INTEREST IN THE UTAH IRON FIELDS

Figures That Illustrate Why Deposits Attract Attention.

COUNTRY'S PRODUCTION

OVER 16,000,000 TONS OF PIG IRON LAST YEAR.

Every day witnesses more and more interest in the iron deposits of Utah. It is believed that influences are now at work that must shortly result in something being done with the mammoth deposits of the finest iron in the world, which exist in Iron couhty. Last year the United States alone produced 16,560,000 tons of pig iron. This means that approximately 40,000,000 tons of iron ore was reduced in the furnaces of the great steel and iron works of the country. Even though accustomed to dealing with large figures and perfectly at home in affairs of magnitude, one would have to think twice before he could comprehend what such a vast tonnage of iron ore meant, but once the full meaning of it is grasped it will not be hard to reason why the big operators of the country are now sidling up to Utah and laying the wires which must finally be charged and put in operation to kindle the fires of another great industry within the borders of this state.

Just at this time it will be interesting to Utah men to know what the world is doing in the matter of producing iron from ore. The following table gives the number of tons of pig iron produced by the world during 1903 and 1904.

	1903.	1904.
United States	18,099,252	16,560,000
Germany	9,926,251	10,000,000
Great Britain	8,811,204	8,400,000
France	2,782,986	2,900,000
Russia	2,351,250	2,850,000
Austria-Hungary	1,446,800	1,575,000
Belgium	1,197,275	1,250,000
Sweden	498,825	500,000
Spain	374,274	250,000
Canada	265,418	250,000
Italy	42,666	75,000
Other countries	295,799	45,000,000
Totals	46,000,000	45,000,000

The world's production in 1905 bids fair to exceed 1903, which was the record. The United States will probably furnish an increase over 1903, instead of the heavy decrease shown in 1904, while other countries are more likely to show increases than decreases.

ANOTHER PROVO COMPANY.

Organized to Mine in Slide Canyon, Utah County.

Provo, Feb. 26.—Articles of incorporation of the Copper Queen Mining company have been filed with the county clerk. The company is organized to do a general mining business, with Provo as the place of the general offices. The capital stock is 350,000 shares of the par value of 5 cents each, based on the valuation of the Copper Queen and Copper Queen No. 1 mining claims, situated in Slide canyon, east of Provo. The officers of the company are William D. Alexander, president; George S. Moore, vice president; William H. Freshwater, secretary, and treasurer, and George D. Moore, general manager, and these, with J. W. Lamb, form the directorate.

A deed from T. M. Allman and others conveying the Copper Queen and Copper Queen No. 1 mining claims to the Copper Queen Mining company for a consideration of $17,500, was filed with the county recorder today.

VIRGIN RIVER GOLD.

Two Men Take Out $1,500 in Placer Nuggets in Five Weeks.

According to the Caliente Express, Mert Bulmer, George Weston and Nic Flemming, owners of the Bull Dog and Keswick free gold mines on the Virgin river, report having encountered a three-fot vein of decomposed oxidized quartz at a depth of forty-five feet in the bottom of the shaft, and after breaking through this formation eight feet struck a bed of clay and black sand. They went through this five feet to bedrock and took out $650 in small nuggets and coarse gold. They then drifted twelve feet on bedrock, following the course of an old creek, and in five weeks took out over $1,500 in placer gold.

They kept the matter quiet and located five more claims, and are now en route to Denver, their home, with the gold. They will return within two weeks and put in machinery for extracting and treating their gold. It is anticipated that they will attempt to hydraulic from the river twenty-five feet to the present workings.

RUSH FOR GOLDFIELDS.

Fifteen Thousand Tickets Sold For Excursions From the East.

Within the next week the railroad companies of the country expect to begin the work of transporting 30,000 eager fortune-hunters from the different cities of the east to the gold fields of southern Nevada. A. H. Rising, division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company at Reno, said:

"That the influx of people coming into Reno in the next two or three weeks will be the greatest ever in the history of any country, will be noted from the fact that there have been up to today more than 7,000 tickets sold in Chicago for Goldfield as well as 8,000 from St. Louis for the same place. Just where all these people will sleep and eat is a hard matter at this time to conjecture, but it is not unlikely that they will be well taken care of in some manner."

The rates to the gold fields and California begin next Tuesday night. Fifteen special trains will leave Chicago and St. Louis at that time, and other specials as fast as the railroads can serve the people.

GOLD FROM SEA WATER.

Simple Scheme to Gull the Credulous Being Tried in Australia.

At Byron bay, New South Wales, Australia, the most extensive and costly plant ever built to operate the old-time "fake"—that of extracting gold from sea water—has lately been completed, says the Mining and Scientific Press. As described by the Town and Country Journal, it comprises a basin connected with the sea and having a capacity of 40,000 gallons. It is supplied with a high-tide inlet pipe and a low-tide outlet pipe, each provided with a valve.

At high tide the gold-bearing water is allowed to run into the tank where the operation of ostensibly extracting the gold is gone through, and at low tide the non-auriferous tailings water is allowed to escape into the ocean again. It is calculated to theat 18,000 gallons per day, and an extraction of one-half grain, or about 2 cents per ton, it is claimed, will yield a profit.

The cost of this outfit thus far is said to have been nearly $15,000. It is the intention to cover the bottom and sides of the tank with canvas. After a tank of water has been discharged there remains on the floor and sides of the tank a coating of sediment, which will be pumped up to a tank and the syanide process in some form applied and the gold recovered.

All the power required about the plant is furnished by the waves, and, as the operations are largely automatic, the expense will be very low. As the sea water is supposed to contain from 5 to 10 cents per ton, the manipulators can figure a handsome profit on paper.

This old-time swindle has been operated in various parts of th eworld in all sorts of guises at intervals for many years past. Many devices calculated to impose on the ignorance of the public generally have been devised, such as evaporation of the water and separation of gold from the mineral salts, electro-plating the gold on copper plates suspended in the water, precipitation of the gold by ferrous sulphate and other equally visionary schemes, which would be likely to appeal to the credulity of those seeking investment; but this last effort surpasses in boldness and magnitude anything yet attempted in this direction.

It is strange that the proposition has been permitted to advance so far in a country where the mineral production is under such strict government control.

MINE MANAGEMENT.

Success Depends Largely on Organization of Operating Force.

To achieve success in mining much depends upon the proper organization of the operative forces, says the Mining and Scientific Press. The manager need not of necessity be able to "put in a hole," build a skip or design a head frame or mill, but he must have that which distinguishes generals and the leaders of all great enterprises—executive ability. If he is not a practical workman himself, and has not had techincal training, then, if he would be successful, he must surround himself with men who have these very necessary qualifications, for this is what the successful manager will always do, even though he has had technical training and practical experience, for he knows he cannot undertake the details of management. He is not omnipresent, and therefore cannot be in the mine or reduction works at the same time that his presence may be needed at the electric power station—situated, perhaps, several miles distant.

The careful manager will not disdain to place the responsibility of superintendence of the several departments of the industry under his general care in the hands of competent men. He will require good men to look after the mining, mechanical, metallurgical, and probably electrical branches, and in some instances these several divisions are subdivided still further.

There are men who have the destinies of a mining enterprise placed in their hands by their friends who admire them for their success in merchandising and their strict integrity but whose knowledge of mining amount to nothing. In the new position there is often a strong temptation to undertake the entire responsibility of designing and ordering equipment and the direction of all mechanical, engineering and metallurgical features—with what result the history of mining the world over affords abundant unfortunate evidence. A rich mine may possibly pay with any kind of management, but mines of this description are more rare than the over-confident but inexperienced managers.

Mining Notes.

Word from Superintendent John Cleghorn of the Utah-Goldfield company is to the effect that in stripping the ledge on the company's claims he is encountering good values.

On the 1st of the month the Minnie Moore management will begin to sink a shaft from the 1,000-foot level, which will go 300 feet or possibly deeper. A new skip arrived recently, which will be placed in the new shaft as soon as possible.

An industrious statistician has figured out that the United States, which has only 5 per cent of the world's population, produced in 1900 30 per cent of the world's gold; 32 per cent of its coal; 33 per cent of its silver; 35 per cent of its iron; 38 per cent of its steel; 50 per cent of its petroleum, and 54 per cent of its copper. This is an interesting record of how great we are in the mineral industry.

Kingman Miner: Charles Ruter, at one time manager of the Guggenheim smelters, arrived in Kingman a few days ago and has gone to the Cyclopic mines, of which property he will make a thorough investigation in the interest of eastern people. Mr. Ruter is one of the brightest mining men in the west and knows more about the ores of Mohave county than any man in the United States. For years he handled practically all the ores shipped to the smelter from Walleapai mining district. He will be here for some weeks.

Mining and Scientific Press: There are many things in the methods of working coal mines and in surface equipment which might be adopted with advantage by metal mines, where conditions warrant it, but they are seldom seen in practice. There is more in common in the two classes of mining than is generally supposed by those who are familiar with only one or the other kind of mine. The drainage methods of coal mines in particular could, in many places, be applied in metal mines and effect marked economy, but metal miners are inclined to follow rather closely the practice and traditions of the past, and do not think of looking to coal miners for instruction or hints.

He Was Too Previous.

(Cincinnati Enquirer.)

Bishop Ellison Capers of South Carolina recently addressed a meeting of Confederate veterans in Columbus.

In the course of his address Bishop Capers spoke of those men who deceive their wives, pretending that they are detained late at their offices on business, when really they are spending the evening at their offices or the club.

"These men," he said, "are fewer than the comic writers of the press would have us believe, but nevertheless here and there, they do exist. I wish that they could all be caught as nicely as one of them, a resident of Columbus, was caught the other day.

"He said to his wife, as he was leaving home in the morning:

"'Oh, by the way, my dear, if I find I cannot get away from the works in time for dinner tonight I'll send you a note by a messenger.

"The wife in a tart tone replied:

"'You needn't bother. I have already found the note in your coat pocket.'"

Distressing.

(San Antonio Express.)

Mrs. Hetty Green, the noted financier, was talking about the vicissitudes of housekeeping.

"Accidents occur in housekeeping," she said, "as distressing and horrible as any that occur in the world of finance.

"A woman of Bellows Falls gave a party last year. Pie was served at the party, apple pie with the crust very prettily ornamented.

"The woman called the cook into the dining room.

"'Mary,' she said, 'this crust looks very nice. How did you scallop it so beautifully?'

"'With your false teeth, mum,' the cook answered."

His Scriptural Verse on Love.

(Los Angeles Times.)

A Paris Sunday school teacher explained to her pupils that without love the world would be a poor place for children and for all helpless and infirm persons.

"Next Sunday," she said, "I want each of you to come prepared to recite a scriptural verse about love."

The next Sunday the children had all prepared their verses. One had, "Love your enemies," another, "Little children, love one another," and so on.

Finally a small boy with red hair arose. He began in a loud, shrill voice: "Song of Solomon, second chapter, fifth verse." And then he recited:

"Stay with me, flagons, comfort me with apples; for I am sick of love."

DANGER FROM SAN JOSE SCALE

Lime, Salt and Sulphur Spray Should Be Applied at Once.

CHECK EVILS IN ORCHARDS

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STATE BOARD OF HORTICULTURE.

The following circular has been issued by the state board of horticulture for the benefit of growers of fruit in this state:

For use upon deciduous fruit and ornamental trees infested with San Jose, elm tree or other scale insects, for twig borers, apides, and other injurious insects, for shot hole fungus, and as a preventive of curl leaf on peach trees, the state board of horticulture recommends the application, before the buds swell in the spring of the lime salt and sulphur spray. This most useful orchard disinfectant is made as follows:

Unslacked lime, 40 pounds; sulphur, 20 pounds; salt, 15 pounds; water to make 60 gallons.

Place 10 pounds of lime and 20 pounds of sulphur in a boiler with sufficient water to slack. After thoroughly slacking add more water and boil over a brisk fire for not less than one hour and a half, or until the sulphur is thoroughly dissolved. When this takes place the mixture will be of an amber color. Next place in a cask 30 pounds of unslacked lime, pouring over it enough hot water to thoroughly slack it, and while it is boiling add the 15 pounds of salt. When this is dissolved, add the lime and sulphur in the boiler and cook for half an hour longer, when the necessary amount of water to make the 60 gallons should be added. Strain into the spray barrel and apply while fresh and warm with a good strong spray pump.

Simpler Method of Spraying.

For small areas, flower or rose gardens, a simpler method of making this spray is given below, but is not recommended as fully effective as the above:

Into a 40-gallon barrel place 20 pounds best fresh unslacked lime. Into another vessel—a wash tub will do—put in 10 pounds of flowers of surphur, and slowly pour over the sulphur one gallon or more of boiling water, stirring constantly until a perfect sulphur paste is formed. This accomplished, pour six gallons of boiling water over the lime in the barrel and immediately add the sulphur paste. Cover the barrel with an old blanket and let it cook with its own heat for thirty minutes, stirring occasionally with a garden hoe and adding hot water as needed to keep the lime from settling and prevent its burning. When thoroughly combined add enough water to make 30 gallons, put in 7½ pounds of salt and stir till this is dissolved. Strain into the spray barrel and apply to dormant trees while fresh and quite warm.

The San Jose scale is so firmly established in two of the counties of the state, Weber and Utah, especially in the former, that its extermination is now out of the question. The scale must therefore be recognized as a permanent factor to be regularly dealt with as are other insect evils or the fungus diseases of plants.

Dangers of San Jose Scale.

By the greatest care in the introduction of nursery stock the San Jose scale may be kept out of districts now free from it for years, perhaps, and the orchardist is warranted in adopting every precaution possible to avoid the introduction of this scale. Planters should insist on having the nursery stock they buy thoroughly fumigated with hydrocyanic gas, as the regulations of the horticultural board require, before sent out from the nursery.

While one is undoubtedly justified in holding that the San Jose scale is to be a permanency, it by no means follows that the profitable growth of deciduous fruits is seriously menaced on this account. The experience in California, covering many years, has abundantly demonstrated that this scale insect can be controlled, and the more recent experience in the east points indubitably to the same conclusion. In other words, by proper repressive and remedial treatment, the value of which has been demonstrated by much practical experience, a norchard can be protected from serious injury and kept in a good paying condition so far as influenced by the San Jose scale.

Unwise and Wasteful Course.

In view of the above, it is certainly very unwise and wasteful to dig up and burn a large portion of an orchard because it is infested with this scale insect (if the orchard is in good condition otherwise), especially since the replanted stock, even if clean when purchased, would with little doubt be in the same condition of infestation in a very short time.

The lime, salt and sulphur spray, when properly prepared and applied, is the standard remedy all over the west and is largely so in the east, for keeping the scale under complete control, and is confidently recommended to Utah orchardists. JOSEPH H. PARRY,

Secretary State Board of Horticulture.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Fraternal Brotherhood.

Initiations will be the order of the evening at the regular meeting of Utah lodge, No. 365, Fraternal Brotherhood, Friday evening at Electrical Workers' hall. This will be the last regular meeting of the lodge under the special dispensation order, and there will be a large number of candidates to be initiated at that time. A large attendance of members is desired. State Organizer W. H. Malona and wife will be present and will pay the lodge a farewell visit before departing for California.

Salt Lake lodge, No. 18, held its regular meeting at Federation of Labor hall Tuesday evening last. Nine applications for membership were received and three new members were initiated. Brother President Walter King furnished the refreshments. Tomorrow evening this lodge will give a public ball at Federation of Labor hall. All are invited.

Improved Order of Red Men.

Washakie tribe, No. 1, met Monday evening. The attendance was not as large as could be desired. A reply has been received from the great incohonee stating he would issue a dispensation granting the consolidation of Washakie and Tawawa tribes, and as soon as a deputy has been appointed the same will become effective. The deputy's commission is apt to arrive at any time, when measures will be taken looking to the union of the two tribes. This evening a full attendance is desired, as preliminary elections will be held, appointive chieftaincies discussed and the formation of a new degree team undertaken. Much important business will come up for consideration.

Mohawk tribe No. 5 met Saturday evening and conferred the degree work on four palefaces.

Fraternal Union of America.

Evergreen lodge, No. 151, had no meeting last Monday, but the members gave a complimentary entertainment and card party to their friends. The entertainment was a decided success in every way and many applications for membership were secured during the evening. The programme furnished was as follows:

Piano selection .....Arthur Frees
Song ..... Miss Alice Johnson
Duet .....
....Miss Mary and Eugene Holiday
Song ..... Miss Millie Williams
Remarks on fraternity.. Geo. Smithen
Piano selection ...Miss Rachel Folsom
Comic song .....Miss Millie Levy
Barnyard imitations .....Sid Chalker
Song ..... Miss Rhea Levy

After the programme, the evening was spent in progressive high five, Miss Alice Johnson winning the women's first prize and Mr. Peterson the men's first prize.

Tonight the members expect one of the largest meetings of the winter, as there is some important business to transact. All members have been notified by mail to be present. Tonight, also, will be the initiation night and the full degree team will be required.

Tomorrow the low-rate dispensation closes, and it is the last day for this month's assessment. Members not knowing the address of the secretary will find him at 128 K street or may address him, postoffice box 1068, or at the lodge room every Monday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Maccabees.

Utonian tent No. 12, K. O. T. M., held its regular review Wednesday evening last. Two applications for membership were received, and one new member rode the goat. At the next review of this tent a mock trial will be held. A sir knight (who is out on bail) is charged with an attempt to kidnap the quartette. A good time is anticipated. The No. 12 brand of cigars will be on hand. All sir knights are cordially invited. A card social will be given at an early date.

Banner Hive No. 11, Ladies of the Maccabees, will be entertained at the home of Lady Heath, 705 South Main street, from 2 to 5 p. m. today. All Maccabees and friends are requested to attend. The excursion to Ogden last Wednesday was a grand success, both socially and financially. About 150 ladies and friends went up. A class of forty was initiated into the Ogden hive.

Women's Relief Corps.

George R. Maxwell Women's Relief corps, G. A. R., will hold its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Visiting sisters will be welcome.

The regular campfire of the James B. McKean post No. 1 and Women's Relief corps No. 1 will be held in the hall in the Jennings block Tuesday evening. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Mankin, assisted by Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Pitt and Mrs. Moffatt, will entertain the members of the Relief corps and their friends at her home, two blocks south of the Calder Park station.

Women of Woodcraft.

Silver Maple Circle 108 held a regular meeting Friday evening, at which there was a large attendance. Visitors were present from Woodbine, Salt Lake and from Los Angeles, Cal., all of whom were greeted with the circle honors. One stranger was made acquainted with the mysteries of woodcraft and six applications were considered. Watch for the 17th of Ireland. There will be something doing then for it comes on Friday, and No. 108 cannot let it go by without celebrating.

On the evening of Feb. 2, the Guards of Woodbine circle, W. O. W., gave a surprise party on the secretary of their team, Miss Lulu Parsons, at her home in Poplar Grove. The evening was spent in playing cards and games. Refreshments were served and a jolly good time was had. The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Nation, Mr. and Mrs. Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Broberg, Mr. and Mrs. Conley, Mr. Welling and Miss Rose Mehse, Mrs. Cora Mehse, Mrs. Daley, Mrs. Kempf, Miss Ruth Mehse, Iwon and Neslen Broberg and Birdie and Doris Conley.

Woodbine circle No. 41, Women of Woodcraft, met with Guardian Neighbor Rogers in the chair. All officers and guards present. There were no cards presented for membership and there was only one initiation. There were visitors from Salt Lake and Silver Maple and Pocatello circles, all of whom were welcomed by the circle honors. Neighbor Paul gave a talk for the good of the order.

Salt Lake Circle had a largely attended meeting last Wednesday evening. The Circle will give a ball and card party for the benefit of the guards Monday, Feb. 27, Neighbor Poffer being chairman of the committee. The next meeting of the Circle will be held Wednesday, March 8.

The Royal Neighbors of America.

The card party given by the women last Friday night was a grand success, both socially and financially. The first prizes were won by Mrs. Chambers and Mr. Griffin; consolation prizes by Mrs. Larson and William Higgins. March 10 will be the next regular meeting night.

I. O. O. F.

Golden Rule Encampment No. 2, had a good meeting last Tuesday night when the royal purple degree was given to one candidate in a creditable manner. This encampment is forging to the front and may lead the old banner encampment, Oquirrh No. 1, if its members will do active, energetic work. Its worthy scribe, Colonel F. W. Lewis, is ever on the lookout for brothers who will make good, true patriarchs.

The regular meeting of Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, will be held in Odd Fellows' temple, Market street tomorrow night. The C. P. hopes that there will be as large an attendance at this meeting as there was two weeks ago, and the visitor may be assured that the officers will endeavor to have the session of agreeable character.

There was no degree work at Naomi Rebekah lodge Saturday night, as anticipated, the candidate having failed to appear. The evening, however, passed very quickly, the social chat being enjoyed by all.

Canton Colfax, No. 1, Patriarchs Militant, will have one or more candidates for the meeting March 14.

Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, at its regular meeting last Friday night had much of interest and merit brought up for consideration and action. Members and visitors will always be welcomed and entertained if they will attend each Friday night.

The social and campfire of McKean Post, No. 1, assisted by McKean Corps, No. 1, tomorrow night will be of an attractive and entertaining character.

AS THEY PLAYED IT.

WHEN winter began stormily several months—it seems several years—ago, these your young matrons, inhabiting, in homes close together, the region verging upon Georgetown, were initiated into the esoteric mysteries of the gentle game of draw poker by their husbands. There were several evenings when their husbands were compelled, by the state of the weather, to remain at home, so they put in these stay-at-home evenings in teaching the wives of their bosoms how to play draw.

Poker, being a bug, aroused the most intense enthusiasm in the bosoms of these four young matrons. They organized a little poker club of their own, did the four women. They went up against the game four afternoons a week, playing alternately at their respective homes, to the accompaniment of little spreads of crackers and Neufchatel cheese and sardines and sarsaparilla. They contrived, and still contrive, to extract a huge amount of pleasurable excitement out of the thing—the huger because, up to last Wednesday afternoon, none of their husbands knew anything about the fun they were having at the sessions of their poker club.

On Wednesday afternoon, however, the husband of the young matron at whose home the little game happened to be going on got home from his office earlier than usual, for he felt a trifle to the bad after a prolonged session at his lodge—somebody's lodge, anyhow—the night before. He walked plumb into the game in the dining room, to the visible consternation of his wife and three other members of the poker quartet. He took it all so good-naturedly that they asked him to sit into the game, and so he took a hand.

It was 5-cent ante and two-bits limit, and the game went on merrily, though without incident, for about fifteen minutes after the man got in.

Then the buck was shied to the center for a jackpot by the man, and he was kind enough to dish himself three jacks.

The matron on his left opened it with a swish, and the matron next to her scanned her hand dreamily and raised it the limit before the draw.

The man's wife, who was next, dropped out, and the man saw the raise, as did the young matron who was next.

The matron to the man's left took one card for hers, and the poker club member next to her once more examined her hand with head cocked to one side, and remarked, sweetly, that she guessed she'd play with those. The man looked across the table at her curiously. He was wondering if she thought she was good enough to give him the gad and bluff him out of his own jackpot with the kind of a hand he had.

"Not while little Percy still owns a red wagon," said he to himself, and then he slid himself a couple off the top. One of them was a jack.

"I don't want to give her the weeps," mused the man, when he picked up and looked at that other knave, "but I am bound to reflect that the chances are about as one to million that I've got her out on the limb. If she isn't bluffing, then hers is about a pat straight or a full, and I think I shall just gather back a little of the good dough that her husband pulled off of me in that little game last week."

The young matron to his left heaved in a white one, and she was immediately raised the limit by the poker club member next to her, the one who had stood pat to the accompaniment of that dreamy smile.

The man raised the pat member back the limit, and then the young matron to his left heaved a little sigh and passed out. The pat member gurgled the limit back at the man, and they see-sawed the limit till there was some $7.50 in the pot.

"It is just barely possible," mused the man at this point, "that she has got the merchandise on her, but they've got to be hot papers to beat these four bell-hoppers of mine. I think I'll just stay along till the milkman comes around."

Wherefore he handed her the limit again, and got it in return, and the two kept that up some more until there was about $21 in the center of the table.

"Look a-here," said the man to himself then, "I'm not going to rob the wife of my friend of all her pin money, blamed if I am. Jim'll be asking her where the coin went. Women are hard losers, anyway, and there's enough on the baize now. I'll just call her."

Which he did.

"All mine," said the pat member, gleefully, sweeping the chips to her side of the table. "I've got a royal flush of clubs."

The man looked at her with his mouth open, while she spread out, face up, one, by one, the queen, king, ace, deuce and tray of clubs.

Swallowing a gasp, said the man: "Huh?"

"Wasn't that a perfectly lovely hand to catch pat?" she inquired, victoriously.

"Wait a minute," said the man, speaking huskily on account of the lack of moisture in his throat. "What's that you think you've got there?"

"Why, a royal flush, of course," said the pat member, archly.

"Since when did a royal flush topple over from the ace and begin life all over again at the bottom of the ladder—at the deuce, I mean?" inquired the man.

"Oh, that's the way we play," said the pat member, sweetly. "Don't we, girls? You silly old men creatures play royal flushes differently, don't you? Why shouldn't a royal begin anywhere and go right on? Isn't it just as hard to get?"

Then the man clapped his hands to his head wearily, relegated his nice four bell-hoppers to the cast-offs and said he thought he'd go upstairs and rest a while.—Washington Star.

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