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Whist.

The first consideration why whist stands deservedly at the head of all games of cards is that each card, as it falls from the player's hand, conveys information. With his own intelligence he can follow the play, and so, by the time the game is over, he will be able to tell you the whole story of the game.

HARRIET MARTINEAU AND HER TRUMPET.

Of Harriet Martineau, when she visited Cincinnati, a correspondent of the Observer of that city gives an amusing description. She was a little girl, and had gone to a book store to execute an errand.

A CURIOUS OLD ROCK.

An exchange from the town of Tolland describes a rock there which is about six feet at the base and five feet high. It is in a rude form; on either side are crevices and holes from the depth of six inches to three feet.

EXPATRIATED GERMANY.

In January a central society for the study of commercial geography and for the advancement of German interests in foreign parts was established at Berlin. The object of the society is to encourage a systematic correspondence between Germans settled abroad and the fatherland, with a view to obtaining information which may be useful to persons about to emigrate.

Never sit or stand with the wind blowing on you for a single moment.

Never sit or stand with the wind blowing on you for a single moment, or let it speedily produce a fever, and then a bad cold.

The Cobra.

"We have in India," said a gentleman, much of whose life was passed in Hindostan, "snakes more venomous than are to be found in the western hemisphere, or even in Africa. The most deadly serpent in this country is, I suppose, the rattlesnake, but hundreds of persons have been bitten by it and have recovered.

French Wedding Bells.

The grand marriage of the week has been that of M. Gaston Menier and Mlle. Julie Rodier. It was the Menier family which bore the expense of the wedding, which they could better afford to pay than the bride's.

The Promotion of Marriage.

The "Promotion of Marriage Association" has turned out rather badly. Six thousand persons signed in Wood Park, Cincinnati, to-day (August 12th), to attend its picnic and found a lot of politicians in the lowest of labels.

Clock-Making in the Black Forest.

The peasantry of the southern part of the Black Forest, of Alemannic race, have, from time immemorial, been known as clever and ingenious hand-workers, both in wood and metal.

different from that of all other venomous reptiles, and especially that of the rattlesnake.

The cobra causes a perfectly painless death. The doomed person sinks gradually into a calm, deep sleep, against which no resistance can be made, and from which there is no awakening.

Formerly the government gave a rupee for every dead cobra delivered to its agents.

It was abandoned, for it was discovered that breeding yards had been established in various parts of the country, and numerous natives were making a comfortable living by rearing young snakes.

WHAT STANLEY IS DOING.

We have received the following interesting particulars with regard to the movements of H. M. Stanley, the African explorer, from a correspondent whose sources of information are thoroughly trustworthy.

HOMESTADS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The difficulties in the way of a man in humble circumstances obtaining a homestead of his own in Great Britain are almost insuperable. Land seldom comes into the market, and when it does, is competed for in an eager way by the wealthy.

The Snake Charmers.

The snake charmers have a wonderful influence over snakes. They tame them to an amazing extent, and very often come to a European's bungalow and offer to clear all the serpents out of the compound or enclosed ground for a small consideration.

The Bridesmaids.

The bridesmaids of whom there were two, were in pearly-gray and blue. Madame Menier, the amiable and accomplished mother of the bridegroom, was in moss-green and sand satin, and up in which were white pearls, ornaments and trimmings with rich lace.

LONGEVITY OF PROFESSIONAL SINGERS.

The medical Wochenschrift of St. Petersburg publishes an interesting article on the influence of singing upon the health. It is founded upon the exhaustive researches made by Professor Monassein, who examined 222 singers, ranging between the ages of nine and fifty-three years.

STEPHEN GIRARD'S HEROISM.

The fearful epidemic, yellow fever, raged in Philadelphia in 1793. All who could fled. The horrors of the plague, as described by Defoe in his narrative of London, were realized in this American city.

Little Johnny Green.

Little Johnny Green of Louisville, Ky., having heard once upon a time that Benjamin Franklin experimented with a kite, resolved to do something in that line himself. His idea was to test the relative strength of the kite and his pet pigeon.

A Kite and Pigeon Experiment.

The pigeon, feeling itself half free, flew toward home, which was directly against the wind. The resistance of the kite caused his flight to tend upward, and in turn the kite was launched by the wind.

UNABLE TO CONTINUE THE STRAIN.

The pigeon, unable to continue the strain, slackened the string and causing the kite to fall, slanting from side to side in a helpless sort of way.

A HARDY LABORER.

When you have any heavy work to do, do not take either beer, cider, or spirits. By far the best drink is thin oatmeal and water, with a little sugar.

IN THE PRESENT DAY IT IS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO TELL WHO IS A CLERGYMAN.

The London World, "but according to a witness in the Newman Hall divorce case the other day, there is an infallible sign showing that a man is not a clergyman."

THE SPRINGFIELD REPUBLICANS.

The Springfield Republicans think that the decision of the four Cincinnati lawyers that the church property of Archbishop Purcell's diocese is not liable for his debts paid the church "in the attitude of a vast receiver of stolen goods."

THE NIGHT SHALL BE BLED WITH MUSIC.

The night shall be bled with music, and the day shall find their wings until morning and give the complete full play.