

Chinese Gambling.

The Portuguese possession of Macao, one of the oldest European settlements in the Orient, would be of little importance to its rulers were it not that it is to the Chinese of the island and some of the foreigners what Monte Carlo is to the Europeans. It is one of the gambling places of the world. One company pays to the Portuguese proprietors of the island \$120,000 a year for the privilege of running it several hours for the simplest of games, allowing neither the excitement nor the possible large winnings of roulette, is irresistibly fascinating to the Chinese. They throw the far tan house, crowding around the tables and placing their little earnings upon a corner of the 1, 2, 3 or 4. It is not at all uncommon to see them, when all their money is lost, take gold or silver ornaments from their dress or even parts of the dress itself and place them against sums considerably larger than their value. The game of fan tan is learned at a glance. A flat piece of lead or other metal, about a foot square, is placed in the centre of the gambling table. Its sides are numbered from 1 to 4.

The gambler places his money on one side of the corner, betting upon one of the numbers or upon a combination of numbers. In the former case, should he be successful, he receives three times the amount of his stake, less about 10 per cent. commission for the bank. Should either of the numbers upon the corner or combination of which he has made his wager win he receives his stake, minus the same commission. There are no cards or wheels, but a pile of small copper pieces, called a little square hole in the centre of each and called cash. A handful is taken and placed in the centre of the table under an inverted bowl. When all bets have been made the proprietor of the bank moves the bowl and carefully takes from the pile four cash; then four more, and so on until four, three, two or only one is left, which is the winning number. It is a most tedious game, for the central pile must be so large that the number of cash which it contains cannot possibly be counted. In the process of drawing them out by fours takes considerable time. But the poor Chinese who have staked their all upon one of the numbers hang over the table and watch that gradually diminishing pile, intensely fascinated. Having won, they try again, until they have at last lost. Losing, they go off to beg, borrow or steal more cash with which to try their fortune once again.

Death and Marriage superstitions.

The bride must not keep the pins which fastened her wedding dress.

It is bad luck to whistle or hum the air that a hand plays at a funeral.

"Two a bride and never a bride," is a proverb which needs no comment.

Marry at the time of the moon's waning and your good luck will wane also.

If two marriages are celebrated simultaneously one of the husbands will die.

Fair or foul weather upon one's wedding day augurs a happy or unhappy married life.

If a girl who is engaged accidentally lets a knife fall it is a sign that her lover is coming.

The girl who slips, accidentally or otherwise, on a car step, need not expect to be married the same year.

The husband must never take off his wedding ring; to take it off will insure the loss of a kindred.

If two persons think and express the same thought at the same time, one of them will die before the year passes.

If at the cemetery there be any unusual delay in burying the dead, caused by any overlooked circumstance, such as the tomb proving too small to admit the coffin, it is a sign that the deceased has selected a companion from among those present, and one of the mourners must soon die.

Working Him Over.

"My dear," said a husband, who is fond of putting poers, "can you tell me why young women who don't want to get married are like angels' visits?" The lady finally gave it up.

"Because they are few and far between," she said.

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ATTACKED BY A SWORD-FISH.

The sea monster's "nose" driven through a vessel's bottom.

From The Philadelphia Record.

The "nose" of a sword-fish four feet long, driven through sixteen inches of stout Norwegian pine and penetrating ten inches into the cargo of a sugar-laden bark, was one of the nautical curiosities presented to a wondering throng of sailors and landmen at the wharves of the E. C. Knight sugar refinery in this city yesterday. The vessel through the hull of which this sea monster's weapon had penetrated is the bark Oran, which came to this port from Santos, Brazil, by the way of the Barbados. The bark is a stately built Norwegian craft and the planks in her hull are even harder than American oak. While her cargo of sugar was being unloaded at the refinery yesterday, a sailor on duty, while looking for a long black object, like the point of an enormous bone, was discovered thrust ten inches into one of the hog-heads of sugar, so firmly impaled that some difficulty was experienced in getting the hog-head free from the vessel's bottom. The end of the sword looked like a large marble spike, and all attempts to dialogue it were fruitless. A close examination, however, proved that the object was the "sword" of a sword-fish which had been driven through the planking of the bark's hull. The point of the "sword" which projected into the vessel's hold was as hard as flint. The only weapon which made any impression upon it was a small hammer, which was finally broken off and taken on deck, where it was exhibited to the sailors and the stowaways.

From the accounts of the crew and the bark's officers it seems that the fish must have struck the vessel near the region of the equatorial calm. The mate says that while the bark was moving along very slowly, with scarcely a ripple disturbing the surface of the sea, one day in May, a terrific shock heeded him, which almost threw the vessel aboard and hurled some of the crew off their feet. The incident caused considerable excitement on board, and it was feared that a hidden rock had been struck and the vessel wrecked. The incident caused considerable excitement on board, and it was feared that a hidden rock had been struck and the vessel wrecked. The incident caused considerable excitement on board, and it was feared that a hidden rock had been struck and the vessel wrecked.

Discharged the Prisoners.

From The Dominion Post.

A constable recently brought a man before a justice of the peace in a Dakota "no license" county charged with selling liquor.

"Well, Jim," said the justice, addressing the officer, "what's the licker he was selling?"

"They had just finished drinkin' the last of it, your honor."

"They?" thundered the court.

"I say it was all gone, your honor."

"All gone before you got there? Great Scott, where was you all the time? Don't you think I can give you a case like this without some licker put in as evidence for the court to sample? Let the prisoner go, and meely let him bring some more to town. And you see that you get around and make your arrest just before he begins to sell, and not after it's all gone swallowed by a lot of fellows that ain't half as dry as the court!"

Mrs. Cleveland Likes Walnut Creams.

From The Brooklyn Times.

On Saturday shortly after Mrs. President Cleveland had landed the steamer St. Lawrence, a gentleman in a pleasant, off-hand way, said: "I'll give you one of these walnuts. See accepted the gift. Along about 6 o'clock, however, she approached the gentleman and offered him a bargain. "I'll trade you," she said, "an island I have here for a box of walnut creams." The generous donor found himself heartily thanked, and the consequence was that the young confidante on the bow of the steamer was astonished by receiving a great big nut.

A Good One Is a Great Treat.

From The New York Recorder.

"How's this, John? You said you intended to propose to Miss Washington this evening and here you are back before 9 o'clock. She surely didn't refuse you?"

"No, I didn't propose. I concluded to postpone the question."

"Now, see here, John, if you don't get that girl's own fault. The idea of being such a coward! You were bravely walking up to the cannon's mouth."

"Yes, but the cannon hadn't been eating onions."

Quite Correct.

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HEALTH NOTES.

How to Catch Cold.

Go to an evening party in a dress suit without putting on heavy underwear to compensate for the lightness of the cloth.

Sit in a street car next to an open window.

Leave off your underclothing on a mild day.

Take a hot drink before going out into cold or damp air.

Let the boys romp at school during recess time without their hats.

Sit in a barber shop in your shirt sleeves while waiting to be shaved.

Put on a pair of thin shoes in the evening when you go to call upon your girl.

Fail to change your shoes and stockings after coming in on a rainy day.

Have your hair cut and shampooed just as a change takes place in the weather.

Wear one of the ladies' new cutaway coats without a chambray or flannel vest underneath.

Throw your overcoat open on a blustery winter day to show off your nice new necktie.

Send the children out in autumn for excursions in short, thin stockings and short skirts.

Take a hot bath in the evening and sit up in your room to finish the last stages of an exciting novel.

Throw off your heavy coat when you reach the office in a great hurry and put on your thin knickerbocker.

Go down to breakfast without a wrap on a chilly morning before the fires have got fully started.

Put the window of your sleeping room up before you go to bed, especially if the window is near the bed.

Run a square to catch a street car and take off your hat for a few minutes, to cool off, when you catch it.

Go out into the lobby during a theatrical performance and promenade around without your overcoat.

Do your back hair up high when you have been accustomed to wear it low and let it come down on a windy day.

Take a long bicycle ride and stand for a while describing and showing off the beauties of your machine.

Come in from a rapid gallop on horseback and stand talking in the open air to a friend for five or ten minutes.

If you are bald headed or have a very susceptible back, sit during grand opera past one of the side doors.

Onions and their Use.

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