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THE EVIL OF BETTING.

The betting evil is one which is all too common. The element of chance and the possibility of obtaining what one has not earned have an influence over the individual which is akin to skating on thin ice in the vicinity of the danger sign.

The Windsor Record draws attention to a despatch from Sydney, Australia, telling the melancholy story of the downfall of one of the prominent statesmen of Australia through betting.

Tom Slattery, of Sydney, who has just been sentenced to three and a half years' imprisonment for having misappropriated a large sum of trust money, was one of the best-known and most popular men engaged in Australian public life. He was a member of a legal firm of practitioners, a friend of Sir John Robertson, Sir George Debbis, Sir Edmund Barton and other men, who have adorned the highest positions in the land, a man who himself in successive administrations held important portfolios, a man of capacity, and whose reputation for probity stood so high that he would be readily entrusted with the investment of the fortune inherited by a lady from her kinsman, Sir James Tyson, the Australian millionaire.

This man confessed, before a judge who was his own appointment when he was minister of justice, that he misappropriated the money in order to make good betting losses.

Mr. Slattery's experience ought to act as a warning to the guided youth, as well as men of mature years in every country, who indulge in this form of gambling.

A healthy public sentiment is growing in this country against it—a sentiment which has been recognized by parliament in the abandonment of the bill that would have legalized gambling upon race courses and exonerated those responsible for the management of races from responsibility for allowing it to prevail at meetings.

A similarly healthy public sentiment has just found expression in the interesting experiment which is being tried on three of the large race courses in the Eastern States of America, where the managers have decided to debar bookmakers from the course, and to make up for the loss of receipts by raising the price of admission 50 per cent.

The public demanded the suppression of gambling on the tracks, and it is asked to make good the loss the management will incur by yielding to the demand.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RE-UNION

Members of the Evangelistic Band visited Bloomfield and Union Hall Sunday schools last Sunday and enjoyed very much the services with the bright, intelligent young people of these localities. They announced that the annual United Sunday Dominion day gathering would be held on July 2nd at 2:30 p. m., in Mr. Montgomery's Grove, 5th concession, Raleigh. This reunion has been a yearly gathering of the clans almost continuously since all the provinces United as the Dominion of Canada and has come to be looked forward to with increasing interest and pleasure in proportion to the increase in the numbers and intelligence of the people. The Evangelistic Union will conduct the service. Their sheets of hymns, with good instrumental leading, and God's blessing will promote His praise and increase the interest of the occasion. Will all the Sunday schools, which usually gather, and as many more as desire to do so, have it thoroughly announced next Lord's day and make provision to convey the scholars, teachers and officers of each school to the grove. The collection will be equally divided between all schools attending, or devoted to some inter-denominational Christian work, as the people desire. All who come will be made welcome.

Dider's Look It.

Sir Robert Ball, the noted British astronomer, went to a remote town in Ireland to lecture on his favorite topic. Arriving at the station he looked for the expected conveyance, but found none. After all the other passengers had disappeared a man stepped up and said: "Maybe you're Sir Robert Ball?" After receiving an affirmative reply the man hastily apologized, saying: "Sure, your honor, I'm sorry I kept you waiting, but I was told to look for an intellectual gentleman."

Sir Walter Parratt.

Sir Walter Parratt, "master of the King's music" at the British court, is 44 years old, and was a notable musician even in childhood. Sir Walter was a great favorite with Queen Victoria, who knighted him in 1892. He was an excellent chess player, and on one occasion won a game against two players without once looking at the board, remaining at the piano and playing compositions of Beethoven, Mozart and Bach during the whole time the game lasted.

DISTRICT DOINGS

DRESDEN

June 17.—The concert given Wednesday evening by the Canadian Jubilee Singers was well attended and was worthy in every respect of the large audience and the interest and appreciation evinced by the constant applause. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of Christ Church, and is one more addition to the growing list of highly successful concerts given under the auspices of the Guild.

Miss Helen McVean took part in a piano recital in Chatham last Thursday evening. The recital was given by pupils of the Ursuline Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickard, of St. Louis, are visiting relatives in Dresden and vicinity.

Mrs. (Dr.) Webster is the guest of Dr. Webster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Webster, Hughes St.

Mrs. Weston, of Muir, Mich., and daughter, Miss Velina, are guests of relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Peate, of Chatham, were Dresden visitors this week.

Erna Baer, of Chatham, was in town Thursday on business.

The annual excursion of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church was held on Thursday, June 15th, to Detroit, and was more than usually successful. A large number took advantage of the opportunity for a day's outing, and all report a most enjoyable trip.

Garnet Wells, of the firm of Wells & Wells, is holidaying in Detroit and other points.

Herman Gatzke, of Wyandotte, Mich., called on Dresden friends Friday morning.

Alex. Tassie, of Woodstock, a former Dresdenite, was in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Osgood McVean were in Port Lambton yesterday making arrangements to take up their residence for the summer months at their Port Lambton summer home.

Promotion examinations commenced at the Public school to-day and will be continued next week. The entrance examinations will be held this year on Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29.

W. Willoughby left yesterday for Sarnia to accept a position on a boat.

The Junior Mission Band of the Methodist Church paid a farewell visit to Mrs. Harrison last night and presented her with an address and an appropriate parting gift.

Miss Beatrice Rudd is visiting in Willaceburg.

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a grandmother's Hint About Gowns and Their Wearers.

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"What are 'peg dresses'? Why, gowns that hang in one's closet, are not often worn and get a little out of style. They are apt to be the 'best gowns' by which I mean those for dressy occasions. Most of us have but one, which is worn so seldom that it becomes a problem to keep it always in style, for there is a limit even to the changing of sleeves and alteration of the adornment of lace. When that is reached the owner must be firm with herself and discard the dress in its present form. For this reason I think it a good plan to have this gown of rather inexpensive material and let its beauty be in the way it is made; then when it must step down from its high estate we can put the scissors to it with better grace, for I have always found that it takes moral courage to attack a rich gown which is just too much out of fashion to wear. As this dress must be made over, I think it well to purchase a material that will afterward be suitable to go with the rest of the wardrobe either as fancy waist, trimming or perhaps as silk petticoat."

Brooklyn Eagle.

CUBAN DIARRHOEA.

U. S. soldiers who served in Cuba during the Spanish war know that this disease is, and that ordinary remedies have little more effect than so much water. Cuban diarrhoea is almost as severe and dangerous as a mild attack of cholera. There is one remedy, however, that can always be depended upon, as will be seen by the following certificate from Mrs. Minnie Jacob, of Houston, Texas: "I hereby certify that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured my husband of a severe attack of Cuban diarrhoea, which he brought home from Cuba. We had several doctors, but they did him no good. One bottle of this remedy cured him, and our neighbors will testify. I thank God for so valuable a medicine." For sale by All Druggists.

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JOKES OF THE DAY.

British Made.

Old Style and New.—Teacher: What is that letter? Pupil: Dunno. Teacher: What is that makes money? Small Boy (son of a manufacturer): Gloucester.—Pick-Me-Up.

—And you mean, Miss Greyleigh, you think me too young to be your husband? "Yes, Mr. Tompkins, that is it." "I'm sorry," he said. "I beg your pardon. I—I never dreamt you were too old to marry."—Judy.

Foreigners are Always so Very Polite.—Charming Hostess: Do have some of my cake. I don't believe you've ever tasted my own make? Delighted Foreigner (wishing to be polite): "Indeed—indeed I have, and I assure you I did not wish to eat anything else for days after."—Punch.

Agent: Would you like to buy any more blacking, mister? Young Wife (critically): Eh—yes. What colors have you got?—Comic Life.

At a Disadvantage.—Young Married Woman (to a circle of unattached ones): And you take my advice, dears, never marry a man so much taller than yourself that you cannot reach his hair. —Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.

Made Good Use of It.—"Is Mary making use of that new cookery book I got for her, Kate?" "Certainly; she lighted the kitchen fire with it this morning!"—Sketchy Bits.

Bright Boy.—Father: If you're really big to Sunday school, as you say, it's very strange that you smell so fishy. Bobby: That's because the lesson was about Jonah and the whale.—Illustrated Bits.

Under Reserve.—He: Darling, will you share my lot? She: Yes, Charlie, if it really is that wonderful. He: Mistress: Do you love babies, Maud? Yes, mum; but not on eight shillings a week.—Illustrated Bits.

Feminine Amelities.—Mabel (not in her first youth): First of all he held my hand and told my fortune; and then, Eh? "I said you were so long, and said he could read my thoughts? Wasn't that clever of him, dear? Oh, I suppose he read between the lines, dear."—Punch.

Rival Beauties.—Mr. Nagrby: O, course, Mrs. Higson is not exactly pretty. Bobby: But it's wonderful how her face lights up when she talks to you. Mrs. Nagrby: Nothing wonderful in that. She's lantern-jawed.—Pick-Me-Up.

In Store.—Old Gen (to a young little boy who has been fishing): Don't seem to have caught much, my boy? Boy: An' don't expect to afore I gets emel!—Sketchy Bits.

"Well, and what did your husband think of the new President of the League?" "Eh? Well, Jack said he thought her bad taste in dress was simply irrepressible."—Judy.

Australian.

"What reason does he give for not paying his wife alimony?" "He says that marriage is a lottery, and hence alimony is a gambling debt."—Sydney Town and Country Journal.

Judge (after a heated discussion): What do you suppose I'm on the Bench for? Smart Counsel: Ah, your honor, you have the advantage of me there.—Melbourne Weekly Times.

A physician was driving through the street. A friend stopped him. "Doctor," said the friend, anxiously, "Have you heard that horrible story about 'Will Hammon'?" "Yes," said the doctor. "What story is that?" "A story to the effect that he was buried alive." "Buried alive?" said the doctor. "Impossible. He was one of my patients."—Sydney Town and Country Journal.

"Is the house you now live in your own?" "Not now." "You have sold it?" "No; got married."—Melbourne Weekly Times.

She: I think a girl is very foolish to marry a poor man. He: Yes; but not half so foolish as the poor man who married that kind of a girl.—Sydney Town and Country Journal.

She: Did you give the sermon, dear? He: Very much. I needed the sleep greatly.—Melbourne Weekly Times.

1,000 Monastic Houses.

Some remarkable facts and figures concerning the increase of monastic institutions in Great Britain are given in the current issue of The English Churchman.

The following table shows the progress of monastic institutions for more than a century:

Monasteries.	Convents.	Total.
1780	1	1
1850	11	61
1880	140	806
1900	290	711

Of the 1,001 institutions in England and Wales, 177—forty-eight for men and 824 for women—are in London. The majority—185—are on the north side of the River Thames; Lancashire, with 137 houses, heads the Provinces. Scotland, which only had one convent in 1850, has now a total of 65.

Edward the Shrewd.

Commenting on the fact that King Edward's father used to be referred to as "Albert the Good," a French writer says that the present Sovereign of Great Britain should be called "Edward the Shrewd." The writer added: "Since his accession to the throne King Edward has not made in international affairs a single mistake, which is more than can be said for his nephew and nephew-in-law of Germany and Russia."

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"While at anchor one day in the harbor of Rio two of the sailors, leaning over the rail, were watching work going on on board of another ship anchored close to them, where the opposite system prevailed. The air on that ship was lurid with the language of the mate, and the men were treated with a violence that was far from necessary, but the work went on quickly. The sails were furled and the yards braced in a smart and seamanlike manner. As they listened to the sublimated orders of the mate one of the sailors on the good ship remarked sentimentally to the other:

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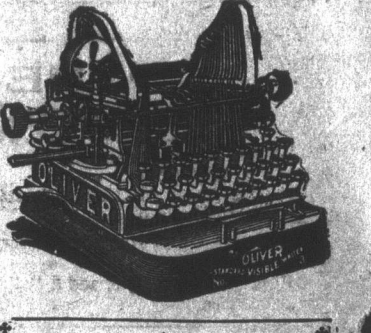
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