

Hoppe's Retirement. The announcement emanating from Louis and credited to R. B. Ben-min, Willie Hoppe's manager, to the fect that the former world's balkline lliard champion has retired from com-titive billiards fell like a bolt from a ear sky. There had been nothing to dicate that Hoppe entertained any a of making such a move. It had en believed generally that he would ntinue to play and prepare himself for other chance at the title, even though at chance would be deferred for some ne.

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what was going on down at the one how. "They recalled the day years ago when Miaco and his brother Tom were doing heir "iron-jaw" act, which they priginated. Tom hung upside down with bit in his teeth fastened to a rope, and Al hung at the other end. Tom's sweetheart was coming to the show, but she was late, and when Al saw her com-ing, he was so excited that he yelled, "Here she comes, Tom," and fell twenty feet into the ring. Miaco's name originally was Frisbie, but when he god his first good job the man who hired him decided that Frisble was too commonplace. When the clown got to the show place where he was to meet the headliner, he found himself bill-ed as Al Miaco, and it nearly brake bi-

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Mr. Irvine, "is preposterous. I am my-self within a few years of forty-five, and have no desire to condemn myself to early extinction. In the course of some heckling at my Montreal meeting, I was assailed by an elderly critic for not ad-vocating methods of violent revolution, and I protested that the hope of a new social order lay not in revolution, but in education of the younger generation to concerning the nature of society, and the laws which govern its development. I jocularly expressed the view that if a person had reached the age of forty-five without his imagination being touched with the vision of a new social order, he could be of no service to any reform-ing movement. It therefore passes my imagination to understand how this harmless remark could be distorted into the sweeping and inhuman statement ing and inl

