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MIGHTY BAD BUSINESS.

One of the brightest advertising men on the coast H. W. Gowell of Seattle, has committed suicide at Portland because he lost his money gambling at the different houses there. At Seattle Gowell met with financial reverses and went to Portland to gamble. He hoped in this manner to recoup his finances to an extent that would enable him to pull through the crisis. He lost \$1100, and then repaired to his room and turned on the gas. He left an explanatory letter, which appeared in the Journal.

Gowell expressed the conviction in his letter to the circumstances, should return to his widow enough of is going the rounds of the press: "The sub-postthe money lost by him to enable her to settle some master reports that last evening a mice came out obligations which can not well go unpaid. He said from behind the office door, and, after walking a he did not believe in "squealing," but that, as he little, stammered and breathed its last in the preskilled himself in order to place his wife in possession ence of the sub-postmaster there. As these are the of his life insurance, he felt the gambling men might prognostics of plague, I beg you will kindly arrange at least offer some assistance by returning part of to have the office disinfected at an early date." the money lost. Of course, the gamblers will do this; they always help in a case of death.

The suicide of this intelligent man points a moral that ought not escape any man with a desire to that he was a faro fiend; and that he should have lost ington, who have frequently found it difficult to gamble. It would seem from the letter left by Gowell thing when he killed himself so as to make available

man who plays the game, but as well for the owner able. "And when that day comes the south will be Paul. These rates apply via direct of the game and the man who deals it. Once its able to furnish 10,000 better and 100,000 abler men lines, but if passenger wishes to refor him to free himself. The more he plays the is only another evidence of his real greatness. greater becomes his desire to risk him money. A mania. Gambling will ruin he best of men, deaden as well. their sense of decency and drive them to deeds which no other form of vice will prompt them to commit.

and his unfortunate wife. His was surely a sad end- attracted hundreds of conventions to the fair city ing, and the circumstances surrounding his death and a steady stream of delegates will pour into St. were indeed lamentable. But his demand upon the Louis until the fair closes. Then Portland will have gamblers for return of some of the money lost by a turn as the convention city of 1905. him is hardly fair, if anything affecting gambling can be called fair. The man who goes to a gaming table is actuated by but one desire-to possess himself aires traveling west as guests of E. H. Harriman of the gambler's money. He wants to win. If he is came near being mixed up in a bad accident near lucky enough to "break the bank," he buys a drink Ogden a short time ago. Had the worst happened and departs; the financial well-being of the gambling a lot of probate business would have been in store man's family is not a consideration with him. If he for courts throughout the country. loses he should not "squeal." He should, instead, make and live up to a firm resolution to forego the pleasure of gambling. A law that makes it possible for a loser to demand back money which he has lost Possibly an easy way of satisfying the Russian mind at gambling tables is a blot upon our statute books. that although their navy has done most of its fight-It was calculated, perhaps, to force the gamblers ing beneath the surface of the water some of it is on of business, but it has failed of its purpose. It effective. results, then, in nothing more or less than an encouragement to men to gamble. Under its terms a man may gamble, assured that, should he win, the money will be his, but, if he should lose, that he may recover twice the sum lost. Gambling will thrive under its terms. Recently Dr. Woods Hutchinson said of whisky that it was a good thing, as it had a tendency to exterminate the unfit. There is a very great deal of truth in this statement of the doctor; and a somewhat similar expression might be applied to gambling. Any effort on the part of the law to protect the man who risks his money at banking or other gambling games is merely calculated to increase the play. The sooner a player is "bust," the better off is everyone concerned. With no money he can not longer gamble.

Viewed from any point, gambling is mighty bad business. It is a pastime which very few should follow.

ELEMENTS OF LIFE.

Ten years ago the injection of salt water as a restorative to patients dying from loss of blood aroused general nterest. The discovery of this quality of of the Yalu are wanted.

salt water probably suggested to the French savant, M. Quinton, a long and patient research concerning sea water, the conclusion of which throws unexpected light on and adds support to the Darwinian theory

M. Quinton maintains that sea water is the natural source from which, as Professor Haeckel believes, elementary bodies rise which develop into all the species, including the human. The environment wherein the anatomical elements of living creatures exist is neither more or less than a marine one. Our tissues and cells continue to exert their functions in a fluid where the composition bears the closest resemblance to that of sea water.

Hitherto the number of elements entering into the composition of the living body was considered about 15. M. Quinton has shown the existence of traces of at least 14 others, which are also found in sea water, such as copper, lead, silver and gold. Further, if an animal is bled to the point of exhaustion and the place of the blood supplied with sea water the animal regains its strength in one day, and there is complete recovery in five days. M. Quinton injected joy, the first bottle made a decided iminto animals a quantity of sea water greater than provement. I continuerd their use for their own body weight without toxic effect. The injection of pure water rapidly causes death. Thus sea water appears to be the true nutrient fluid for animals-in fact, their natural plasma. - New York at Charles Rogers', druggist.

QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

The following specimen of Babu English, extract-Journal that the gambling houses, in view of the ed from the report of a Punjab civil service employe,

John Sharp Williams, the minority leader in congress, is one of America's brightest men. His ability is recognized by his republican opponents at Wash-\$1100 in an effort to win enough to settle claims successfully cope with him in his administration of amounting to \$360 indicates very bad judgment. But the affairs of the minority. Recently Mr. Williams the man made the fatal mistake of risking his little was asked if he would be a candidate for the demopile at the faro table, and perhaps did the proper cratic presidential nomination. He replied that he was aware a southern man could not yet hope to become president, but expressed the conviction the day Gambling is mighty bad business, not alone for the was not far distant when a southernerwould be availfeelers are entwined about a victim, it is difficult than I," said Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams' modesty

losing will only serve to fire him with the idea of A 12-year-old boy has been arrested in Palouse sired, call or address A. D. Charlton getting back his money; a winning prompts him to for burglary, and the correspondent who sends the Assistant General Passenger Agent, continue the play. At times he starts off winner, story remarks that "This habit has been growing on Uorthern Pacific Ry., 255 Morrison as the gamblers say, and, upon losing back the money the lad for some time." If not taken promptly in street, corner of 3rd, Portland, Ore. already won, seeks to recover it. At every stage of hand it is barely possible that this precocious child the game he is the victim of what is at best an accute may cultivate the bad habits of murder and arson

The big fair is open and St. Louis is beginning to The sympathy of everyone will go out to Gowell realize her conspicuous position. The exposition has

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The Russians, after carful investigation, have de cided that the mine which blew up a Russian battle ship the other day was really laid by the Japanese The Russians, as usual, are behind hand. The Jap naese knew this all along.

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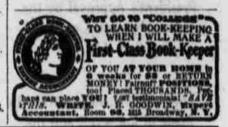
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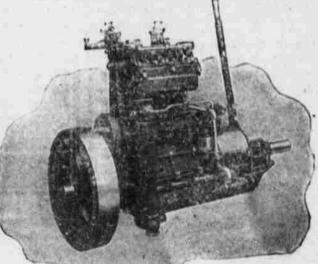
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