"Easy come, easy go," remarked a sportsman to his friend, on reading the account in the Sus of the drawers of the principal prizes in the late extraordinary French lettery.

"Then you dou't believe," queried the friend, "that lucky hits in lotteries are of lasting benefit?"

"I never knew them prove so, and I have known of many so-called luck strikes."

"Can you mention a case in point?"

"Yes, half a dozen. There was Noah Taylor, of Jersey City. He drew \$70,000 in a lottery years ago. At first he flourished, He built a large hotel in Jersey City. Then he laid in a heavy stock of whiskey before the war tax was imposed, making heaps of money out of that. Finally, however, his fortune dwindled away, it is said, until he has lost all.

"Then there was George Smith, of Chicago. He came here about the time the Crystal Palace opened. Within a month he won \$100,000 cash. The next summer he had to borrow a dollar to get a dinner.

"Take John Morrissey for another example. He made a hundred lucky hits. After his death his estate amounted to little or nothing." The most remarkable case, however, is

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"The most remarkable case, however, is that of Mr. Penistan, the Philadelphia liquor dealer, who five years ago drew the largest prize ever paid in America."
"I remember his case," broke in the friend; "but I have heard so many conflicting stories that I don't know which one to believe."
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"The facts are these," continued the sportsman, "as I have hem from Mr. Fenistan's associates: Mr. Penistan was doing a comfortable business in Philadelphia, but was not making money enough to include in his love for fast horses. One day in the spring of 1873 he read an advertisement of an extra drawing of the Royal Havans lottery, which was to take place April 23, in which the first prize was anounced as \$500,000. The idea struck him that he might draw that prize and show the boys what he could do in the way of fast horses. Acting on the idea, he wrote to Martinez & Co., agents of the Spanish lottery in this city, inclosing money for a ticket. On receiving the letter, a clerk of the agents took the top ticket (1,077) and sent it to Mr. Penistan. In a few days a dispatch came from Havana to the effect that ticket 1,077 had drawn the capital prize of \$500,000. Martinez & Co., telegraphed to Mr. Penistan that his ticket hal drawn the great prize. Mr. Penistan jumped for joy on hearing the news. Shapping the brother of his father-in-law, Thomas B. Whitney, on the shoulder, he exclaimed, 'If this is true, old fellow, I'll give you half of it. Then he insured his life, and in company with the brother of his father-in-law, came on to draw the money. They found that they would have to wait about a week until the Havana atsamer arrived with copies of the official drawing before the prize could be cashed.

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A form of ideal grace
Slept in the smooth white stone;
The steel's relentless trace,
That nobler charm has won.

We cared not for the stone, Nor for its faultless white But on the statue grown, We gaze in fixed delight.

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