

started gambling for the "good of the cause?"

How many of the young ladies who, with the best intention, get up raffles for a good object imagine that someone's wife will curse the one who first led her husband into the gambler's path, which leads so often to utter ruin? If these lotteries for churches and charities be good, by all means keep them going. But let us be honest about it. Let the respectable syndicate with its well-managed lottery have an equal

and be educated so that when they earn, or win—or maybe steal—more, they can afford to patronize a better class one, or perhaps even buy a decent coat and go to a church fair. The practical question is a very simple one—are lotteries legal or desirable? If they are, let all have equal rights. But if not, put them all down, and stamp the evil out entirely.

Speaking of gambling, I am told that the evil is growing at an alarming rate in the city of Victoria. The crime, fo

be well for these young men to retrace their steps before they become hopelessly embedded in the mire, and from which they may never be able to extricate themselves.

The subject is gruesomely trite, but why is it that ladies will persist in wearing such enormously high, broad, large and much bedisened hats to the theatre? They are a nuisance to all the male contingent certainly, and the ladies must prove nuisances to each other as well. Those big hats have no use anyway in the theatre. The ladies may be able to talk through them, and they frequently do; but they can't see through, nor can anybody else.

Why can't Victoria have a first-class brigade of artillery? For some reason or other the young men of this city do not take any interest in militia matters. In the older Provinces, even in the small towns, there are companies which are a credit to both officers and men. Now, why is it not the same here? We have as good officers and every bit as good material to work with. No doubt, one reason has been the want of a suitable drill shed, but, now that there is an appropriation for this purpose, that can no longer be offered as an excuse. It is expected that the new building will soon be begun. Now, let the boys take hold of the matter, join one of the batteries, and work it up.

It is suggested that a good way of bringing about the desired end would be to get up some form of entertainment in which those already in the ranks might take part. No doubt an entertainment of this character would be substantially encouraged by the citizens of Victoria.



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chance; it at all events finds these men a living, and that is a good object. Let the small ten cent lotteries on the second class streets have fair treatment; all who want to take their chances do not go to church bazaars, or cannot afford to buy a dollar ticket; let us cater for the masses and give them a cheap ticket that they can buy, and then the children, too, can spend their dimes

it is a crime, is not by any means confined to professional gamblers, but manifests itself throughout our social structure. Young men, weary of the monotony of office life, seek excitement in gambling, when their day's work is done, and some of them, it is suggested, must be receiving princely salaries or they could not afford to lose so much at the gaming table. It would

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