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A BOMB AMONG THE GAMBLERS.

DETAILS OF THE EXPLOSION AT MONTE CARLO.

THE INFERNAL MACHINE CONCEALED BEHIND THE CLOCK—A SCENE OF CONFUSION.

Monte Carlo, April 25.—At ten o'clock last night Monte Carlo experienced a sensation such as it has never known before during the existence as a headquarters for gaming. A most daring attempt at robbery was made under the cover of the explosion of a bomb in the main gaming room, by which most of the lights were extinguished, and all the officials and spectators driven from one of the *trente et quarante* tables.

As usual, on Saturday the number of visitors was greater than at any other time of the week, and, although "the season" is practically over, there are many hundreds of foreign visitors in Nice, Mentone and Monaco. The soft, balmy air and the exquisite beauty of the evening attracted a large crowd to Monte Carlo to gamble, first, promenade and listen to the concert. There were several high players at the gaming tables—one of whom had won 200,000 francs the day before and consequently the crowd was rather inclined to through the rooms, where, amid constant requests of "*Faites vos jeux, messieurs*," followed by the monotonous "*Rien ne va plus*," the votaries of chance were staking thousands upon the turn of the card or the eccentric gyrations of an ivory ball. At every table there were numbers of spectators as well as players, and the *gallerie*—as the throng of bystanders is called—was three and four deep. Especially was this the case at the *trente et quarante* table furthest from the entrance, where play was highest. The concert was near its close, and, as the final strains of Strauss' "*Cronique Viennoise*" were played, the concert room was nearly wholly abandoned for the greater excitement of watching the high play.

THE PALACE OF CHANCE.

To fully understand what followed, a sketch of the gaming rooms is necessary. The casino building consists of two parts, one containing the gaming tables, the other and larger part being devoted to the concert room, reading rooms, vestiaires, offices, vaults and cash room. The wing containing the tables is only a single story in height, set upon a high basement. It is in the old Moorish style of architecture, and most of its roof consists of heavy colored glass.

The rooms are lighted by several gas chandeliers and brackets, and the tables have a swinging chandelier at each end, containing four lamps burning oil. On the mantelpiece stood a large, massive bronze and gilt clock, several candelabras and two very heavy Japanese vases. The windows and the veranda are about ten or twelve feet from the ground.

The gaiety of the evening was at its height. There were hundreds of ladies and gentlemen gathered in the building. For the benefit of those who have never visited Monte Carlo, I may say that gambling, however it may be regarded as wicked and demoralizing in itself, does not present such objectionable features in this earthy paradise as it does in less favored localities; and gentlemen and ladies of the highest respectability and social position not only join the crowd of on-lookers but stake their money. It is less than two weeks since I was sandwiched between the Duchess of Montrose and the Rev. Newman Hall, of London, and I noticed that Her Grace was quite as deeply interested in the fate of her five hundred frank notes as well, we'll say I was in my occasional lous.

THE EXPLOSION.

I had turned away last night from the right hand roulette table, and had started toward the *trente et quarante* table nearest the mantelpiece, when suddenly a great flash of fire and a thundering report came from the chimney-pipe. Simultaneously nearly all the lights went out and the thick plate glass came down from the roof like hail. A dense smoke obscured the faint glimmers of the few remaining lamps, and the place was converted in a second from a bright and dazzling scene of gaiety to the dismal horrors of an infernal. A great rush was made for the door, amid the shrieks and sobs of nearly all the women in the two rooms. Many persons leaped from the windows and some were badly hurt by the fall.

Something told me in an instant what

had happened. A bomb had been exploded close to the gaming table, and amid the general wreck the perpetrators of the act had robbed the bank. The moment I was free from the compact mass surging towards the exit I hastened towards the spot where the explosion has taken place. Already there were others there before me. The tables were covered two inches deep with splinters of glass, and through the dense smoke there was barely enough glimmer of light to distinguish between the shining gold pieces and the fragments of glass. But with the aid of the money rakes the glass was quickly pulled aside, and the early arrivals rapidly stowed away the gold in their pockets. If there was any *croupier* or other employee faithful to his post I failed to see him. The small boxes containing bank notes were open and quite empty, and about 30,000 francs in gold were heaped in a confused mass in the centre of the table among the fragments of glass. The men whom I saw helping themselves were probably mere casual spectators, who profited by the occasion, but were not privy to the plot. The conspirators probably seized at once upon the notes and the unbroken rouleaux of gold and escaped through the windows.

Every morning the bank supplies each table with 70,000 francs and each *trente et quarante* table with 160,000 francs, of which 120,000 francs are in notes and the remainder is in coin. As the bank had won a large sum before the explosion took place I consider that the robbers must have got about 150,000 francs. In about three or four minutes the officials came straggling back and began relighting the gas, gathering up the remaining gold and locking the stable door after the lost steed. But there was certainly ample time and opportunity for one or two men to have cleared off three out of the four of the tables in the main *salon*. That only one table was robbed is evidence to my mind that the number of conspirators was limited to two or three at the most.

VIEWING THE RUINS.

I found the heavy clock blown about ten feet forward into the room; the candelabras and Japanese vases were shattered into pieces; the great mirror strewn in fragments all over the room; the glass roof was one-third destroyed; the walls and ceilings much scarred, and many windows and other fixtures were shivered as if by a stroke of lightning. As the gas was relighted the full extent of the damage became visible. Owing to the cartridge, or bomb, having been placed behind the heavy clock, its force was expended vertically instead of horizontally, and to this trivial circumstance is due the fact that many lives were not lost. The shattered ceiling, where solid plaster was torn off in large quantities, was much further from the point of explosion than the table was, but the clock evidently protected the people standing on the same level and the blast was thrown upward. Nevertheless about a dozen persons were more or less seriously cut by the falling glass; others were crushed and bruised in the crowd; some hurt themselves in jumping from the windows; and many women went off into hysterics as a matter of course. I could not but admire that provision of nature which enables a woman to escape from the scene of danger before she goes into hysterics.

But two poor women are now lying in peril of life from the dastardly act. They were in that state sometimes called an "interesting condition," and last night it was feared that one would die within an hour. To-day she is better, but neither of those women is out of danger.

A MONKEY AS A DENTIST.

A man in Galt, Ont., owns a monkey named "Dot," which was brought from Deccan, India. Recently, it had been suffering from toothache for several days. At last the pain became more than ordinarily severe, and the monkey, like its human type, resolved at last to undergo a dental operation. But the dentist, strange to say, was itself. "Dot" found a string, fastened it around the aching tooth, seized the end of the string with its fore feet, drew up one of his hind legs between its fore feet, and gave a sudden shove, which jerked the tooth out and sent it flying half way across the room. This having been accomplished, the monkey resumed its natural cheerfulness and amiability.

A singular discovery was recently made in Syria. Some woodcutters felled a venerable oak in the forest of Domming. It was found to be hollow and was soon brought to the ground with a crash. A human skeleton, in excellent preservation, was disclosed. It is conjectured, that, while engaged in hunting, he climbed the tree for some purpose, and slipped incautiously into the hollow trunk, from which there was no release, and he probably died of starvation.

HERE AND THERE.

The fashionable parasol this summer will be a wafer with a pin stuck through the middle of it.

St. Louis turned out over 2,000,000 kegs of beer last year, and didn't turn very hard either.

In peace prepare for war, particularly where it is a single piece of pie and two hungry boys want it.

A Denver preacher told the waverers in his congregation that they were like a man between two dog-fights, uncertain which to take in.

A female correspondent complains that her husband eats onions and snores. Now, a man who would snore with an onion-flavored breath should go somewhere and start a desert.

An exchange, deprecating long visits, long stories, long essays, etc., advises persons to "Learn to be short." When our contemporary sends out a man to collect subscriptions, he will be surprised to learn that nine out of every ten persons have already mastered that lesson.

"Silence is golden." Aunt—'Has any one been at these preserves?' (Dead silence) 'Have you touched them, Jemmy?' 'Jemmy—'Pa never lows me to talk at dinner.'

A widow, sitting by a cheerful fire, in a meditative mood, shortly after her husband's death, sighed out, 'Poor fellow! how he did like a good fire! I hope he is gone where they keep good fires.'

There's a limit to everything but the destruction that follows the course of a man's big toe when he gets it through a hole in the bed-quilt and is suddenly attacked by the nightmare.

'Here Tom don't eat those crackers up,' said she with a hateful snap; 'They're some I saved on purpose To put in the baby's pap.' 'Well,' said Tom, edging for the door, 'And reaching for his hat, 'What makes you so cross about it, then?' 'Ain't I the baby's pap!'

An Irish drummer who now and then indulged in a noggin of poteen was accosted by the reviewing general: 'What makes your nose so red?' 'Plaze, yer honor,' replied Pat, 'I always blush when I spake to a general officer.'

A man told his friend that he had joined the army. 'What regiment?' his friend asked. 'Oh, I don't mean that; I mean the army of the Lord.' 'Ah, what church?' 'The Baptist.' 'Why was the reply, 'that's not the army; it's the navy.'

'How much are these goods a yard said a gentleman in a dry goods store the day, as he picked up a piece of ruffled silk. 'Good gracious! cried the horrified clerk 'that isn't for sale! That's the end of a lady's train! She's just gone up to the third story in the elevator.'

A clock is about the only thing in the world which manages to go on all the better when its affairs are wound up. There are some men, however, who have very carefully studied this peculiarity of the clock, and transferred it to some extent to their business arrangements.

'So you are going to keep a school,' said a young lady to an old maid aunt. 'Well, for my part, sooner than that I would marry a widower with nine children.' 'I would prefer that myself; but where is the widower?'

"One who Knows," asks the public, through the Boston papers to suspend judgment on somebody for the present. We'll all do it. Until this heated term ends no man wants to carry anything on either body or mind beyond what is absolutely necessary.

Artificial Memory.—A humorous comment on this system was made by a waiter at an hotel where Feinaigle dined, after giving his lecture on artificial memory. A few minutes after the professor left the table the waiter entered, with uplifted hands and eyes, exclaiming; 'Well, I protest; the memory man has forgotten his umbrella!'

A scrawny-looking individual came into the office the other morning to advertise his wife, who had left him, that people should not trust her on his account. He asked the bookkeeper the price, and when told, said, in some surprise: 'Is that so? Why, that's what I paid to advertise my first wife. I thought prices might have come down.'

A very modest young lady, who wanted a pair of garters, addressed the shopman thus: 'It is my desire to obtain a pair of circular elastic appendages capable of being contracted or expanded by means of oscillated burished steel appliances that sparkle like particles of gold leaf set with Alaska diamonds and which are utilized for retaining in proper position the habiliments of the lower extremities, which innately delicacy forbids me to mention.'

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May 11, 1880-td

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