

couple of friends with him, who appeared to appreciate his porcine humor.

While singing pæans of gratitude for the existence of the different varieties of the human hog that close connection of the species who stands and lounge on street corners, and not infrequently, but often and assiduously spits, should not be forgotten. He doesn't expectorate, but just plainly and vulgarly spits, and that seems to be his sole occupation. The ejective muscles of his lips are so trained and developed that the graceful combination of tobacco and saliva can be sent in any direction at the pleasure of the ejector, and when the pleasures of mere aimless spitting begin to pall and become monotonous, he spits at a mark. Sometimes when he is musing and not thinking of his art a half gill of tobacco juice will fall on a lady's dress or on a newly polished boot, and then his inward exultation is expressed by a rapid succession of staccato spits. If he could be placed once in a tall, water tight hogshead he would soon drown himself; but that would be too easy a death for so popular a public ornament. The hog industry should not be encouraged.

It is suggested that as soon as scientists can give the proper classification for "the hog" his name should be published. If garbage cremation should be adopted in Victoria, his carcass would furnish good material to experiment with.

The great American game, which is called poker by some, has charms which are not exerted exclusively on the masculine heart. The fair sex, although they decry the game when it is played by lovers, husbands or sons, sometimes fall prey to its fascinating variations and have lots of fun with "penny ante," and frequently with games of greater magnitude. There is said to be a select little coterie of ladies in this city who exchange chips now and then when no one is looking, but you mustn't tell this to anybody. There is no doubt that the game is not confined to professional gamblers in Victoria, and there is further no doubt that gamblers have not a monopoly of the roguery indulged in at cards. Just now there are rumors in

the air of several shady transactions over the green cloth between persons supposed to be gentlemen. In fact, I am told that when the story materializes sufficiently to print that it will be a repetition of the Gordon-Cummings affair, only on a smaller scale.

I sometimes lose patience with the young men who palaver about Canada setting up in business for herself and becoming an independent nation. These persons ought to be able to find a lesson in the treatment of Chili by the United States. With a big neighbor like the United States, which country does not hesitate to coerce the little fellows, when an American political party on the eve of an election is to be benefited, Canada, as a nation, would soon be in trouble. If Canada were independent, it would be the easiest thing in the world for Uncle Sam to get up some claim against her, and the consequence would be the humiliation of the little fellow. Canada is all right as she is. Uncle Sam is afraid of Canada's mamma.

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