

THE SPLIT SNAKE.
There is a snake belonging to the small family caudate, inhabiting Africa, that is said to have the power of ejecting its venom to a short distance. This snake is called by the Dutch Boers "spuw slang," or spit snake. When this snake erects its teeth, the pressure of the maxillary bone on the gland causes the venom to flow in drops, and it may be quite possible that by discharging air from its mouth the poison may be blown some distance. But this information and observation of these Dutchmen may be taken cum grano salis, or we might fall into the same errors as the ancient Munchausen, Pliny the elder.—New York Times.

A Loophole For Escape.
"Thompson, while bicycling yesterday, rang for a baby carriage to make way. It did not, and the baby was killed and arrested."
"How can he excuse himself?"
"He pleaded self defense."
"The dickens!"
"Yes, it turned out the baby was his and teething."—Life.

Recognized the Symptoms.
"Who has No. 23?" asked the hotel clerk.
"Mr. Hayseed," replied the boy.
"That accounts for it," said the clerk. "He has just sent down word that he's got a bad attack of asthma and wants a doctor. Run up and turn off the gas."—Puck.

THE COMPLEXION OF A CHINESE
Is not yellower than that of an unfortunate individual whose liver complaint has assumed the chronic form. The eyeballs of the sufferer assume a saffron hue, there is dull pain in the region of the organ affected, the tongue is coated with a dirty, sickly adhesion, but not all ways occur, and there is sometimes dizziness arising from a sitting posture. Constipation and dyspepsia are also attendants of this very common ailment, always in its worst, varied form, liable to breed abscesses of the liver, which are very dangerous. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters wholly eradicates it, as well as the troubles complicated with it and which it originates. In cholera and fever, a complaint which always yields to the Bitters, the liver is seriously involved. This fine alterative tonic removes constipation, indigestion, rheumatism, nervous and kidney trouble and debility.

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THE SUDDEN RISE TO UNPARALLELED NOTORIETY.
PORT FOR CHICAGO GAMBLERS.
"Layouts" Outlawed in the Windy City.
Were Taken Across the Indiana State Line and Now 10,000 "Sports" Make Pilgrimages to Roby.

Roby, Indiana, is a town of 100 people, but it is the only town in America that possesses a rival to the famous Monte Carlo. It is perhaps generally known. Such is nevertheless the case, according to the New York Herald, though the new sports of the goddess of fortune are as yet only a few weeks old. In the little Hoosier town of Roby are some of the largest gambling establishments to be found anywhere within the United States. It is estimated that no less than 10,000 persons visit the town daily for the purpose of playing at some of the games of chance which are being run without even a pretense at concealment.

Roby is situated just over the Indiana line, east of South Chicago. It sprang into prominence a few years ago by the establishment of a race course which soon became one of the most popular near the Windy City. With the influx of racing men and sports came several shining lights in the pugilistic world. As it was difficult to arrange anything but rather tame boxing bouts within the city limits of Chicago, an athletic club was organized in Roby, and these encounters were of weekly occurrence. Meeting with success in these ventures, the Columbian Athletic club, as this organization was called, erected a colossal arena about a year ago to accommodate their large audiences.

The arena was, however, never used. The sheriff of Lake county, in which Roby is situated, put an end to both slugging matches and racing. "This action practically killed the club. A few weeks ago Chief of Police Brennan, acting under the instructions of Mayor Hopkins, closed every gambling house in Chicago and has compelled them to remain closed ever since. Several of the gambling fraternity who still held stock in the Columbian Athletic club met and decided to move to Roby, opening establishments there.

In three days no less than 30 "layouts," including roulette, faro, keno, craps, hironomus, hazard and various other games, were shipped to Roby and arranged in the arena of the club. Gamblers who were not members of the club hastened to secure rooms and houses in other parts of the town.

The arena is just outside the town limits on land owned by the club. It is an enormous wooden structure, nearly circular in form and painted a dull brown. One end is reserved for offices, baths and a few sleeping apartments. The remainder of the building is arranged like a huge amphitheater, with tiers of seats around the sides. In the center of this amphitheater are the gambling booths. There are no "lookouts" to be passed before one may enter this gigantic den. The heavy door swings as readily for the novice as for the professional gambler, and no questions are asked so long as the visitors conduct themselves in an orderly manner.

Within the little booths or railed inclosures are games of faro, roulette, "Old Hy," craps, keno, etc. The faro fiends seem to form the aristocracy of the gamblers, and the groups around the faro layouts are smaller and more quiet than those around the other tables. Many a man has come to Roby with a sure system to beat the faro bank and had to borrow car fare to get back to Chicago. There are no poker tables in the main hall, but several of the smaller apartments have been fitted up for the "great American game."

At this newly modeled Monte Carlo play begins about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and continues until the last train leaves for Chicago, at about 2 o'clock the next morning. The amphitheater and other rooms are lighted by electricity. Arrangements are being made for heating them, these facilities being at present lacking.

But the arena is not the only place where gambling is carried on in Roby. In fact, about every third house is now occupied by members of the sporting fraternity, and games of all kinds are running. The town is crowded with sharpers. Fights, frequently attended with shooting and stabbing, are of almost daily occurrence.

For awhile the trains running to and from Roby were worked by "skin" gamblers, "three card monte" men, "thimble riggers" and the like. The railroad company has put a stop to this, however, and if one of these men dares to show his nose on board a train he is unceremoniously ejected by conductor and brakemen. The "sure thing" gamblers have now established their stands on the road leading from the town "square" to the arena and keep the constable busy driving them away. No sooner do they disappear from one spot, however, than they bob up in another, and the game goes merrily on.

Following the example set by a more eminent divine, a clergyman having a church in Roby has made an attempt to purify the moral atmosphere of the town. He started by daily visiting the arena and learning the names of several of the gamblers actively engaged in the games conducted there. He had them arrested and brought before "Squire" Merritt on the charge of being common gamblers. Two or three of the prisoners were convicted and fined \$30 each, after which they returned to their stands at the arena and continued business as before. In retaliation the gamblers swore out a warrant for the too zealous clergyman, and he, too, was charged with being a common gambler. According to the laws of Indiana, a common gambler is, among other things, a person who frequents any place where gambling is permitted or carried on. To frequent a place, according to the legal meaning of the word, is to visit that place more than once within a space of two years. The clergyman, having visited the arena several times within a few very days, was therefore a common gambler. He was liable as such to a fine, to imprisonment, or to both. The case, however, was never pressed, the reverend gentleman having desisted from his crusade.

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