

The Physician as a Gambler.

The physician is generally considered to be rather a poor business man, and his history in Toronto compels us to admit that he is not a good gambler. The historian tells us that all peoples, of all shades and colors, gamble, but the biggest plunger of the lot is the Anglo-Saxon, "because of his superb vital life-force." We incline chiefly to three forms: horses, cards and stock margins. The gambler at the Woodbine has a good time for a couple of weeks, has his ups and downs, and, of course, comes short at the end of the races. He doesn't mind, however, if he has had lots of fun, and he goes to work with the laudable aim of saving something for the next races. Card gambling is less healthy. The player works at night in a room which becomes close and stuffy, and generally smokes and drinks too much. Neither of these forms of gambling is considered correct; neither meets with the approval of the clergy.

Stock gambling is really the only form that is eminently respectable. Here the doctor can work shoulder to shoulder with the preacher, the elder, the church warden, the class-leader, the widow and orphan, or the fellow who has the widow's and orphan's money. We understand that the preacher is more scientific in his methods than the innocent doctor, and becomes therefore the shrewd speculator; he knows more about selling short. We learn from experts that in stock margin gambling it is more satisfactory to sell what you haven't got than to buy what you don't get.

Of course, in the long run, the large dealers capture the pots. They then become great philanthropists, pillars of churches, and by common consent occupy the highest seats in the synagogue. Occasionally, however, even the top-notchers come to grief, but strong influences come to their rescue. The press loudly proclaims that they are men of undoubted integrity. The banks help them in various ways and assume an "attitude" that has a "reassuring effect." In troublesome times things sometimes become unhinged, but gradually "stability" comes. This is well explained in a certain instance in one of the leading papers as follows: "The cause making for stability is the fact that many weak holders have been wiped out, and their places taken by strong interests, fully able to protect themselves." The devil may take care of the small holders, the press, the banks, and the people in high places don't bother much about them.

Stock fever has been rampant among the physicians of Toronto for the last twenty-five years. Our profession furnishes a fine share of the "small dealers" who are necessary for the game. Duffin's Creek, Hogs' Hollow and Mimico are put on the market at a suitable time. They may mean nothing, but for gambling purposes they answer very well for a while. The nothing is intermingled with the substantial in a very ingenious way. Whether coming or going, the physician is in a position of something. The physician who gets his tip, buys and sells shrewdly, and increases a capital of one or two hundred to five hundred or a thousand dollars within a year is for the time the happiest man who walks our streets. There have been many of them during the last five years, but he is generally sadder and wiser to-day. After careful consideration and consultation with those who know we tender the following advice to the clever and ambitious young physician: Don't be a clam start at once; play the game like a man; you will be more apt to be closed out soon.—Canadian Practitioner and Review.

A Western Character.

The recent death of Martha Canary—better known as "Calamity Jane"—has revived many tales of her remarkable adventures in the West during the early troubles. Once, it is related, she was riding in a stage coach driven by Jack McCaull, a notorious character of Deadwood, S.D., when a band of Indians swooped down. McCaull was wounded and fell back on his seat. The six passengers in the coach were helpless with fright. "Calamity Jane" scrambled to the seat, leaped the horses into a run and escaped. It was this same McCaull who afterward was made the most horrible example of "Calamity Jane's" vengeance. McCaull shot "Wild Bill" Hickok from behind a tree, for a reason never known, after "Wild Bill" had taken him. When "Calamity Jane" heard of it, she started at once to find McCaull. "Wild Bill" was her friend, and the fact that she had once saved McCaull's life did not deter her from taking it. "I gave it to him once," she declared, "I'll take it back now." She came across him unexpectedly in a meat-shop, seized a cleaver, and threatening to throw him if he moved, waited till her friends bound him. She was one of those who tugged hardest to pull him over a cottonwood limb, and with grim satisfaction she watched him kick his life away.

The Upheaval of the Celt.

Someone has been yelling forth the virtues of the Celt. The upheaval of the Celt is a periodic event, and is in some way distantly related to the Australian drought, cycles and the spots on the sun. Personally (says a writer in an Australian paper) I have always found that you can make a fast friend and sworn ally of the Celt by simply remarking in an affable manner, "Good night, Sergeant!" The Celtic chest swells immediately, there is a more dignified atmosphere about the movements of his hind legs; and after passing that remark three nights running you are free to commit any crime in the calendar—murder, arson, abduction; anything, in fact, but the crime of teasing "me uniform." Yes, the Celt is a very fine fellow as long as you address him as "Sergeant"—unless he is a sergeant—then I am always careful to address him as "Inspector." That, however, has to be done with discretion—if done too often or too suddenly the Celt is liable to burst.

A Failing of History.

Freddie—Why is it said that history can't be written until years after the event? Cobwiger—Because, my boy, if it was written at the time it occurred it would probably be true.—Judge.

Advantages of Delay.

First Farmer—You oughter took a trip to New York years ago. Second Farmer—Oh, I done. The longer you wait the more there is to see.—Ex.



HOME DUTIES

Women seem to listen to every call of duty except the supreme one that tells them to guard their health. How much harder the daily tasks become when some derangement of the female organs makes every movement painful, and keeps the nervous system unstrung? Irritability takes the place of happiness and amiability; and weakness and suffering takes the place of health and strength. As long as they can drag themselves around, women continue to work and perform their household duties. They have been led to believe that suffering is necessary because they are women! What a mistake! Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will banish pain and restore happiness. Don't resort to strong stimulants or narcotics when this great strengthening, healing remedy for women is always within reach.

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The Earnings of Artists.

The old fable that the work of the circus and music hall artists is paid for by "starvation wages" holds good no longer, as may be seen by the following statistics recently collected: The monthly earnings of a lady circus rider vary from \$75 to \$100, while those of the hazy eek often earn \$150. A clown's earnings average from \$35 and \$40 to \$75 to \$100. No performer of the tight rope "works" for less than from \$50 to \$70 a month. Engagements of this sort, it seems, are always made and wages paid by the month. Carpet acrobats earn from \$100 to \$110. Even second rate performers on the horizontal bar receive \$125 to \$150, while masters of the art earn as much as \$250, and jugglers on the tight rope or on horseback are the best paid of all. The circus office, as much as \$300 a month. Unfortunately the majority of these artists spend their money far more rapidly than they acquire their by no means easy art.—Westminster Gazette.

Miss Nightingale's Message.

Though Miss Florence Nightingale is now an old lady of eighty-three, and is spending the evening of her days in retirement, her personal interest in nurses and nursing is as keen as ever. It was nearly half a century since she devoted the national Crimean testimonial of \$50,000 to the foundation of the Nightingale Home for training nurses. The other day the Mayor of Derby gave a garden party at Lea Hurst (Miss Nightingale's former home) to the nurses of Derby and district, and Miss Nightingale sent them a cheery message. "We hear," she wrote, "a good deal nowadays about nursing as a profession, but the question for each nurse is, Am I living up to my profession? The nurse's life is above all a moral and practical life—a life not of show, but of practical action. I wish the nurses Godspeed in their work, and may each one strive with the best that is in her to act up to her profession, and to rise continually to a higher level of thought and practice, character and dutifulness."—Christian World.

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LONDON'S SHOPLIFTERS.

Methods Employed by Some of the Stores to Avoid Arrests.

Though there is every appearance in all the great London shops that the public is to be trusted implicitly, an elaborate and carefully organized system of espionage prevails to circumvent the designs of the peripatetic thief and the marauding kleptomaniac. The invisible detective, whose office is some unsuspected gallery in the ceiling, whence from artfully designed peepholes in the molding he can survey the whole establishment, is the most successful foil to the shoplifter. But there are only a few shops so structurally designed that surveillance in this manner. Some of the "jewelry" treasure palaces are guarded doubly sure no attendant is without his satellite, who keeps a wary eye on the cases of gems exposed to the customers' inspection, standing at the salesman's elbow while he is showing them.

At all periods a careful watch is kept on those dress establishments that are patronized by women, but more especially at sale time, for it is then that covetousness overwhelms morality most easily, and the crowded state of unconcealed trifles. A manager of one of the largest establishments in the metropolis says it is in those departments that are not spacious that pilfering principally goes on and that in them detective supervision is always most acute.

Every shopwalker and counter attendant is in effect a detective, but there are some professionals who assume the guise of thieves to steal the goods of the customer to call the attention of the detective to him, not blatantly, but by prearranged sign. The detective then keeps the suspect under his immediate eye. In the large emporiums where women chiefly congregate the most efficient, because the least conspicuous, detectives are women, either employed as shopwalkers or as customers.

When an attendant misses or thinks he misses something or notices disturbing signs of thievery he speaks to the detective, who, as an elegantly garbed customer, seats herself in a position commanding a good view of the suspect and makes her purchases like any other woman, all the while gathering data upon which to proceed. The disguise assumed by the shop detective differs day by day.

If there be one result less desired by the shop proprietor than another it is to convict a kleptomaniac. Prosecutions do not forward business. The proprietor's policy is to prevent pilfering by every conceivable means. Hence a blind eye is turned to what is a theft in embryo, and the wretched shoplifter caught in the act of purloining a blouse under cover of her waterproof is asked whether the article may not be sent home for her. To the bulging umbrella or the gaping handbag the detective alludes with an apology, fearing that madam has inadvertently incommenced herself with something that fell from the counter.

First offenders are often cured by narrow escapes such as this from falling into the abyss that leads to the dock and gladly pay for the experience in cash of the realm as if they had all the while meant to purchase instead of to purloin the goods. Should instead of such a kind fall to lead the trespasser back into the paths of rectitude the manager's office is made the scene of more serious negotiations, on which it is well to draw the veil. But as a rule it does not.—London Mail.

A woman shows her weakness most in moments when firmness is expected.

Making Old Furniture.

Much work is done in New York city in the reproduction of colonial and English furniture, but the best of it costs more to do here than it does abroad. Large quantities of modern "antiques" are also made in Philadelphia and are extensively sold as genuine. The cleverest reproducers in the world are the French, who copy the minutest details with perfect accuracy. Old wood from sheds and barns is used for the backs and interior of articles of furniture, and imitations of old fashioned locks are soaked in water and made to be thickly covered with rust. Bird shot is fired into the reproductions to make them appear worn and eaten, and an ancient look is imparted to wood by prolonged polishing and hand rubbing.

How to Save Gas Bills.

A North Broad street man who has a passion for reading the out of town newspapers and also for answering many of the advertisements he finds in them tells this on himself:

The other day he answered an advertisement in one of the New York papers stating that for \$1 a method for saving gas bills would be sent.

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