds me of the senses given by God to man-hearing, seeing, feeling, smel-5.00 ling and tasting; the five wise and five foolish virgins. The four puts me in .\$ 6.00 mind of the four evangelists; the four seasons of the year. The three reminds me of the Trinity; the three Pupils are received at any time, and spehours our Saviour was on the cross, ial attention is paid to particular studies in behalf of children who have but limited three days he lay interred. The two time. For further particulars apply at the reminds me of the two Testaments, the two contrary principles struggling in man-virtue and vice. The ace re-City Drug Store,

"So far is very well," said the noble, Kahler & Bro., Proprietors. "but I believe you have omitted one card-the knave."

worship and serve; one truth to prac-

"True, my lord—the knave reminds me of your lordship's informant." The nobleman became more pleased raised his wages and discharged the

HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE .-Last Summer, says the Hagerstown Mail, a woman canvassed this town to sell patent garters to the ladies Those garters had to be made or altered to And a great variety of PERFUMES and suit individual limbs, and so the can-TOILET ARTICLES, including the best and vasser found it necessary in all cases cheapest assortment of COMMON and PERto make an accurate measurement. Prescriptions carefully compounded The patent garter was considered a first-rate article, and the canvasser or canvasseress drove a lively trade here, TABLE ROCK SALOON, sold many garters, and measured many limbs. She left here to ply her trade in a Pennsylvania town. There a combination of circumstances which it is WINTJEN & HELMS, Proprietors. not necessary or, indeed, judicious to relate here, led to certain inquiries, and the measuring canvasser stood THE PROPRIETORS OF THIS WELLconfessed-a man. He now languishknown and popular resort would inform their friends and the public generally es in jail. that a complete and first-class stock of the

> THE will of the rich man of the future will read: "To the respective attorneys of my children I give my enproving the old man insane.

CARL SCHURZ ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

The report of the Secretary of the Interior embraces an extremely interesting, candid, and important review of the Indian affairs of the country. It is not too much to say that Mr Schurz is the first Secretary of the Interior who has treated this subject with entire frankness, says the Record-Un ion, and has endeavored to make the people understand it. His statement amounts to a sweeping condemnation of the policy and practice of the Government for years past. He does not hesitate to declare that all, or nearly all, our Indian wars have been caused by gross injustice done to the Indians by the Government or its agents; that these agents have for the most part been corrupt and unprincipled men, who have plundered right and left; that the Indian service has long been honeycombed with corruption; that nothing but a radical reform can amend it; and that Congress ought either to institute investigations itself, or give his Department greater power. in order that it may be enabled to punish the thieves. He states that the late war with the Nez Perce Indians was incurred through a direct breach of faith on the part of the Government, and he intimates that the conduct of through which the sun steers his diur- Chief Joseph through the struggle was more creditable to him than that of the Government had been to it. He makes several recommendations re garding the civilization and education of the Indians, but suggests as a matter of primary importance that a policy of honesty and good faith should be inaugurated. The abuses which the Sec. retary so unsparingly reveals and condemns have long been familiar to the public. The press has exposed them and demanded reform for several years. But until now there has never appeared a Secretary of the Interior who possessed the courage and the conscientiousness to urge open war upon the thieves, or who did not either ignore or gloss over the most notorious

iniquities in this connection. HENRY BERGH CATCHES IT.—The other day a New York teamster was brutally beating a bay mule with a paint-brush tail, when Henry Bergh, President A. S. P. C. A., rushed in and caught the fellow's uplifted arm and cried, "Stay! hold!" Just then the mule, who had reserved his fire until some one came in range, looked back and fired a ninety-four pound hoof, that struck Mr. Bergh about midships and soured all the milk of human kindness in his soul quicker than a thunder clap. "Kill him!" hissed the great philanthropist between his set teeth, as he bowed himself over his clapsed hands and sought the nearest drug store, in the attitude of a boy who had tarried long at the green apples, "kill him! Pound the hair off him! Tear out his heart with a nail grab, the long-legged, iron-jawed, thick-headed son of iniquity! Pull his accursed legs out by the roots and cut him into fish bait before you burn him alive! Oh-h-h; diddledy doggone a billy-be-doggoned son-of-a-gun of a mule, anyhow.—Bur-

lington Hawkeye. NOT MUCH OF A VICTORY .- The New York Express thinks the recent Republican victory in Massachusetts was nothing to brag of: "The Administration prides itself, we are told, upon the result in Massachusetts. The old commonwealth used to give a Reminds me of the only true God to adore, publican majority of 100,000. Even last year it gave Mr. Hayes 41,000 matice and one good master to serve and jority. This year the Republican Convention warmly indorsed the Administration and we elect our ticket by 17,000 majority. That is what the Administration calls a great "victory." A few more such "victories" would surely ruin the Republican party. When a Republican Administration with J. than before, freely forgave him, gets down on its knees and thanks God because it has carried the State of Massachusetts by a small plurality it is well enough to begin to inquire whether we have been altogether for-

tunate in the selection of our rulers." THE Vanderbilt will case promises fair to excel in scandalous details the Beecher-Tilton nastiness. If the declaration of Scott Lord, that W. H. Vanderbilt had entire control of the second wife of the Commodore and that "he perpetrated the most infamous offense a son can commit against a father" is rightly understood by the public, the revelation will shock the moral sensibilities of the people of the whole country. If "Bill" Vanderbilt is not a greater brute than his father as the Vanderbilt's.

A bill has been reported from the claims committee and placed on the tire estate and worldly goods of all de- House private calendar for the payscriptions. Personally to my children, ment of about \$2,000 to ex-Assistant that deceives an innocent outsider who possessing curiosities and specimens bring and to my beloved wife, all that re- Treasurer Cheeseman, (now residing mains." This instrument will satisfy at Lakeview) being the balance found facts. the family, and save the trouble of due him on stamp account as per judgment of the U. S. circuit court.

NO. 52. IMPORTANT DECISION .- At the last erm of the Circuit Court for Union County Judge McArthur rendered an opinion of great importance to those persons engaged in sheep husbandry. It will be remembered that in 1874 | contributed to the amusement of the the Legislature passed an act to pre-

vent the spreading of contagious and the following account of the death of nfectious diseases among domestic animals. Under this two persons were elder Conrad fell to the ground after a indicted for permitting sheep affected pretended blow, and was turned and with the scab to range where they are returned, as usual. His arms and legs likely to come in contact with other were jerked, he was struck and kicked animals not so affected. To the indictment a demurrer was interposed, upon impassibility. Suddenly an expression the ground, among others, that the act was void for uncertainty. The argument urged in support of the demurrer was that the failure to enumerate his knees and placed his hand upon the contagious and infectious diseases | the heart of the inanimate clown, exin the act rendered it void. The court in passing upon the question held that when the legislature has gone as far in describing the offense as the character of the evil will permit, the act cannot he is really dead." Then, taking him be regarded as void for uncertainty, tenderly in his arms, he bore him from and that it was not necessary that eith. the arena. The crowd appeared struck er the technical or the popular names with the natural manner in which the of the diseases which afflict domestic bereft clown expressed grief, and apanimals should be set forth in the act. | plauded him vigorously as he depart-Upon this point it was further held ed. There were loud encores for both. that the diseases must be named or de- but neither presented himself. Death scribed in the indictment.

The Mountaineer says this opinion than ever before. sets at rest the question of the suffi ciency of the law referred to, and it is to be hoped its provisions will be rigidly enforced in all proper cases.

PRONUNCIATION. - Speaking about spelling reforms reminds us that a reformation in pronunciation is imperatively needed. The number of public speakers who know how to propounce their own language is very small. The polpit every week slaughters its mother-tongue by its pronunciation. It is true, in a literary as well as a religious sense, that he who offends not in word, the same is a perfect man. We convert diphthongs into vowels by substituting bile for boil, and rile for roil, we clip our words in such pronunciations as lat'n for latin; the vowel u is abolished altogether, and for it we invoke the double o in such words as institootion, latitood, Toosday, and the same double o is also compelled to do service for ew in such words as noo, loo, etc; we convert i into an indistinguishable and indefinable vowel in ability for ability; and the r, of which the Frenchmen make so much use, is rarely or never heard with us, except at the beginning of a word; we stop our bottles with cawks and eat our dinner with fawks; while certain coasonants drop out of line as in gover'ment and in Feb'uary.

THE PAIN OF DECIDING.—The great labor of life, that which tends more to exhaust men than anything else, is deciding. There are people who will suffer any other pain readily, but shrink from the pain of coming to a decision. Now this is supposed to be wholly an evil, and disadvantageous for the world; but, like most other tendencies of the human mind, it is a very beneficent arrangement. There would be no stability in the world if the making of decisions were not a very difficult thing. What was decided yesterday would be upset to-day; and there would be no long and fair experience of anything. Whereas, in the present state of human affairs, even if a great evil exists, and many people have recognized the evil, it requires an immense amount of decision and decisiveness before the evil can be uprooted. This brings into play many high qualities of human nature, such as long suffering, patience with opponents, and the exhausting of reasoning powers brought to bear upon the evil which is sought to be destroyed.

APPEARANCES ARE DECEIVING .-She was over in South Salemand went tripping along just as happy as a country school marm, and when just this side of the brick store she stopped, stooped and made a grab for the tail of her dress; now somebody in that neighborhood owns a pet William goat, that is some on the butt, and just at that moment he came around the corner of the building, and seeing the lady grabbing for her dress, he thought she was bantering him for a fight and was too quick for her, and she landed on her left ear and shoulder up against the fence. Goats will sometimes make mistakes when chances are favorable.-Record.

WILL HAVE THER TODDY .- The Times' Washington special ridicules was he will settle to escape the expos- Price's resolution forbidding the sale ure promised by Scott Lord in his of liquor in the capitol. McDougal, of opening speech to the court. It is a California, was the last Senator who nasty scrape, even for as bad a crowd denounced it, but for seventeen years the practice has been openly followed, and more liquor has been drank this session so far than any previous one and will be. Liquor is put in an ordinary coffee cup and drank in a way does not suspect the actual state of the

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REALLY DEAD .- The circus-going people of Jacksonville and vicinity remember the Conrad brothers whose comical performances-one simulating death and the other moving him about, audience. The London Era contains the elder Conrad: "One evening the and dragged, but preserved a steady of distress could be noticed through the grotesquely painted liniments of his brother, who hastily dropped on claiming, "My poor brother is dead!" At this the audience only laughed, "Gentlemen," said the distressed man, with tremor in his voice, "I assure you had been more thoroughly simulated

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LONDON. -London, England, covers an area of 78,080 acres or 122 square miles. When the census was taken last year, there were 1,500 miles of streets, 2,000 miles of sewers, 417,767 inhabited houses, and a population of 3,489,428. The inclusion of fifteen miles around makes the population 4,286,607. There are over 100,000 professional men. 211,000 of the commercial class,505,000 mechanics, 65,000 laborers, and 35,000 whose occupation is undefined. There are 1,633,221 males, and 1,866,207 females. Of the women, 892,130 are married, and 226,000 are domestic servants. There are 15,000 tailoresses, 58,000 milliners and dressmakeas, 27,-000 seamstresses and shirt-makers, and 44,000 laundresses. 29,000 are returned as gentlewomen. The number of children reported as attending school is 314,000. London, though much larger in population than New York, is not as densely packed as the latter. New York, in 1870, with a population of such words as quanterty for quantity, 942,592, had only 95,044 dwellinghouses, and the average number of persons to a dwelling was 14.72. In London the average last year was 8.33, and this was smaller than the average, according to the census of 1870, in either Brooklyn, Boston, Cincinnati or Jersey City.

> OLD HUSBANDS AND YOUNG WIVES .- Jennie June, in one of her gossipy letters, undertakes to explain why it is that so many young women marry elderly men. She looks away from money-which has generally been brought into a consideration of such alliances-for the principal reason. The young man of to-day, according to this authority, is not the desirable young man of fifty years ago; he is not so thoughtful, sober, pains-taking and conscientious; he lives at a club, has no love of home life, nor desire to build up character or reputation as a man and citizen; his ideas of life are bounded by the theatre and the doings of his own little set; and in too many cases his ambition is to win as a racer and be on intimate terms with the ballet. Naturally, mothers shrink from entrusting their daughters to such youths as these, even if they have the opportunity, and are better pleased to bestow them on older men-men who have sown their wild oats; who know how little of value there is in the temporary excitement of pleasure; who have, perhaps, been married once, and have learned to value home and the guarantee it affords for Issting happiness.

lowing is from the Boston Herald: Probably the largest landholder in America is ex-Gov. Coburn of Maine. Incredible as it may seem, he is the owner of not less than 693,000 acres. divided up as follows: Maine, 450,000 acres; Canada, 135,000; Wisconsin, 35,-000; Dakota, 35,000; Michigan, 20,000; Minnesota, 13,000. His latest purchase is that of the tract in Dakota, and was taken of the Northern Pacific railroad in lieu of stock, in which road he invested some \$500,000. His agent, Mr. Whipple, had just returned from the West, whither he has been to look after Mr. Coburn's interests and see about the last purchase. He reports the land in Dakota as among the finest held by the governor. He says it is well adapted to growing cereals, and fine crops of wheat have been harvested in the vicinity the present season. The governor is said to be besieged with beggars of both high and low standing, and scarcely a day passes but he receives letters asking aid to help build seminaries, churches, and charitable institutions. He is reported as giving away upward of \$100,000 per annum. Mr. Coburn is probably worth \$6,000,000.

LARGEST LANDHOLDER. - The fol-