

NEW TO-DAY.

THE DELUSIVE ROYAL FLUSH.

Offered as Bait in the Nickel-in-the-Slot Machines.

DOCTORED INSTRUMENTS

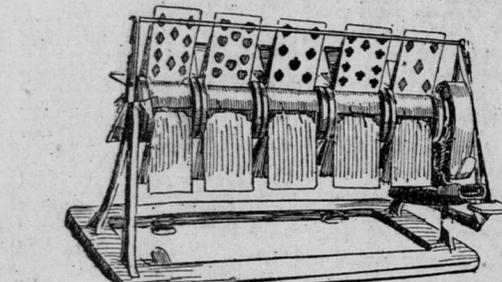
The Prevalent Gambling Fad Made to Bring in Heavy Returns.

POOR CHANCES FOR PLAYERS.

The Cards Are Fixed in the Machines So as to Easily Defeat the Players.

Who hasn't dropped a nickel in the slot of those seductive little machines to be found almost in any place where men most do congregate?

Felt, also, has not on some occasion, who himself clever or lucky when the nickel therein placed brought forth either cigars or drinker far in excess of the amount expended in the venture?



A HARD GAME TO BEAT.

delibly impressed in the player's mind, and the hope of a recurrence has been as disastrous alike to the youths and grown men of this State as the worst implements for gambling that have been prohibited by police regulations.

It is almost an axiom that a man playing faro-bank for the first time, without even the knowledge of how to place his checks on the layout, will win his wager. Whether it is that Providence looks out for the innocents, or some other inexplicable reason, the virgin player's luck when he takes the initiatory degree, is always a source of anxiety to faro-bank dealers.

GUARDSMEN ARE ANGRY.

Officers of the Defunct Third Regiment Vote Blank Ballots.

Members of the Nationals Say Their Only Fault was to Have a Majority.

There were a sorry lot of National Guardsmen assembled at the armory at the corner of Gough and Page streets last evening. They were representatives of Companies A, E and H, which had just reluctantly moved from their late quarters at Tenth and Market streets.

Captain Conley of Company A was mournfully directing his men as they groped about with lanterns, no gas fixtures having yet been erected, stowing away the paraphernalia.

These three companies, all of the defunct Third Regiment, feel as if they were being pursued by fate. As one of the members remarked, "It looks as though somebody is always trying to give us the worst of it."

At the election held in the armory of the Nationals, on Ellis street, near Polk, the companies in question feel that they sustained an irreparable injury. According to their story, ex-Captain John Tilden had made arrangements with them to have the members of the old Third Regiment and the Nationals vote for either J. F. Smith or J. C. O'Connell for lieutenant-colonel. Either of these would have been satisfactory to the members of the late Third, but when they learned that Tilden was engineering his forces to elect Victor Duboce, a distinctly National candidate, the Third rebelled. Tilden then told them, so they claim, that their votes were in material as he could elect any man he chose without them. An additional sting was added to this boast by the fact that a count of noses indicated that he could make it good.

When the evening of the Third, fifteen in number, duly attended and cast their ballots, but when the returns were canvassed fifteen ballots were found unmarked; and these were the ballots cast by the officers of the Third. As a result Charles Tilden, Charles Baxter and Captain Mangel were elected majors and Duboce was elected lieutenant-colonel with 20 votes out of a possible 38, with no opposition. At the conclusion of the election the victorious Nationals invited the vanquished Third to a banquet. The scorn with which the invitation was rejected was not altogether silent and a free fight at one time looked imminent.

The explanation of Captain E. C. Sutcliffe of Company G, which with Company C is one of the companies known as the Nationals, does not entirely accord with the story as told by the officers of the Third. "All is fair in war," he said, "and the only thing they have to complain of is we had more votes. There was no boast made that we could elect any man we wished. They said all they wanted was their late major, Thomas Drady, for major of the new regiment. There were three vacancies to be filled. We made all three nominations. Charles Tilden, Charles Baxton and Thomas Drady, their man. On the first ballot Tilden and Baxton each received 20 votes and Drady received 15."

Had they all voted for their man, he would have needed thirty votes. As it was he lacked three votes of receiving enough to elect. Another ballot was required, and as they refused to vote for their own man, we put up J. H. Mangel and elected him. They did not nominate any one for lieutenant-colonel, but insisted on a ballot and then voted blanks."

As a result of the clash, several of the officers of the old Third, including Captain Fitzpatrick of Company E, are said to contemplate resigning.

years and who was found asphyxiated at his home, 620 Folsom street, on Thursday, was said by a coroner's jury yesterday to have come out of the evening before, made arrangements with a friend, Harry Loy, which discounted any suspicion of suicide. The supposition is that Warren turned off his gas when he retired and by some accident turned it on again.

Warren was very popular among those who knew him well and his untimely death is much regretted.

It is the same thing with the nickel-in-the-slot machines. They are located in nearly all the saloons and cigar-stores in the City, eating up nickels as fast as the "tiger" can eat up dollars.

It is a common thing now for clerks in downtown houses, boys in retail stores and promenaders along the thoroughfares to form pools. They each put in a few nickels and play the machine, expecting to win at least an equivalent in drinks and cigars for their investment.

The players always bear in mind some previous winning, and forget entirely the subsequent losses, and they go ahead. The machine whirls around thousands of times daily, and the saloon or cigar-dealer sits back in happy contentment from the knowledge that he has all the advantages and cannot be quit winner.

HIS DEATH AN ACCIDENT.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the Case of Russell Warren.

Russell Warren, the old printer who was foreman of the Chronicle for so many years, died last night at his home, 620 Folsom street, on Thursday, was said by a coroner's jury yesterday to have come out of the evening before, made arrangements with a friend, Harry Loy, which discounted any suspicion of suicide.

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If people will go into saloons or cigar-stores to drink or smoke it would not be a bad idea to buy their requirements outright. At all events it is a good thing to let the nickel-in-the-slot machines severely alone.

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Therefore, in the machines where there is but one royal flush to be had it may easily be computed what few chances a player has to draw it. To get the first card it is one chance in ten. To get the second at the same time is one in a hundred, the third card one in a thousand, and so on. In other words, it is one chance in one hundred thousand for a single royal flush to come out. Is it therefore astonishing that the saloon proprietor can risk four bottles of champagne against a nickel?

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WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

Dry Goods Economy.

Here is a veritable beehive. Practical women are in their element at this surprising sale securing choicest Dry Goods, in many cases at about one-half price. The far-seeing woman always appreciates our offerings and watches the announcements closely. No higher respect is due the greatest inventor or discoverer than is due the woman who has mastered the science of economy.

Grid of clothing items including Dress Goods, Notions, Hosiery, Domestic, and Bed Sets with prices and descriptions.

HALE BROS., INCORPORATED, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945 Market St. SAN FRANCISCO.

THE AMERICAN DOLLAR DOG.

Death of the Famous Canine Detector of Counterfeit Money.

Tony, "the American dollar dog," died at Cheyenne, Wyo., last Tuesday, aged 8 years. When Tony was a year old he was found to have an unaccountable craving for American silver dollars.



TONY, THE SILVER DOLLAR DOG.

It could reach the ground whenever one was thrown to him. He became the talk of the town and was always shown to visitors as one of the attractions of the city.

Hundreds of these visitors were credulous of the stories told of Tony, but went away convinced after trying him with good and bad coins. The dog's wonderful faculty was fully tested when he was about two years old, when he was taken to Denver, and in the presence of a number of bank officials and other coin experts tested with coins by the United States Treasury Department.

Scores of counterfeiters, some of them excellent enough to receive the ordinary bank cashier, were thrown to him, but he refused to pick them up, while he would jump for joy and eagerly snatch up every good dollar. Upon one occasion a dollar of doubtful appearance was given to Tony's owner. Thinking it was counterfeit, Mr. Brown picked it up. Mr. Brown accepted the coin as good and included it with his next deposit at the bank. The bank cashier drew it out and declared it counterfeit. Mr. Brown then sent the coin to the Treasury Department, where it was found to be genuine.

The wonderful faculty of the animal led his owner to utilize him for money making purposes and for almost a year Tony was a dime museum star in Denver, Salt Lake City, Butte and other Western cities, always attracting attention and never making a failure in discriminating between good and bad coin. The constant work of picking up coins wore out the dog's front teeth, and he had to be retired from the stage. Although his teeth were almost gone Tony's love for silver dollars did not

diminish and even in his last and fatal sickness he could only be kept quiet by allowing him to play with an American silver dollar. Tony's death was caused by dropsy and a cold contracted on a recent trip on which he was taken to Denver and Salt Lake City. Tony was a cross between a Yorkshire setter and a bulldog. Aside from a bright intelligent face he was not very prepossessing in appearance, being a typical "yellow dog." His owner valued him at \$500 and refused numerous tempting offers for him.

The Word Motorman. As the word motorman is already in common use to designate a man whose occupation is to operate a motor which propels a car, it seems quite consistent with good logic and good usage to extend the use of this term to include those whose

occupation it will be to operate motor vehicles, whether public or private. In the case of public stages and omnibuses this extension will be easy, but the aristocratic "coachman" is likely to prove more obstinate, because of the love of the aristocratic classes for terms which separate or distinguish them from anything public or common.

But if the men whose occupation it is to operate a motor vehicle is to be called a motorman why may not the term apply also to a man whose occupation it is to run and care for the motor boat? With the increased demand for motor vehicles and boats will come a corresponding demand for men competent to manage them. Those who take up this work will constitute a special branch of skilled labor, and for the entire class no better word appears than "motorman."

An Old Railway. There was a railway in full working order in 1805 (perhaps the Surrey Iron Railway). I have an advertisement card of this line dated "Wantsworth, 8th Jan'y., 1805," in which it is stated that the Croydon and Mersham Iron Railway is open to the public, and that the tolls vary from 1d per ton per mile for dung to 2d per ton per mile for chalk, brick, etc.; 3d for lumber, metals, coke, corn, flour and potatoes, and 3d per cordon for coals. A memorandum in manuscript at the back of the card indicates that sixty miles of the line cost \$50,000, that each wagon carried two and a half tons, that one horse drew two wagons, and that the carriage cost 4d per ton per mile, besides the toll. The gauge of the rails appears to have been 4 feet 2 inches.—Notes and Queries.

Advertisement for Kelly & Liebes, featuring various clothing items like jackets, fur capes, and plush capes with prices and descriptions.

KELLY & LIEBES, 120 Kearny Street.

Advertisement for Piles Itching Piles Swayne's Ointment, describing symptoms and benefits.

Advertisement for 50c. Trial Sets, Choice Bulbs and Plants, featuring various flower sets and prices.

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