

THAT POKER GAME

Judge Houston Declared it a Disgraceful Affair.

But Discharged McGregor as the Evidence Did Not Sustain the Charge of Theft.

Melvin Matthews doesn't believe in playing poker. At least that's what he told Judge Houston at the police court yesterday and he believes in it none the less when the facts are unfolded to him. He also gave many excellent reasons for his belief upon these matters.

As reported in The Planet the other day Matthews preferred a charge of larceny against James McGregor, alleging that he had stolen \$80 of his money during a poker game. J. A. Walker, Q. C., appeared for the crown, while O. L. Lewis defended the accused.

Matthews said he knew the prisoner was over at his place last Saturday having a game of poker. Prisoner and witness got betting on a poker hand. They bet \$12 each, but as he had no money he put up \$20 in two ten dollar bills. Witness had four aces, while prisoner showed a straight flush in diamonds, six high. Matthews testified that he saw the money, but that he refused to give it up.

For the defence McGregor gave evidence that the game was "on the square," and called some corroborative testimony.

In acquitting the accused Judge Houston said it was undoubtedly a disgraceful state of affairs, but it was not that matter he was trying. He thought that the plaintiff had gone to the house to get money for nothing and when he had been refused, he had taken the plaintiff and defendant a severe lecture.

HIS FAITHLESS WIFE.

Bratton Nelson Shot and Killed her at Wheeler.

Wheeler, Mich., Dec. 13.—About 8 o'clock yesterday Bratton Nelson shot and killed his wife in the presence of David Doddard, with whom the woman had been living for several months past. Nelson had been trying for a couple of weeks to get her to leave Doddard and live with him again, and yesterday morning she promised that she would do so. She went to the depot with him, but before train time took out, saying she could not go, and returned to the house. Nelson followed her and finding Doddard in the house, drew a revolver and fired one shot at her, which caused instant death. He then tried to kill himself, but the weapon would not work. Both he and Doddard are under arrest.

WHAT A MOUTH TELLS

A Certain Philosopher Declares that a Woman is Known by her Mouth.

By her Mouth, not by the Words that issue therefrom but by the Shape and Color of the Lips.

A certain philosopher declares that a woman is known by her mouth, not by the words that issue therefrom, but by the shape and color of the lips and the lines and dimples that gather about this important feature. He is supported in his theory by physiologists, who will endeavor to prove that no woman with the small, red tipped "Cupid's" mouth, so praised in song and story, was ever intellectual or generous of heart and it is consoling to those whose mouths are not in accordance with the lines of beauty laid down by the poets to be told that a "wide, straight mouth, with strong, white teeth," denotes the goodness of heart, strength of mind and a thousand and one other sterling qualities which one likes to think she possesses.

It is the fashion at present for women to hold their lips slightly apart. This is supposed to give that innocent, wistful, wondering expression which was the peculiar property of the heroines of old fashioned novels, but which bicycle riding and kindred modern amusements have caused to disappear. It is difficult for the thin lip, determined woman to acquire this trait, but perseverance works wonders.

—Baltimore Herald.

Unappreciated.

The teacher of a district school in Maine tells a story that reminds me of Joe and his little dog.

Joe was a boy about 8 years old and was devoted to a small, black puppy. Out of school hours boy and dog were inseparable, and Joe apparently could not reconcile himself to the necessity of leaving the dog at home. For several mornings the teacher allowed the puppy to remain at Joe's feet under the desk.

Then there came a day when the small dog could not be kept quiet, but frisked about, to the delight of the school and the dismay of the teacher.

"Joe," she said firmly, "you must take that dog out."

Joe looked at her mournfully, but picked up the pup and, with its head against his cheek, started for the door. The boy's feelings were evidently hurt, but he said nothing until he reached the door; then, giving his teacher a reproachful look, with a plying glance toward his dog, he said slowly, "And he's named for you!"—Youth's Companion.

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SOCIETY EDITOR'S DILEMMA.

Cigarette Falls from Her Pocket On An "Owl" Street Car.

"I know now how it feels to lose the respect of one's fellow creatures," as the moralists say, remarked a society editor, as she sharpened her pencil.

"Oh, cheer up, it can't be so very bad," said the police court reporter.

"Oh, well, this was only temporary, you know," the society editor hastened to explain.

"I tend opera first nights," because it really is a question whether that comes under the head of music or society.

Well, last Monday night as I finished my copy, about 12 o'clock, the musical man came in with his copy. He was lighting a cigarette.

"Do you smoke?" he said very seriously, throwing me a cigarette. Now, contrary to the popular idea of a society editor, she is a very good person.

I am a dashing newspaper woman, I say and dash the cigarette. But I slipped the cigarette into the pocket of my jacket. I am a souvenir crank, and that cigarette had a pretty little gold band around it. The critic and I handed in our copy, and he went over with me to a South Side car. I ran a few steps to catch the car, because the hour was late, and staggered in and took a seat somewhat breathlessly.

"Pare," said the conductor.

"I dived nervously into the jacket pocket, in which I keep a medley of change, keys, pencils, etc. Our came several nickels and dimes, while that wicked little cigarette rolled slowly the whole length of my skirt and struck the middle of the car. To add to that, a little corker went to the emette. To my horror I noticed an emette, a very respectable old lady and her eminently respectable daughter across the aisle staring at me with eyes fairly dilated. The conductor grinned as he picked up the cigarette and corker for me, with malicious glee. From that time on I can liberate. From that time on I can say without egotism that I attracted attention. The nice old lady and the nice young lady especially seemed fascinated. I believe they thought, 'At last we have found a real beauty! These bohemian things we read about! I am sure they wouldn't be rude under ordinary circumstances, but they kept up a constant whispering about me, looking sideways and noting every detail of my make-up. Feel relieved when we reached our street? Well, that is putting it very mildly. I had even had desperate ideas of taking another car.'—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A SERENADE.

Look out upon the stars, my love, And shame them with thine eyes. On which, than on the lights above, There hang more destinies.

Night's beauty is the harmony Of blending shades and light; Then, lady, up—look out, and be A sister to the night!

"Sleep not—thine image wakes for me Within my watching breast; Sleep not!—from her soft sleep should fly.

Who robs all hearts of rest. Nay, lady, from thy slumbers break, And make this darkness gay. With looks whose brightness well might make Of darker nights a day."

—Edward Coote Pinkney.

The football craze affects us all: Most every man and Jack; And even in the sky to-night The moon's a quarter-back.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Annual Report of Superintendent—The Year's Progress—Some Valuable Papers on Agricultural Topics.

The fifth annual report of the superintendent of Farmers' Institutes of Ontario for 1898-99 has just been received from the Department of Agriculture. In addition to much information indicating the steady progress and satisfactory working of the institute system it comprises many interesting and valuable papers upon agricultural subjects. The attendance at meetings during the year so far as reported was 119,402, the audiences being composed of a better class of people than formerly, and the meetings being better conducted and more thoroughly advertised.

Progress in the employment of local talent and the methods of carrying on the meetings generally has been highly satisfactory. The number of meetings held was 677, as compared with 658 for the year previous, and the membership in July last was 10,808, as against 10,624 at the close of 1898. The papers read and addresses delivered during the year numbered 3,133. The average number of addresses allowed at each meeting has been decreased, with good results, and some important changes made in the regulations to secure greater efficiency and prevent abuses. There are in all 96 institutes reporting in addition to two women's institutes, in which the study of domestic science is largely pursued. The institute having the largest membership is that of South Waterloo, with a list of 510, the next largest being North Hastings, with 438. The latter held the largest number of meetings of any institute, having met 21 times. For total attendance at meetings East Peterboro takes the lead. Though it held but six meetings, there was an aggregate attendance of 3,645.

The papers published in the report are of an unusually valuable and comprehensive character and service to be of much practical value to agriculturists. They cover a very wide field and are for the most part the work of specialists, thoroughly conversant with the matters upon which they treat. A feature which will commend itself to many is the amount of attention devoted in this issue to the production, preparation and packing of farm produce of various kinds for the export trade, concerning which many valuable suggestions are made. A special practical paper on the preparation of hog products for the British market from the packers point of view is furnished by the Wm. Davies Co., Limited, accompanied by a number of illustrations, in which the mistakes usually made in the fattening of hogs and the importance of catering to British tastes are emphasized. Professors G. W. Day and Robertson also treat fully of this important subject, and the latter also presents some equally valuable views in regard to the preparation of chickens and fruit for the old country market. "The Proper Beef Type" is ably treated by Prof. C. F. Curtis of Ames, Iowa, whose address before the Dominion Stock Breeders' Association at New Stock is reproduced, which is a very elaborate and detailed presentation of the subject. The raising of calves and the live stock export trade are treated of with the object and skill to obtain the best results. Prof. J. Hugo Reed, V.S., of Guelph, furnishes a paper on horse-breeding, dealing with the question from a strictly scientific point of view, and indicating the points of perfection in the various types to which breeders should endeavor to approximate. The department devoted to the cultivation of the soil includes papers by J. B. Reynolds of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph; John C. Leonard, London; J. S. Woodward, Lockport, N.Y., and John Fister, Ottawa.

Dairying receives that attention which the growing importance of that industry demands, the leading contribution being by John C. Higgins of Inverness, Scotland, who gives an instructive and helpful presentation of the dairying methods in vogue in that country. Miss Laura Rose of the Guelph Agricultural College furnishes a practical paper on the difficulties in butter-making, and the other contributors are T. B. Miller, London; R. McCulloch, Snelgrove, and James Storchow of Port Perry.

Papers on poultry are furnished by R. H. Essex, Toronto; W. R. Graham, Guelph, and A. C. Gilbert, Ottawa, the special subject of the latter being the fattening of fowls for export. Martin Barrell of St. Catharines contributes a highly instructive paper on fruit culture, which treats of the subject very fully and will be found of much practical value by farmers who have not made a special study of the matter. J. F. Fister of Ottawa writes on bees and Robert Thompson of St. Catharines gives his experience in the construction of an ice-house.

The tasteful manner in which this report is got up and the excellence and profusion of the illustrations which accompany many of the papers are noteworthy, and the increasing interest taken in the increasing farming will doubtless be evidenced in a widespread demand for the report.

Had For the Mice.

All houses are more or less over-run with mice, and as the tiny creatures are capable of doing a great deal of mischief it is only natural that the careful housewife should try to get rid of them. A very simple and ingenious plan consists in sending a small tub of water on a chair almost on a level with the pantry or cupboard shelf the mice most frequent and then sprinkling the water thickly with oats. The oats float on the water and impart such an appearance of solidity to the surface that the unsuspecting mice, having a liking for oats, venture upon it at once and of course are drowned.—Woman's Life.

No Nearer Washed.

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"Paper tough as elephant's hide."

"The print of our books is clear as crystal; the matter elegant as a singing bird."

"Customers treated as politely as by the rival steamship companies."

"Silks and satins smooth as a lady's cheek and colored like the rainbow."

London Answers.

She Silenced Greeley.

Horace Greeley once had a discussion with an advocate of women's suffrage shortly before the American civil war. He was using as his final argument the inability of women to fight. "What would you do, for instance," he asked his friend, "in the event of war?"

"Just what you would do, Mr. Greeley," she replied promptly. "I should stay in an office and write articles urging other people to go and fight."

Measuring Time.

Just when the day became divided into hours is not known, nor is the process explained. The Greeks and Romans measured time by the water glass, and the sun dials. The hourglass, filled with sand, was the outgrowth of these vessels, from which the water dripped through tiny openings.

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GETTING ADVICE.

suitor for her hand was poor, but remarkably persistent.

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IN THE HIMALAYAS.

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Returning to Askole new coolies were taken for an exploring trip to the circle of snowy peaks adjoining the Skoro La Pass (17,000 feet), the upper passage from Askole to Shigar. Here moraine and glacier camps were made at 16,000 and 17,400 feet and two virgin snow peaks ascended. The first, which was partly covered by a snowstorm and saw nothing of the higher landscape. The lowest camp was 12,800 and the highest, on ice, at 16,400 feet.

Three days later, from the upper camp, a higher peak, wholly of snow, was ascended. Two porters were of the party, which was roped from camp. After a short bit of glacier the whole ascent to the narrow knife-like summit was over steep snowfields. The top was reached between 11 and 12 o'clock a.m., from which the grandest known and unknown peaks of this part of the Himalayas were visible. Nanga Parbat, 26,600 feet; K2, 28,250; Masherbrum, 25,000 feet; each 26,000 feet; the lovely golden throne of the Baltora glacier and the endless unnamed, but equally immense, snow kings of the Biafo and Hunza regions.

None of the party suffered from mountain sickness, although at that height, 19,450 feet, any sudden exertion caused sudden loss of breath. The peak was named Mount Bullock Workman. The height of both these peaks was taken from the average registered by two late constructions, which was judged to be approximately correct by comparison with the officially measured height of the pass, 17,000 feet. Mr. Workman, says the London News, has thus exceeded all previous climbing records for her sex by nearly or quite 3,000 feet.

The Mule's Delusion.

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The most serious objection to the mule, which you sometimes find in human beings also, is the delusion that he can sing. One who has never heard a mule solo cannot appreciate the extent of his mistake, but like everything else about a mule, his song is strictly original. It belongs to no other animal. No one can describe and no one can imitate it.—New York Mail and Express.

Correans Claim the Credit.

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To Clean Tapestry.

Tapestry and cretonne may be cleaned and revived by this process: Cut up some soap into shreds, allowing four ounces of soap to each quart of water, and boil to a jelly. Have ready two tubs of pretty hot water. Add to this enough boiled soap to make a good lather. Add two handfuls of bran to prevent the color running. Wash quickly with the rubbing, first in one and then in the other tub, and then rinse out in either salt and water or vinegar and water. Shake well to get rid of the bran and dry at once. Starch in a thin boiled starch, roll tightly in a clean cloth, mangle and then iron with a moderately hot iron.—New York Press.

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