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#### CORRESPONDENT IS PASSING.

One of the interesting signs of newspaper evolution is the passing of the correspondent. The news gatherer has crowded him out. The public wants facts; it can get its own impressions is the view of the modern journalism,

But so many things happen that is is a physical impossibility to give all the facts, and there are many able editors who believe that the correspondent with splendid aptitude for collation and condensation will again have his innings. A few of the old time correspondents head of the procession-when the fool probably the best known-is "Gath" George Alfred Townend, a Marylander, and is trampled into the mud by those who for almost half a century has told he but lately led. of great events epigrammatically and in many thousands of columns. In his growing faster than the affidavits of a ed scintillant sentences, combined with no brutal and violent butcher, but adhis long career with two successful nov- est type of the art. els-"Patty Cannon," and "Kitty of "At the present time I just want to work and earned a good rest. At na- ber, tional presidential conventions his daily output was from 12 to 14 columns. After one particularly exciting session ented in England takes a photograph when the correspondents drifted in late of any rapidly passing object the exfrom their work, one of them said: posures ranging from 1-25 to 1-1000 "Townsend, what's the matter? You of a second, and at the same time pholook tired." "Do I?" he asked, "You tographs a watch thus giving the exact

Townsend was at his zenith, and we find a picture of a motor car at each end of them illutrated in the dispatches from a measured strip of road the exact speed Portsmouth reporting the peace confer- being made easily obtainable from these ence. Very little fine writing was at- data. tempted in this work. Even though most of it had to be speculation, there had been a rigid hewing to the line. brings to light unexpected facts. At the The newspaper has so many things for Paris observatory Jean Mascart has noits space that it cannot afford to waste ticed that the surface of a thin layer unless sentences even upon one of the of mercury is not plane but undulated greatest events in the history of the like water disturbed by the plunge of a world. The best work at Port-mouth stone; and has also detected another was done by the reporter and not by the movement that proves to be a true tide literary man sent there to give distinc- due to the sun and moon. The meastion to his paper's dispatches.

It shows that is universally true that the most important man in the publicity scopes of the instrument. The tidal of the day is the reporter who gets at motion is slight, but greater that the the facts and states them in plain, terse English.

### INSTITUTION OF GAMBLING

Another rich boy has been robbed by Canfield and his fellow gamblers. This time the scene is Saratoga, not New York city. The shorn lamb is highly commended by the gambling community because after having given them all his ready money, he raised thousands more from his family and friends and sent them that by mail, which he was under

no legal or moral obligation to do, Gambling is an ancient and dishonorable institution. It always has been and doubtless will be so long as some men are low enough to live on the weakness of others. But civilized communities should draw the line somewhere, and swindling fledgelings hardly comes ander the accepted definitions of gambling. The law makes no restrictions of age or any difference in the penalty even the gamblers themselves and their approved code of honor does not approve stripping boys of their patrimony or unfairly adding to the mathematically certain percentage which in every gambling game ultimately absorbs the player's stake.

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"I wish," siad Col. J. W. Laws, as he handed out a wash boiler to a Gray's River customer "that some great editor would get up an article telling the full and entire truth concerning the fool killer. Most people have in their minds a picture of him as a trusty giant, armed with a club, going up and down bellowing for victims. Such is not the case, and many people are inclined to think that the fool killer is dead and out of business because they don't hear his bellowings nor see sidewalks splashed with the re of those whom he has slain. They are greatly mistaken. The fool killer is alive and actively engaged. The corpses of his producing cumber the earth and living men stumble over them at every step. The young man comes out of college equipped to capture the earth. full of zeal and hope, he undertakes the task. The fool killer hands him the bread and butter problem and tells him he must solve that before he essays to carry the world by storm. The young man goes down in a helpless mass by the roadside, a tribute to the unerring udgment of his executioneer,

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"A banker's clerk or a banker, or a trustee, or a cashier, is ambitious to be rich. He ses a sure thing in speculation, he dabbles, he wins; he tries again, he loses, once more he loses, he uses other people's money, and when the door of the pen slams behind him the fool killer chuckles in malicious glee.

"An editor goes in for principal he tells the truith, he stands up for the right, he defends the poor and weak, he champions the minority, he defies tradition and power and authority; puffed with pride in bimself he marches at the remain, and among the best known- killer slips a knife into his hamstring and he flounders prostrate in the road

"And so on through a list that i style he represents a rare contradiction circulation liar. The fool killer exists. -the power to put facts in short, point- but people misunderstand him. He is capacity to fill a big lot of space. A ministers his coupe de final with a noise decade ago, Mr. Townsend, after capping less and graceful skill that is the high-

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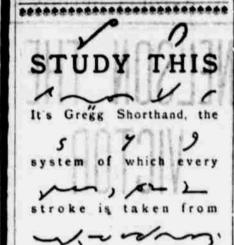
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