County Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS:—You are requested to send in your letters as early as Saturday of each week, in order to insure prompt publication.

DUNDEE.

"Uncle Jake" submits the following poem to his readers with the hope that someone else in like circumstances will profit thereby.

DISGUSTED.

"I always had a sort o' sneakin' notion for that gal,
Until she gin herself away, an' married bow-legged Hal;
That soured me on her, by ginger, and she knowed it too;
Because she done the very thing I never s'posed she'd do.

You see I had been shinin' roun' her, thirteen years las' spring;
An' I was jist about to pop' an' settle up the thing;
When in switched Hal, the dirty sneak, an' stuck his nose between
An' somehow got the start of me, I call it "cussed" mean.

What business had he snortin' roun,' that gal belonged to me;
I don't believe she'd married him if he had let her be;
If I'd a only tho't on it two weeks ago, an' spoke,
These thirteen years of courtin' now, would not went up in smoke.

It makes me mad to think of it, that he is such a fool;
He goes ag'n all "etiiket" an' "parlimentry" rule;
I'll jist lay back, it wouldn't do to stir up any fuss,
It's worse on her, to live with that "uneducated cuss,"

There's plenty girls a wantin' me, but to begin anew,
An' do my courtin' onst again, when I was almost through,
It seems like startin' up a mill with water that is past;
It riles me when I think of it, that Hal is such an ass,

I never run agin a snag that made me feel so mean,
I never s'pected Hal to be so everlastin' green;
He really hasn't seen enough to last him half his life,
I wouldn't give a snap for him (italics for him please Mr. Printer) but hanker for his wife.

But never min' I've got a scheme, I'll raise some melons fine,
An' long afore they're half way ripe, I'll rip em off the vine.
I'll feed him one an' laugh to see him croakin' in a fit,
An' if he dies of stomach-ache, by gum I'll got her yet."

Luther Tripp was in town Monday. He is bothered with a lame back.

Does Uncle Jake's poem disgust you?

Fred Kleinsorge and Elmer Hesner went to Manchester Friday afternoon.

Wm. Chambers and family left for Thorpe Tuesday morning. We wish them success.

The M. W. A. has appointed Dr. Nash their medical examiner here.

Dr. Nash is waiting on J. B. Robertson of Thorpe.

Fred Meyen shipped a car of stock Wednesday. Chas. Preussner went in care of the car.

Glen Firman went to Dubuque Monday.

John Jacobs and daughter Emma were to Manchester Wednesday.

The Dundee News is evidently making a go of it. They appear like old hands at the business. Whatever the Dundee boys try to accomplish usually succeeds.

School at Pleasant Valley began the 16th, with Miss Emett teacher.

Night Agent Ellinger is confined to his bed with bowel trouble.

DELHI.

Chas. Doolittle was down from Greeley. Tuesday.

Ward White has gone to Oklahoma to spend the summer.

Peter Jakelin and family were recent visitors with friends at Thorpe

Mrs, Phoebe Woode is very low.

Will Sweeney is working in Greeley.

J. J. Kirkwood was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Andrews and Miss Jennie Ede were married Wednesday evening April 19., at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. L. H. Green. Many friends extend hearty congratulations.

Geo. White and wife were recent guests at the Voit home in Earlville.

Mrs. Spare and daughter Lucy of Waterloo visited friends in town last week.

Friends at this place have received the announcement of the marriage of Miss Alice Hunt to Ernest C. Smith, which occurred on Tuesday, April 18th. at the brides home in Fayette. They will make their home in Ann Arbor, Mich. Many friends of the young couple wish for them a happy and prosperous life.

Will Rimmer is night clerk at the Clarence house in Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McElmeel of Omaha, attended the funeral of Mrs. Noonan last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Haight were in Edgewood Friday.

Ed. Thompson of Mt. Pleasant is visiting friends at this place.

Ed. Horrie was up from Hopkinton Friday.

A party from Greeley were wolf hunting near here Saturday.

Tom Elder was down from Manchester, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boldman of Lamont are guests at the county farm.

An Old Folks Concert will be held Wednesday evening May 3rd. It promises to be a very entertaining affair. And all sho uld attend who can do so.

The M. E. Aid Society will meet Wednesday afternoon April 26th. with Miss Rena Dunham.

Miss Opal Stoner returned to Edgewood the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Simon were called to see their relative Julius Eldredge who was kicked by a horse Friday and died Saturday a. m. from the injuries he received. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Ers. Elizabeth Noonan died at her home in North Fork township, Monday a. m. April 17th. 1905. Mrs. Noonan was an old and highly respected resident of Delaware county. She was 71 years of age. Her husband Patrick Noonan died in 1899. She leaves five children to mourn, Thomas and Annie who live at home, Mrs. Josie McElmeel of Omaha and Mrs. Paul Oekler and Mrs. Oill Oekler of Delhi. The funeral services were held at the Catholic church in Worthington Wednesday.

Mrs. Maro McRennel Tubbs was born in Cornwasa, England May 10 1827. and died at her home in Delhi April 17th. 1905. She leaves three children Chas., Mrs. R. Breech and Mrs. Sarah Papineau. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L. U. Green.

EARLVILLE.

Mrs. Geo. Staehle, jr., is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Geo. Hunt entertained the E. W. C. in a very pleasant manner Thursday afternoon, proving that there is one woman in town who can keep a secret by inviting the better halfs of the members in to supper. The surprise was complete, and after spending the evening at flinch the guests departed, voting Mr. and Mrs. Hunt royal entertainers.

Miss Maud Joseph and Miss Lizzie Staehle were guests at the home of the former at Hopkinton over Sunday.

J. B. Taylor was born in Ashland county, Ohio, in 1830 and died at his home in Earlville April 16, 1905. When but a young boy he moved to Indiana with his parents, and came to Iowa, locating in Greeley in 1855, where he engaged in the mercantile business. In 1859 he come to Earlville and conducted various trades until 1872, when he started a livery stable which he was still running at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, one son, W. W, and one daughter, Mrs. C. A. Gillaim, of Waterloo, three grandchildren and one great grandson, and one sister in St. Louis. Mr. Taylor's friends were numberless and he will be greatly missed in this vicinity where he was so much interested in all that pertained to the elevation and upbuilding of the community. The funeral was held from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. B. W. Soper, officiating.

Dr. Eldredge transacted business in Dyersville Saturday.

Easter services were held at all the churches. Beautiful flowers were used in profusion for decorations.

Word was received here Saturday of the death of Mr. Landis, which occurred at Greeley that afternoon in an accident at the mill there. He was an uncle of Mrs. S. W. Klaus of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Jones of Dubuque visited relatives in town the forepart of this week.

Mr. Williston of Manchester transacted business in town one day last week..

Mrs. Caroline Voit entertained the members of the K. P. and Rathbone Sister lodges at her home on Tuesday evening in honor of her brother, John Werkmeister. The affair was a surprise and proved successful in every way. The evening was spent playing games. Refreshments were served and at a late hour the guests went to their various homes, wishing John many happy returns of the day, which by the way, was his birthday.

LAMONT.

Miss Kate Smith is visiting her brothers in Ransom, Kansas.

Mrs. H. A. vonOven and baby Wilda, departed for their new home at Beloit, Wis., Tuesday.

Mrs. Royal Reeder of Narcross, Minn., is visiting her Iowa relatives, the Sharp families.

Jas. Wilder has severed his connection with the Strawberry Point livery business and is at home in Lamont again.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will serve an Easter supper Wednesday (today) at the Thoruberg home.

Frank Sharp is now an employee in our creamery.

Bert Cook has quit work in the creamery.

Mrs. C. A. Kenyon entertained the Lamont Woman's Club Trio, April 21.

Mrs. Edward's mother and sisters departed for their home at Queen City Mo. last week.

Guy Larson is now station agent at Readlyn, Iowa.

H. C. Tuttle has just erected a fine granite monument in the Campton cemetary to mark the resting place of his deceased wife, Mrs. Cora Dunsmoore Tuttle.

Mrs. Harvey Foster will entertain the M. E. Home Missionary Society, Friday Apr. 28. Everybody invited.

Worth Bond will not be home to spend the summer vacation as he is teaching a school near Winnebago City, Minn. Worth's motto seems to be "I'll find a way or make one," to school himself. Hustling young men are praise-worthy characters.

Fred Gray is now a Manchester resident; going there to work.

Mrs. Thompson and Gray, our up-to-date milliners made an elegant display last week.

Mrs. Biglow is visiting her Putnam relatives and friends.

Bert Main is renewing acquaintances here after a two years' absence.

S. Popham was a business passenger to Wessington Springs, S. D., last week where was looking after his land.

Mrs. Alfred Anderson entertained her sister Mrs. Brown of Blairstown, last week. The two visited their parents Minor Bradley and wife of Aurora, a few days.

Mrs. Sport Jakelin and family entertained her sisters Mrs. Colby and Miss Florence Clark of Moneta, Iowa and niece Miss Edna Howard last week.

Mesdames Hesner and Rule visited Elmer Hesner and family and Ivan Herner at Dundee last week.

STRAWBERRY POINT.

Mrs. Harley Everetts of Manchester spent Friday and Saturday with her parents, L. Matison and wife. Mrs. Everetts informs us that Mr. Everetts will have charge of the Spring Branch creamery soon.

Mrs. T. Dunning and Miss Addie went to Chicago Wednesday evening where the latter will receive treatment for her eyes.

Mrs. C. B. Madison of Edgewood was calling on friends Friday.

A. O. Kingsley and B. B. Davis were Arlington callers last Wednesday.

A number from Manchester, Greeley, Edgewood and other places attended Mrs. Holbert's funeral last Friday.

E. E. Griffin, "knight of the grip" spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. Bertha Conbory of Algona spent Wednesday at the home of her uncle, G. W. Roe.

Will Glass of Dundee transacted business here Saturday.

Miss Bessie Alderson of Fayette spent Friday with relatives.

Miss Rosa Schug departed last Wednesday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., after an extended visit with her parents, J. F. Schug and wife.

Harriet Annet Holbert, oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas S. Lang. was born in Avon, Lorain county, Ohio, Feb. 23rd, 1848. When seven years of age she came with her parents to Iowa and here she grew to womanhood and most of her life here was spent in this and adjoining counties. On July 4th, 1872, she was united in marriage to Warren F. Holbert, whose loss she was called to mourn Jan. 10th, 1899, after twenty-seven years of happy life together. In 1887 she with her family came to Strawberry Point where she has since resided. To this union three children were given, Harry B., who died January 7th, 1898, Maud E. and Joseph L., who with her mother, Mrs. N. S. Lang, two sisters and six brothers remain to mourn the loss. For eighteen years she has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was for years a teacher in the Sunday school and was always active in the work of the church where the loss will be greatly felt. Though for some months her health had not been good it was a shock to all when the end came and she sank peacefully to rest April 19, 1904, at the age of 57 years, one month and 26 days. The family have the sympathy of all in their loss. Funeral services occurred at the M. E. church Friday, Rev. O. C. DePuy assisted by Rev. Hestwood, officiated. The Eastern Star Lodge, of which she was a member, attended in a body.

Ralph Barnes of Delhi spent Friday at his parental home.

DYERSVILLE.

(From the Commercial)

Cool Williams was down from Manchester Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krapfl, of New Vienna, were visiting their relatives in the city the fore part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Klostermann and daughter, of New Vienna, were noticed among the many visitors in this city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Nurre and daughters of Petersburg were trading and visiting relatives in Dyersville Monday.

Henry Scherbering of Petersburg was among the many out-of-town business visitors here.

Miss Nurre of Petersburg visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Bagge on Monday.

Miss Fronie Nachtman went to Manchester Wednesday morning for a visit with friends.

The marriage of Mrs. Kate Kortenkamp and Joseph Wessel, both of this city will be solemnized in St. Francis church the first week in May.

Mrs. Henry Forkenbrock, who had been in the hospital at Milwaukee for the past two months, returned home Tuesday afternoon much improved in health. John Forkenbrock, who has been visiting at various places the past ten days, accompanied her home.

F. J. Domayer, of Algona, Iowa, who came here to attend the funeral of his brother, the late George Domayer, which was held at Petersburg last Thursday, returned home Tuesday morning.

Among some of the farmers in the vicinity of New Vienna, who were visiting and transacting business in Dyersville the fore part of the week we noticed: Messrs. Frank Bunker, Anton Klaus, Fred Grommerisch, Clem Wilhelm, and Chris Koopmann.

THORPE.

Will Chambers of Dundee moved his family into his residence in this city Tuesday.

Mrs. N. S. Martin and Alice Billhorn were Strawberry Point visitors last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Jim Robertson and Misses Bessa and Cassidy were in Manchester Saturday.

A few of our young folks attended the dance at Mr. Everett's last Friday night.

Dr. Nash of Dundee was called here Friday to see Grandpa Robertson, who is quite ill at this writing.

Geo. Kieth visited at W. First's last Friday.

Miss Anna Wilburn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will White.

Lydia Parsons spent Sunday at home.

Geo. Kieth has purchased Mr. Brady's lot.

Mrs. Fred Frentress called on J. B. Robertson Saturday.

Miss Carrie Boots is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dick White.

COFFIN'S GROVE.

Mrs. Grant Atkins and Mrs. Albert Reeves were calling in the Grove last week.

We notice Will Lepley is back attending to his farm again.

M. C. VanAlstyn has returned from his trip to Michigan.

J. Preston had his horse badly frightened by an automobile last week and it was injured while rearing and jumping around.

Miss Edna Kelly has been helping Mrs. Walter Hillier this week.

Mrs. John Smith left last Monday Monday morning for Kansas City, Mo. to doctor with a doctor in that city.

I see no mention in the Masonville news of the advent of the baby girl at Hiram New's on the 12th. of April. Mrs. New will be remembered here as Anna Cook.

Mrs. George VanAuken was calling in the Grove, Friday.

All the Grove is surely smiling.
Just in gladness and in glee,
As the news came out this morning.
Ti'a a baby boy, you see,
With a step so light and springy
He can do his own work now,
For that boy has come to help him
Plant his corn and hold the plow.
Yes, Jenk Evans is as happy,
And his laughter loud and free.
When he takes the census next time,
About his own son—You will see.

EAD'S GROVE.

Will Odell and wife visited at Winfield Lash's last Sunday.

John Millard of Almoral was seen in this neighborhood on Monday.

Mrs. J. T. Fowler went to Greeley last Friday to help care for her young granddaughter Mildred Fowler who was threatened with pneumonia. The child being somewhat improved, Mrs. Fowler returned home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lash were Manchester visitors on Thursday.

Our Delaware county telephone line has been divided between Sam Way's and Fred Timm's, leaving but five patrons on the north end of the line.

Harry Sackett says some one jayhawked about one hundred and fifty new fence posts from him recently They were corded near the road.

Jake Moser and family visited Rudy Moser near Delaware on Sunday.

John Cropp, a former Ead's Grover is the proud father of a baby girl born on Saturday April 15.

There were ten Rebekah's who went from here to Edgewood on Tuesday eve to witness the initiation of fifteen candidates by the Greeley staff.

Mrs. Isaac Fisher of Greeley visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frentress on Friday.

EDGEWOOD.

Cal Kirk and daughter Maggie were Greeley visitors Tuesday.

J. M. Robinson went to Chicago Tuesday with a carload of hogs.

Mrs. John Sevey was in Manchester last week helping care for her daughter Mrs. George Cross.

Charley Hammond has returned home from Roger, North Dakota where he has been engaged in teaching.

Lon Hubble and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Hubble at Greeley last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Humphrey and children have moved to Atkinson, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Densmore, Mrs. Julia Hubble and Mrs. Maria Simms were in Manchester Monday.

Charley Hesner came home from Dubuque Monday.

Blaine Robbins left Tuesday morning for Graettinger, where he will work during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ullman were Strawberry Point visitors Monday.

Sheriff Hennessey and Dode McCormick of Manchester were in town on business last Thursday.

SAND SPRINGS.

Miss Ursula Arduser of Monticello visited her cousin, Miss Kate Lang and other friends here over Sunday.

Mr. Chas. Reeve of Hopkinton was in town on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Kowalsky and two children, Jessie and Clara visited friends in Monticello Thursday.

Mr. Moulton of Hopkinton was in town Thursday.

Mr. Matthiessen and family were visiting in Monticello Friday.

Mrs. John Schuster visited her mother, Mrs. John McDonough last week.

The organ for the high school was received Friday ahd is a fine instrument.

John McDonough was in Hopkinton last Sunday.

Mr. Husmann and daughter Mary visited in Monticello Friday.

Quite a number from here attended the Easter dinner given by the ladies of the M. E. church at Hopkinton Saturday.

Miss Daisy Davis has been quite ill.

Ed Miller of Hopkinton visited friends here Sunday.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Grommon visited at the home of Chas. Davis of Rock Prairie Sunday of last week.

Mrs. G. B. Davis was in Manchester Tuesday of last week.

J. G. Daker and R. E. Grommon had business in Manchester last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis helped to care for Mrs Phoebe Wood who is very low, last Thursday night.

J. W. Hartman was a business caller in Delhi last Thursday.

Mrs. R. E. Grommon spent Thursday at J. P. Belchers.

Tillman Grapes was a business caller in Manchester last Wednesday.

Mrs. Bates was in Manchester Friday.

Mrs. Byron Clark and daughter Ollie of Delhi were calling in this neighborhood last Frlday.

Miss Ollie Clark of Delhi visited over Sunday with her friend Elvira Hartman.

The friends of Noah Minkler had a second dancing party at the home of his mother, Mrs. C. H. Davis, last Friday evening, the proceeds to buy a chair for him. Noah it will be remembered is the young man who was so severly injured by a fall about a year ago; he is so far recovered as to be able to sit up and be wheeled about in an invalid chair.

HOPKINTON.

Lenox was defeated in base ball by the U. I. U. 15 to 0.

The college chapel is being frescoed.

Affie Wilson, daughter of Mathew Wilson died very suddenly Thursday.

Everyone who had new clothing and easter bonnets had a good day to wear them.

Merrit Campbell who is on the staff of the Davenport Times is visiting at home.

Mr. I. T. Wilson says "Its a boy.',

Mrs. Huggens was found dead in bed Wedneseay morning. She was calling on the sick Tuesday night at nine o'clock.

M'GAHAN AND SCOBELEFF.

The Newspaper Man's Picture of the Great Russian General.

McGahan was the correspondent who first described to Europe the Bulgarian atrocities. What a brilliant creature he was, with his steel blue eyes, his face as delicately chiseled as though it were of marble, his lithe, light frame and that suggestion of absolute courage, iron resolve, underneath the almost feminine thiness of the features. He was one of the intimates of Scobeleff—indeed, the men were so attached to each other that Scobeleff nearly always insisted that McGahan should share his tent with him, and McGahan was in the tent of Scobeleff the night after the disastrous assault on Plevna. Scobeleff was, said McGahan, a wonderful picture of the horrors and terrors of war. His face was black with powder, his uniform was in rags, and his sword was twisted like a corkscrew. It is evident from this description that Scobeleff took part with his own hand in some of the work of the day. There was a sequel, by the way, to this picture. I am not quite sure whether McGahan published it, but he told it to me. Scobeleff was always a dandy. Even in leading a charge he was dressed with dandical precision. In the middle of the night McGahan was woke up, and he saw Scobeleff dressing himself with great care, putting on a new uniform and even perfuming his hair and clothes. And then came another transformation. Scobeleff, his elaborate toilet finished, sat down on his bed and burst into a shower of tears and a tempest of sobs, thinking over all his poor men who had been so vainly sacrificed in the attempt to gain the fortress.—London M. A. P.

SHE GOT HER BAGGAGE.

Mrs. Isabella Bishop Was a Self Possessed Traveler.

Mrs. Isabella Bishop, whose travels in different parts of the world secured for her membership in the British Royal Geographical society, visited America when she was a young woman. She was unused to travel and was alone when she had the following experience:

Once in a train going to New York she was dreadfully tired, and yet she had a feeling that if she went to sleep the man sitting next her would pick her pocket. She struggled for some time against her inclination to sleep; but, having for a moment given way, she awakened to feel the hand of her neighbor gently withdrawing her purse from her pocket.

In her purse, besides some money, which was, comparatively speaking, of small moment, was her baggage check. That was the only thing that really mattered. If she accused her neighbor of theft, nothing was simpler for him than to drop the purse out of the open window beside which he was sitting. No; she determined she would leave any interference until they arrived at their destination.

She secured the services of a porter and, with apparent calmness, followed her traveling companion down the platform. Having described her baggage to the porter, she at the critical moment bowed slightly to the pickpocket and, with an airy smile, said, "This gentleman has my baggage check." And he immediately presented it to her.

A Well Conducted Riot.

In 1767, irritated by the high price of provisions, the poor people of England rose in many parts and seized the corn from the flour mills, which they sold at reasonable prices, giving the money to the rightful owners—a well conducted riot that caused a law to be passed against the eighteenth century cornering of wheat. But, a severe winter following, the distress became so great that the London common council ordered $5,000 to be subscribed out of the city funds and that "a subscription book should be opened for the donations of all well disposed persons." "By this noble plan," says a writer of that time, "great numbers of people were happily relieved from the most abject state of distress."

Wax Matches.

Wax matches, so called, are made by drawing strands of fine cotton thread, twenty or thirty at a time, through melted stearin, with a small admixture of paraffin. The wax hardens quickly upon the threads, and the long tapers thus produced are smoothed and rounded by pulling them through iron plates perforated with holes of the desired size. Finally the tapers are cut into match lengths and dipped.

The Besetting Sin of "Gentlemen."

All people above the condition of laborers are ruined by excess of stimulus and nourishment, clergy included. I never yet saw any gentleman who ate and drank as little as was reasonable. Looking back on my past life, I find that all my miseries of body and mind have proceeded from indigestion.—Sydney Smith's Confession.

Knew Him.

He was looking for a rich wife and thought he was on the trail. "I love you," he said in soft, warm tones. "more than I can tell in words."

"You'd better try figures," she replied coldly, for she was not so green as she looked.

The "Governor" Was Enough.

"Charles, have you ever considered going into any business?"

"Naw. The governor wanted me to last yeah, but I told him, dontcherknow, it was enough to have one tradesman in the family."—Judge.

The readiest and surest way to get rid of censure is to correct ourselves.—Demosthenes.

A Witness' Retort.

Curran once so far forgot himself as to tell a witness whose evidence he wished to discredit that there was scoundrelism reflected in his face. "I was never before aware that my face made such a good mirror," retorted the other. The answer was all the more pointed from the fact that Curran, despite his unrivaled forensic qualities, had a somewhat evil visage.

Sanitary Instinct.

Modern Mother—Why, child alive, what are you taking off that dolly's clothes for? Modern Child—I'm goin' to zamine her to see if she's been vaccinated. I can't have 'er spreadin' 'tagion among my other dollies.—Baltimore American.

A Reasonable Hypothesis.

Johnny—Pa? Father—Well? Johnny—Do you laugh in your sleeve 'cause that's where your funny bone is?—Town and Country.

Every year the world puts on its food $4,000,000 worth of pepper.

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"I was wondering if some one was trying to make a 'killing,'" he explained as he slipped the pack back in his pocket. "It would be an easy matter to steer some fellow up against those cheap cards and then profit by your knowledge of the markings on the back. He would never suppose that cards purchased upon the street could be regarded with suspicion.

"Marked backs have largely given way to advantage playing between two apparent strangers or to the manipulation of the deal, but it is no uncommon thing to plant marked cards when the probable results warrant it.

"I know a man who for three years played cards in a club and for the greater part of that time he could read the backs as easily as he could the face. His run of luck was remarkable, but he never dealt crookedly and he never used any mechanical aid, so that it was supposed that his good fortune was merely poker luck.

"As a matter of fact the cards supplied to the steward were 10 cents a pack cheaper than they sold at wholesale. He thought that they were being stolen from a firm by an employee, and his purchases of cards were shrouded in the deepest sort of mystery.

"Actually the cards were purchased in another city, marked and sent on to the man who acted as salesman, and every pack was paid for at the regular rate and represented a loss to the seller, which was repaid a thousand-fold in the advantage it gave the player. The club was composed of wealthy men, and the cleanup was something more than $40,000.

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