

Has journeyed, and Thalia grieves.

Room for the worthiest mourner! See
The noblest Roman left of all;
"Cassius" in virtuous majesty,
Bends weeping o'er the bier and pall.
The shadow speaks: "This was a man."
Now passed beyond all reach of pain
Match him, ye Gods; For Nature's plan
Will ne'er produce his like again.

To that far world where "Damon" lives,
Where poor "Carville" finds welcome rest,
Where Faith receives and Love forgives,
Where dwell the brightest and the best;
To that far far world to which all ways,
Like roads to Rome, forever tend,
A good man passes, full of days,—
The world that I have lost a friend.

GAMING IN FRANCE.

Play is called to a truly astonishing pitch here. At the Deauville Club and Casino, the aristocratic members indulge every night in fearful games of *baccarat* and *carte*, at which differences of hundreds of thousands take place in a few hours. At Trouville there are public card-rooms, where a dense crowd congregates every day, and a choice collection of sharpers and blacklegs assemble. Thousands of francs are piled up on each side of the table, and deadly duels are fought across the green cloth, with a breathless mass of bettors surrounding the adversaries, and following the phases of the game, hushed in intense excitement. Many of the individuals who finger the pasteboards are very deficient, as far as looks go, and, in spite of the precautions taken to prevent swindling, more than one game takes place in which the public are the only victims. I could fill half your paper, with odd accounts and anecdotes of these worthies' exploits, but my space is limited, and I must wait for another occasion to attempt some description of the tricks of their trade in practice among the French sharpers more specially.

M. Blanc, the quondam director of the world-famed gaming establishment at Homburg, who afterwards assumed the sway at Monaco, died a week or two ago. Countless anecdotes are in circulation about his many peculiarities, but he was a pleasant and benevolent man, and did a great deal of good with the millions he amassed. Old Blanc was a favorite with the "gay gamblers" who frequented his establishment, and when he passed through the rooms, alive with the clink of gold and the excited exclamations of the players, he received respectful salutations on every side. While he was director of the Homburg Kursaal, the bank sustained during three years the fierce attacks of Garcia, the celebrated Spaniard, who was winner at one time of close upon five million francs. The duel between the player and the bank was a long and severe struggle, but, finally, Garcia was "broke," disappeared from the festive scene, and, soon after, was imprisoned for swindling at cards. He may now be seen at various Paris lounges, a shabby, broken down, desolate-looking vagabond; people point him out as the celebrated Garcia, who once possessed five millions of winnings, and thought nothing of sweeping up \$20,000 in an evening. Such are the ups and downs of a gambler's life, and there are many such as Garcia, who, on a smaller scale, have sunk from affluence to beggary, want and crime.

A HORNED RATTLESNAKE.

An inhabitant of Burnt Chimney, Rutherford County, was in the city yesterday evening exhibiting five rattlesnakes, one of which had genuine horns. The horns projected perpendicularly from the snake's head, and are about an inch long. They are of a brownish color, and in shape and general appearance are exactly like those of a deer, with the difference that they are forked, and larger in proportion at the point at which they emerge from the head. The snake is about eight years of age, and in every other respect is perfect. The owner of the phenomenal snake says that it was caught on Black Mountain, in McDowell county, about a month ago. He and several others had heard of a famous rattlesnake den there, and went for the purpose of shooting them, when they found that several hundred snakes were visible, among them the one with horns. Before they began shooting they captured a half dozen or more myriads of nooses, taking the horny-headed one first.

cost of \$350,000. It was kept open for a few months and sold out for \$110,000. The splendid Sherman, Tremont, and other Chicago hotels, costing from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 each, do not pay the owners of the property more than 1 to 3 per cent. Some did not even yield enough to pay taxes and insurance. In New York City we find the depreciation of furniture and fixtures illustrated in the vicissitudes of the St. James, which cost \$190,000 to furnish, and was sold in less than two years for \$40,000. The Winchester, furnished at an expense of \$75,000, was, within a year or two, sold out for \$17,000. The New York Hotel was rented under the inflation excitement to parties who furnished it at a cost of \$150,000. They soon failed and were totally ruined. The result is that the proprietor pays several thousands loss for the house furnished than his predecessors agreed to pay for it unfurnished. When Mr. William M. Tweed leased the Metropolitan Hotel, he caused to be expended \$450,000 in alterations, furniture, and the most costly frescoes ever seen in this country. Mr. Stewart subsequently purchased back the hotel, including furniture, &c., for less than \$200,000.

The largest hotels of the present day were either built under the rule of inflation prices or have been enlarged and furnished to meet the unhealthy demand. The Palace Hotel of San Francisco cost \$6,000,000. It financially ruined the projector, who was supposed to be the largest capitalist on the Pacific coast. The Palmer House, Chicago, cost \$8,000,000. The Viussor, New York, cost \$1,500,000. The builder was made insane by his subsequent losses in the speculation and committed suicide. The Ocean Hotel at Long Branch cost \$850,000. It struggled for a while against adverse circumstances, and it was at last sold to its present proprietors for \$150,000.

HIGH-BRED TROTTERS FOR ENGLAND.

Inspired by the successful sales of American-bred trotters abroad, Mr. George Ticehurst, of Suffolk Stud Farm, near Huntingford, L. I., last week shipped, in the National steamer Greece, the fast and fashionably bred four-year-old stallion John Hancock, by Independent, out of a Truslee mare, &c., to his brother, W. M. Ticehurst, in London. He is a bay, standing fully fifteen hands and three inches high, and Mr. Ticehurst considers him one of the best and most promising young horses ever handled by him. Some good ones have graduated in his school, among them the great young trotter Montezuma, by Mr. Bonner's Edward Everett. At the same time, Mr. A. Powell, of this city, sends to the same party the bay gelding Chance, foaled 1869, by Herr's Mambrino Patchen, dam by Edwin Forrest; 2nd dam by Webster; 3rd dam by Orphan Boy. Chance is a magnificent specimen of Kentucky's greatest trotting sire, Mambrino Patchen, an own brother to the famous Lady Thorn, and the sire of Mambrino Kate, 2:24; The Jewess, 2:26; Mambrino Boy, 2:26; and the wonderful three-year-old, Lady Stont, 2:20. The Edwin Forrest cross is an admirable feature in the pedigree of Chance, for from that strain comes Flora Temple, 2:19; and Forrest got Joe Downing, the sire of Dick Jamison, 2:26. He stands sixteen hands high, and can trot very close to 2:30.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*

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