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beautiful faces, graceful draperies, stags, chorons, allars, and garlands. The literature is not unworthy of the language.

Drop Game and Bunco. The drop game is well known in all large cities, and though it has been played for a hundred years its success to-day is as sure and complete as at the time of its invention.

Our own Emerson said he would as soon think of swimming the Charles river when he could walk over it on a bridge as to read the ancient classics in the original tongue, although he had not, like the Adams family, "failed in Greek" or been "negligent in Latin."

Mr. Cox cannot be wrong in his tribute to Greek, but we would hardly think he would be willing to set all our boys at it on pain of their being excluded from a liberal education in other directions.

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ON THE AVENUE.

Small Talk About Men and Measures. It is whispered about the corridors of the capitol that the house committee of accounts propose to make an extended inquiry into the appointment of Mr. Willa De Haas, who was appointed clerk to the committee on naval expenditures, at a salary of \$180 per month, at the earnest suggestion of the then speaker, Mr. Kiefer.

Chairman Cobb, of the house committee on public lands, scored a decided victory over the judiciary committee yesterday. Chairman Tucker concluded that it would be a good move to report back to the house the bills over which the dispute as to jurisdiction arose, and ask for further instructions, confidently expecting that they would again be placed in the hands of the judiciary committee, and the presumptions public land men fastened out. Unfortunately for the Virginia statesman the plan leaked out through the indiscretion of some one, and when the matter was brought up yesterday the wily Indianian had his friends well to the front, and a motion that the bills be referred to the committee on public lands prevailed.

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CURRENT GOSSIP.

LOVE SONGS. Sweets to the sweet?—Then bring me blossoms rare From north and south, from distant valleys where The Eden-waters drink in the moon-bound air.

HURRAH for the winds of winter. And the coronated snow! Hurrah for the jingling sleigh-bells! And the girl with the generous beauty!

HENRI BLANC, who has just died in France at the age of 94, is declared to have been the last French sailor in the world, in which battle he served on the Mont Blanc, and was a prisoner when that vessel was reduced to a wreck by the British guns.

ANANDIBAI JOHIE, a Hindoo woman of the highest Brahminical caste, is a student in the Woman's Medical college of Pennsylvania. She is the first Brahmin woman who ever left India. To keep her own dress she must live by herself, prepare her own food, wear the native costume, and rigidly observe certain religious rites.

MR. OSCAR A. DROGKE has just entered into an contract with the Mexican government to plant 2,000,000 trees in the valley of Mexico within four years. The contractor pledges himself to furnish 80,000 ash, 35,000 willows, 120,000 poplars, 60,000 eucalyptus trees, 60,000 tamarisks, 60,000 mountain cypress cedars, 60,000 acacias, and 120,000 of miscellaneous varieties.

MR. HORATIO ROSS, the veteran British despatcher, who has just celebrated his golden wedding, has spent seventy seasons on the moors, and now, at 83 years old, is still a capital shot. A little over a year ago he went out one day at 3 in the morning, fired eighty-three shots, and brought down eight birds, a woodcock, and a partridge. The first game he shot at Wimbledon, and his second son was for years the champion marksman of India.

THE egg of an Australian emu is on exhibition at a garden in San Francisco. It was laid at the garden, and was so called, and was recently, the egg weighs twenty-six ounces, and its greatest circumference is thirteen and one-half inches. Its general color is that of very dark granite, but some portions of the surface are iridescent. This is believed to be the first egg laid in America. The owner has placed on it the only one ever laid outside of Australia, in which country the emu is indigenous.

THE largest diamond ever cut in the country has just been finished, as already announced, at the establishment of Henry D. Morse, Boston, the operation taking three months. The stone is from South Africa, and its weight, in the rough, was 135 karats. The stone is a fine, clear, colorless, and over five-eighths in depth. It is brilliant and beautiful, but has a marked yellowish tinge. In the quality of clearness, however, it is almost perfect. It is cut in a rounded cushion shape, with fifty-six facets.

THE ground of the Northeast London cemetery was opened forty years ago by an enterprising man, who was officiated as his own sexton and buried 30,000 persons. "I laid their heads to the west, shoulder to shoulder, and head to foot, piled closely, one on top of another." The subsoil having done its part, the worthy sexton turned the surface, leveled the ground, and invited building tenants. Of course, subsidence of the ground took place, and the new inhabitants receive some very perceptible impressions of their ancestors. The vestry is said to be "fully alive to the situation," but there is no law to meet the case.

A WONDERFUL bedstead, made for an East Indian prince, is on show in Paris. It is made partly of silver. At each corner stands a beautifully mounted lion, which is a masterpiece of a delicately constructed fan, and wearing a wig of real hair. This is to be regularly dressed by the court barber once a week. On the great potentate getting into bed the weight of his body sets certain machinery in motion, the effect of which is to draw the bedstead up to the level of the patient. If the figure of the foot of the bed are required to exert themselves, in like manner that can be accomplished by the aid of a clock-like apparatus. Moreover, should the dusky owner of the bed wish to be lulled to slumber by the dulcet soft notes of soft music, this can be done by touching a spring. The bottom of the bed contains a large music box.

A CURIOUS story about a prize ticket in the Manila lottery was brought to light last month in a Shanghai court. Some time ago a poor old Chinese woman found a ticket lying on the ground on which was some foreign and Chinese writing. Not being able to read it she showed it to two learned schoolmasters of her acquaintance, who discovered it to be a Manila lottery ticket. They subsequently read with delight, which may easily be imagined, the announcement that the ticket had taken a prize of \$3,000. They cashed the ticket at a shop in Homan road and divided the money between them. The original purchaser of the ticket, who was a Chinese, had since discovered the serious loss he had sustained, instituted inquiries at the shop where he had bought the ticket and found out who were the persons who had cashed it. In the meantime he had been turned out of a firm of which he was a member, his partners having a claim against him, and he was losing out of their notions of "Joas Piddin," that a man who was unlucky enough to lose a ticket worth \$3,000, was not one to share their fortunes. The finder of the ticket, and two advisers who divided the spoil with her, and he of the gift button all appeared at the mixed court, and the case was fully gone into by Chen and Mr. Carles. The defendants admitted having cashed the ticket, and the woman that out of her share she had bought a coffin for \$100 and had given \$900 to her son to buy a wife with. The court took time to consider its action.

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