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Sherwood Blew in the Box and the Bones Fell His Way.

Samuel I. Silverman and Dick Sherwood each owned a half interest in a valuable gold claim in Okanogan county, says the Spokane Review. They decided a few days ago that there wasn't room for two in its management, and hit upon a true western expedient for settling their business difficulties. But they didn't call for pistols for two, with coffee for one, or go out on the greensward behind the hotel and fight with bowie knives. There was quicker way than that, and it was safer.

Sherwood and Silverman called for a dice box and the regulation number of dice, instead. "How shall it be?" asked Silverman with a name-your weapons expression on his face.

"Three shakes, horses," Sherwood replied and as every one knew what that meant, there were no other preliminaries.

Both men were as calm and collected as if an immense fortune had not been at stake. Silverman shook first. He got two pairs, fours and trays, in three series of hopes and fears. Sherwood was sure he could beat that, and he did, with three aces the first rattle out of the box.

"Follow your hand," said Silverman, still unmoved. Sherwood shook and so did Silverman. The latter won. That made it "horse and."

Silverman rattled the bones long, but gently, with a short circular motion, suggestive of deep thought. Then two pairs rolled out, fours and

trays. He tried to "fill" and failed once. Again he attempted, the same feat. Then with a glad smile he laid the box aside. The lucky bone had come a four.

Sherwood was not so confident after that, but he bore up heroically. In one shake had a pair of aces. In another there were three aces. He puffed a breath into the box gently and rolled out another. Then manager S. T. Arthur, who had been a silent witness, supported a man on each arm and a trip was made to the refreshment room.

The claim will be called the "Monte Carlo" by its owner Mr. Sherwood. It was bonded some time ago by a payment of \$1000, but the bond lapsed. Mining men regard it as a good prospect as the country within a circle of a few miles contains thousands of ounces of the precious yellow metal.

Miraculous Preservation of a Corpse.

Chambers' celebrated work on miracles, wonders, general oddities respecting man, curiosities of vegetable and animal life, etc., etc., which is arranged as a sort of calendar and given the very appropriate title of "The Book of Days," has through some odd mischance, entirely neglected to mention the preservation of the relics of St. Catherine. The wonderful story has been a theme of discussion among church folks the world over for two or three hundred years, yet the afove-mentioned work, which purports to give an account of everything out of the ordinary, whether vouched for or only reported, has entirely ignored the marvelous narrative, not even remotely alluding to it.

The St. Catherine in question was known in life as well as after her as "St. Catherine of Bologna." Her remains are now enshrined in a church bearing her name, in the city last mentioned above, the relics having remained in their present position for upwards of 300 years. She sits bolt upright in a chair, her features and form somewhat shrunken, the skin of the face and hands badly discolored, in fact almost black, yet her mortal remains are not in the least decayed, it appearing, even to the unbeliever, that the fates have decided to keep her holy body uncorrupted and her form intact until the great day of reckoning. The editor of "Notes for the Curious" is not a Catholic nor yet the son of a Catholic and was never to his knowledge within the walls of a church belonging to that great denomination. Yet, facts are facts, and as such are deserving of record, especially in a department of this character, which is entirely given up to discussing the unusual and unnatural sides of everything.

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At the recent World's Fair the examination for the baking powder awards were made by experts of the chemical division of the Agricultural Department at Washington. The official report of the test of the baking powder which were made by this department for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best, and which has been made public, shows the leavening strength of the Royal to be 160 cubic inches of carbonic gas per ounce of powder. Of the cream of tartar baking powders exhibited at the Fair, the next highest in strength thus tested contained but 133 cubic inches of leavening gas. The other powders gave an average of 111. The Royal, therefore, was found of 20 per cent. greater leavening strength than its nearest competitor, and 44 per cent. above the average of all the other tests. Its superiority in other respects, however, in the quality of the food it makes as to fineness, delicacy and wholesomeness, could not be measured by figures.

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Why Hair Turns Gray.

Hundreds of queer theories have been advanced to account for the phenomenon of hair turning gray in the genus homo, the latest being this: Each hair is a hollow tube filled with granules of pigment, diminishes both in quantity and quality, the air bubbles enlarging and expanding to take the place formerly occupied by the coloring matter. The hair which is filled with these bubbles turns white for the same reason that the crystals of white sugar appear of that color, the phenomenon being due to the reflection and refraction of light. Why hair sometimes turn "white in a single night" has never been explained. True a microscopic examination of hair show that the granules of pigment have either been abolished or forced out by the air bubbles, but exactly how or why is a mystery.—Republic.

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