

Why He Don't Gamble.

"I don't gamble," said a well known man about town, as he entertained some of his friends yesterday. "My father yoked me of it at the start. I used to be a wild sort of a boy even after I was in business. I stepped into my father's place one day and met two of my acquaintances and we fell to shaking dice. When we quit I walked out with \$75 in my pocket. The next day I was at my post and when the hour for closing came my father took me to one side and said: 'You were out last night?' I said yes. 'How late?' he asked. 'I told him until quite late. 'Shaking dice?' he inquired. 'I owned up. 'With—and—?' he said. 'I owned up again. 'You won \$75 from—?' he asked. 'I told him that was right. 'Have you got it with you yet?' I said I had. 'Let me have it,' he said, and I counted it out. 'I want to go and pay it back to—?' he said. 'He is going around town saying that you beat him out of it. You are my son and I don't want anything of that kind said about my family. Suppose you had been working for some one else? This report would have cost you your situation.' I got to think about it. I thought if that was the way men did who gambled with you it was better to drop them. And I have never shaken dice or played cards for money from that day.—Exchange.

The mother of the Emperor of China, no longer regent, and therefore free from cares of state, has turned frolicsome. This fact, which, says a Paris cable, will merely interest the world at large, fills with deep alarm her imperial majesty's Chinese boatmen, and this is why: To amuse herself, the Empress plays a game which only Chinamen can call by its name, which sounds like "mou heih," and is a sort of tag played in the dark. Latterly her majesty, not content with playing in a big dark room, has been playing on the big lake in the palace grounds without any lights, one boat trying to catch the other in the darkness. On this account the boatmen object. Some have run away and others are begging leave to resign, for the Chinese law is severe. They cannot refuse to race their imperial mistress around in the dark and the boatmen, who might drown her, however unwillingly, know that a painful death would be devised for themselves and all their families.

The hospital at Chicago shelters a genuine leper. His name is August Johnson; he is a native of Denmark; is twenty-one years old, and came to this country eighteen years ago. He arrived at the hospital Thursday afternoon and was placed in an isolated apartment in the contagious ward. Johnson lies in a room off from the contagious ward. He is hideous. His hands and hairless face are incrustated with scaly blotches of reddish brown. The face shows most distinctly the ravages of the horrible disease. The lower lids of the eyes are drawn down and turned inside out. The lips are blue and the nose is swollen to twice its natural size. His back and abdomen are covered with huge tubercles. These scales slightly change color from time to time.

Looking the matter up for curiosity's sake, it is found there are still on the pension rolls of the country 806 men who served in the war of 1812. The war ended seventy-three years ago. There were, as near as it can be got at, some 50,000 men who were recognized as having had a pensionable part in that war. If service in the late war turns out to be as conducive to longevity as that in the war of 1812, and the same proportion of veterans survive for a like period, we shall have, even as late as the year 1938, some 16,000 surviving veterans.

Gentleman: "And so you are a newspaper man, now, Uncle Bastus?" Uncle Bastus: "Yes, sah; I'm de editor of de job department." Gentleman: "Editor of the job department?" Uncle Bastus: "Yes, sah, I carries in coal, an' scrubs de floor, an' washes down de windows, an' all sech editin' as dat, sah."

St. Mary Review: The State Fair opens in Baton Rouge October 1st. Every parish produces something from its soil that would add to the interest of the fair, while the women who are so apt in handiwork should aid their efforts.

The Campaign Opened.

From the Detroit Free Press. At the Detroit and Milwaukee Depot yesterday a knot of waiting passengers were talking politics, when a young man with a crape band on his white hat came up and said: "Whar was Harmason? Yes, sir, whar was he?" "What do you mean?" asked one. "I mean that the Republican party nominated Harmason at Chicago. He is a good man. Victory will perch upon his banner. Bet you \$10 victory will." "Do you mean Harrison?" "Yes, sir, I mean Harrison. Man says I don't mean Harrington lies. Good man. Victory will perch. Can't help it. Bet you \$10!" "Aren't you a little off?" queried one of the group. "No, sir! Whar was Cleeland? Good man. Nominated by exclamation. Victory will perch. Bet you \$10 she will." "Do you mean Cleeland?" "Yes, sir, mean Cleeland. Any man who says I don't mean Cleelum has got to lick me! She's got to perch. Must perch. Bet you \$10 she'll perch." "Which side are you on, anyhow?" asked a voice. "Yes, sir. Whar am I? Good man. Victory bound to perch on me. Must perch. Got to perch or—"

And as a policeman led him off he continued: "Whar am I? Rested by exclamation, but I'll bet the judge victory perches. Can't help but perch. She's all tired out and got to perch. Rah fr Lincoln and McClellan!"

The New York Sun describes a country girl's visit to the city of boodle aldermen in this way: For a picture of rabid, gasping and transcendental bliss nothing exceeds the expression of a country girl who is visiting New York for the first time, and who is indulging in the bewildering attraction of ice cream soda water. This extraordinary combination apparently catches the palates of all our rural feminine visitors. For fifteen cents they get a glassful of the mixture, composed of soda water, pineapple syrup, scented cream, tufted franti ice cream, orange water ice and candy frozen hard and eaten by means of a long-handled silver spoon. It is a concoction that would drive a toper, who swallows a pint of benzine with ease, to the verge of the grave. The country girls sit on the stools with their feet stick under them, their shoulders humped and their heads bent forward consuming with slow and awful unction the sweetened stuff before them. Nothing ever disturbs them while at work, and when it is all over, they rise, and with a heartfelt sigh move along with backward glances of regret.

A loan of \$5,000,000 has been practically negotiated in England toward the completion of the great tunnel under the Hudson river at New York City. Since May, 1873, when the Company was incorporated, about \$2,000,000 has been expended for tunnel work. It is a twin tunnel, and the elevations have progressed about 2000 feet and 700 feet from the New Jersey and New York shores respectively. It is thought two years will be required to complete the most advanced underground channel, and it is estimated that \$10,000,000 will cover the cost of the tunnel exclusive of approaches.

Ruston Calligraph: Mr. A. J. Taylor planted five acres in corn as an experiment patch, two acres of very old land and the remainder less worn. On two acres he put four hundred pounds of cotton seed meal, two hundred pounds per acre, and on two acres more he used one hundred and fifty pounds per acre; one acre was not fertilized at all. He gathered the corn last week, the five acres yielding him by careful measurement 299 bushels. The cost of the meal used was \$8.95. How is this for a yield by old land with a little fertilizing?

As we have said before, and as we will probably say again, if the Southern planters will take advantage of the situation as it exists to-day, they will be in a position next year to thar's their stars that the jute bagging robbers stopped them in the road and demanded their purses. The farmers who have obligations should meet them promptly, and then, when this is done, boycott the jute bagging.—Atlanta Constitution.

This Won't do, Belva.

Belva Lockwood is a candidate for President, but she might as well withdraw. In a speech which she made the other day she destroyed her chances entirely. Among other things she said this: "If elected, I propose to do as other Presidents do." This settles Belva, and the sooner she quits the giddy whirl of politics the better. Her assertion means a great deal. Among other things it means that if elected President, Belva Lockwood will: Put her feet on the table sometimes, Chew tobacco, Miss the capspider nine shots in ten, Swear at the office seekers, Let the wind blow through her whiskers, Ride horseback without a saddle, Wear suspenders and a plug hat, And go fishing with Dan Lamont.

Do the American people want to see a female President do these things?—Rochester Post-Express. Winnie Johnson, a colored woman who died in Baltimore on Monday night last, weighed no less than 849 pounds. She was born in Henry county, Ky., in the year 1839, and at sixteen years of age weighed only ninety-six pounds. At the age of twenty-six her weight was 336, and it increased to 401 pounds when she was thirty-one years old, 511 pounds the next year, and to 635 pounds when she was forty-two. Her weight last January was 814 pounds, and last Saturday she turned the scales at 849 pounds. She was 5 feet 8 inches high, and measured 8 feet 10 inches around the body, 53 inches around the thigh, had a 22-inch ankle and wore an 8 1/2 shoe. She had ten children, two of whom survive her. Owing to her great weight, it was impossible to dress her body for burial. The undertakers took charge of the body, and not being able to find a coffin large enough, made a large box, 5 feet 11 inches long, 3 feet 8 inches wide, and 3 feet 2 inches deep. The box containing her body was lifted by eight men through the aperture made by the removal of a large bow window, and placed in an express wagon backed over the pavement to the window, no horse being sufficient to carry it.

A correspondent of the Times-Democrat writes, Sept. 7th, as follows: "I will give you my experience, which instead of costing money to destroy this terrible Coco grass, on the contrary pays the planter to try the experiment. The worst enemy of the coco grass is shade, and two crops of sweet potatoes will nearly wipe it out the first year. Plow your grounds early in January or February, and pass harrow one month later. Plant your first crop early in April, and the second at the end of July, and not later than August 1st, taking care to weed your hills until the vines cover them well, and you may be sure that if you do not kill all the coco the first year there will be very little left, and you can repeat next year to kill the balance."

Look out for the "Bake."—The Pittsburg Commercial Gazette gives this advice, and then goes on to describe such a character: "He is usually a good-looking fellow, who dresses well, talks glibly and knows how to make himself agreeable. His sole object in life is to own a rich father-in-law. He will take almost any woman regardless of looks or age—preferably one that is delicate—in order to get into a rich family. They never make good husbands, and generally prove to be very expensive luxuries. Any woman is better off as an old maid than as the wife of one of such men."

Ruston Calligraph: Hon. J. B. Williams, one of the liveliest and most progressive farmers of Morehouse parish, is said to have raised upon two acres of land planted in Mosby corn this year the magnificent yield of two hundred and fifty-four bushels, or 127 bushels per acre. This ought to be sufficient to convince the most skeptical that Louisiana is as good a corn country as any one need want.

Onachita Telegraph: With Boss Fitzpatrick in the U. S. Marshal's office and his protegee, Flynn, as Register of Voters, won't the old New Orleans ring flourish!

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Poisons and their Antidotes.

In these days of progressive horticulture and agriculture, when the use of poisons is becoming so common, accidents may happen, when it is well to know what antidote to apply in case of an emergency, when a physician is not convenient. Arsenic—Orsarsenic poisons, such as cobalt, paris green, London purple, etc., hydrated peroxide of iron. It can be made fresh by adding tincture of iron to water of ammonia. Use freely. Sugar of Lead—Epsom salts in water. Green and White Vitriol—Baking soda in water. Nitrate of Silver—Common table salt. Oxalic Acid—Lime water; use freely. Iodine—Common starch. Sulphuric, Nitric and Hydrochloric Acid—Baking soda in water. Corrosive Sublimate—White of eggs or wheat flour mixed with water. Creosote—White of eggs, milk, or wheat flour and water. Carbolic Acid—Olive or castor oil. Snake Bites—Spirits of ammonia on the wound, and large doses of whisky.—Ex.

Experiments have shown that bass, trout, codfish and other species of fish, may be frozen solid yet restored to vigorous life by immersion in cold water placed in the sunshine. This fact has suggested the use of this means of transporting fine specimens by the United States Fish Commission. A writer on the subject says: I would rather put one pair of old fish into a pond or stream which I wished to stock than a thousand young fry. It is certainly time that the money and literature expended on "fish farming" began to produce larger beneficial and practical results.

Baton Rouge Advocate That Shreveport is on a genuine and substantial boom, none will deny who will glance at the figures presented by the Democrat of that city. We compliment ourselves upon the amount of building done here in the past twelve months, but we are eclipsed by Shreveport. The list of handsome stores and buildings, including \$30,000 residences and the like, occupies nearly a column of the Democrat and aggregates the splendid sum of \$312,700. This is prosperity worthy of boasting. We raise our hat and say three cheers for Shreveport.

Save Your Sugar. Colman's Rural World. All housekeepers should know that sugar boiled with an acid, if it be but three minutes, will be converted into glucose, which is the form of sugar found in sweet apples. One pound of sugar has as much sweetening power as two and one quarter pounds of glucose. In other words, one pound of sugar stirred into the fruit after it is cooked, and while yet warm, will make the fruit as sweet as two and a quarter pounds added while the fruit is boiling.

Colonel W. G. Burt, of Bossier parish, has been appointed by the Governor Adjutant General of the Louisiana State Guard. Col. Burt is a native of South Carolina, moved to Bossier parish in 1866, and is now in his 46th year. He was a distinguished soldier in the late civil war.

The longest session of Congress on record covered 302 days. The present session has already lasted 286 days, and the end is not yet perceptible. It is probably safe to place the first session of the Fiftieth Congress at the top.

President Stallings has called a meeting of the Farmers' State Union to convene at Alexandria on the 18th inst., to take some action relative to the bagging trust.

Teacher—what is the plural of child? Boy (promptly)—Twins.

STRAYED FROM a pasture near the west side of Opelousas, about six weeks ago, a dark bay horse COLT with black mane and tail. The colt is about 2 years old and has no brand. Any person who will leave him at this office, or give any information concerning his whereabouts will be suitably rewarded. Opelousas, June 30, '88.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOR BOYS, Opelousas, La. The classes of this Academy will be re-inaugurated on Monday, the 2d of September. REV. G. RAYMOND, A. M. D. REV. J. F. RAYMOND. HENRY G. LEWIS. JOHN J. WILLOZ. Aug. 18-88.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR. \$250 Reward. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana. Whereas, information has reached me that during the night of Sunday, the 19th day of August, 1888, Ozema Pickett was brutally and atrociously killed and murdered in the town of Grandville, in the Southeastern portion of the parish of St. Landry; and whereas, up to this date clue has yet been found tending to the discovery of the perpetrator or perpetrators of such heinous crime. Now, therefore, I, Francis T. Nicholls, Governor of the State of Louisiana, have thought proper to issue this my proclamation, calling upon the good people of the parish of St. Landry, and of the neighboring parishes, to lend their aid and assistance in the discovery of the author or authors of this heinous and brutal crime, so that he or they may be brought to justice and dealt with as the law directs; and by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, I hereby offer a reward of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators of said crime. Given under the signature and the seal of the State of Louisiana, at the city of Baton Rouge, this 25th day of August, A. D. 1888. FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor of Louisiana. By the Governor: L. F. MARON, Secretary of State.

Circular from the State Fair Association. OFFICE OF THE LA. STATE FAIR, Baton Rouge, La., Aug. 4, 1888. At the State Fair, to be held at Baton Rouge during the first week of next October, great numbers of people are expected from all parts of the country and it is the desire of the Board of Managers to make a creditable exhibit of the products and industries of Louisiana. We feel confident that we can make such a display of our vast agricultural resources and varied industries as will attract the attention of those who visit us and at the same time be instructive and profitable. Already letters are being received from the West and elsewhere asking for information. All exhibits will be constantly under the protection of an efficient police force. Ample accommodations for stock, machinery, etc., have been provided and every facility will be afforded exhibitors for showing their goods to the best advantage. Apply at once for space. For catalogue, premium lists or other information address, J. B. MAGRUDER, Secretary, Baton Rouge, La.

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In Relation to the State Fair to be Held at Baton Rouge in October, 1888. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, State of Louisiana. Whereas, The Louisiana State Agricultural Society has provided for the holding of a State Fair on the grounds of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Baton Rouge, during the first week of October, 1888, and has appointed an Executive Committee composed of representative, energetic and capable citizens to direct and manage the same; and whereas, said Fair will undoubtedly be of great utility to this State in making known her resources and attractions and in affording her citizens excellent opportunity for observing the merits of different farm products and the improved means and methods employed in the mechanical and agricultural industries; and whereas, I, Francis T. Nicholls, Governor of Louisiana, have thought proper to issue this my proclamation, soliciting on behalf of the State the patronage of all friends of progress, development and progress, and particularly of all associations and citizens of every State, and urging them to contribute in every possible manner to the success of said Fair; and especially to urge upon them to procure for it such articles as will illustrate the physical geography of this State, her resources, her minerals, her products, her climate and her soil; and also such other articles as will exhibit her progress in the various arts and sciences. I furthermore request producers and manufacturers of other States to send their produce and wares for exhibition at this fair, promising them an inviting field for advertisement and patronage. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed this proclamation and caused the seal of the State to be hereunto affixed at the city of Baton Rouge this seventh day of June, A. D. 1888. FRANCIS T. NICHOLLS, Governor of Louisiana. By the Governor: L. F. MARON, Secretary of State.

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