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HELENA, MONTANA.

A WHIST PLAYER'S STORY.

How a Blue-Eyed Girl Lost Him the Game.

The bank teller's countenance was suffused with gloom yesterday morning, and he moistened his thumb and counted over the \$500 bills in a vicious, reckless way.

"You seem jaded this morning," observed the Rounder.

"Did you ever go to a whist party?" earnestly inquired the bank teller, pressing his clammy forehead against the bars. "If you haven't, don't. I went last night."

"Didn't enjoy it, eh?"

"Why, blame it all, they set me down opposite a blue-eyed girl who confessed she could only play 'Old Maid.' Our opponents were two people who were born with cards in their hands and had played whist before they cut their teeth. Well, of course we lost something every deal, but it was largely owing to poor cards. But all of a sudden the luck changed. I had a handful of trumps, with a long suit of diamonds. Well, sir, our opponents took one trick; we took five. Trumps were all played and I had three low diamonds. I led one of 'em. Opponents had no diamonds and threw away. Partner took the trick with the jack. Then, instead of leading back diamonds, what do you think she did? Come, now, what do you think? Blamed if she didn't lead from the suit they'd thrown away from. They gobbled that and every other trick, and my partner came in at the tail of the funeral with a diamond. Think of that! A diamond! I didn't say anything, but I got up and chased myself round the block. Next time I'm invited to a whist party I'll take a partner with me or stay at home."

The bank clerk wiped a tear from his cheek and sought the obscurity of the vault.—*Buffalo Courier.*

England in the Plot.

BERLIN, December 14.—The Kreuz Zeitung asserts on authority that England, in event of war, will send a fleet to operate on the Baltic, and protect the coast of Italy. The consent of Parliament, says the paper, will not be asked until the moment comes for putting the agreement into effect.

Hopkins Placed on Trial.

CINCINNATI, December 14.—The trial of Benjamin E. Hopkins, late assistant cashier of the Fidelity National bank, began yesterday in the United States

court, Judge Sage presiding alone. The court struck out six of the forty or fifty counts. The indictment as it remains was stated in substance to be a charge of misappropriation of funds of the Fidelity National bank and making false entries in the books of the bank. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and the court proceeded to secure a jury.

Death of Hendry.

HELENA, December 13.—As the Independent went to press this morning, Mr. Hendry was lying in a very critical condition. His recovery is extremely doubtful. There is hope, but it is very weak.

HELENA, December 13.—J. E. Hendry, editor of the Independent, died today at 11:45 A. M. Word is expected from his relatives in regard to the funeral.

Mr. Hendry was a native of Canada. He came to Montana in 1881 and after being engaged in journalism at Billings, Livingston and Butte he went to Helena about two years ago and became associate editor of the Independent. He received full charge of the paper last summer, when Mr. Dickerson left for Butte. Mr. Hendry was a good writer and numbered many friends in this city who will sincerely regret his death.

Pretty Well off.

DETROIT, December 7.—About 1,500 people thronged the residence of governor Alger this evening to witness the marriage of his daughter, Carrie, to Henry Sheldon, son of the old partner of Zach Chandler. The marriage unites the Alger fortune, estimated at \$8,000,000, with that of Sheldon, which is put at \$5,000,000.

Five Arrests Made.

COLUMBUS, December 14.—The arrests so far made in connection with the tally-sheet forgery indictments, are aldermen M. Granville, Chicago; Thomas J. Cogan, Cincinnati; Fred L. Teube, Robert and C. R. Montgomery, Columbus. All have furnished bail.

Moscow Still Soothing.

MOSCOW, December 14.—The agitation among the students of the university has extended to the agricultural academy. Troops parade both buildings. A serious outbreak is threatened. The university has been closed.

Baled Hay! Baled Hay!

Fine blue joint baled hay at Wilcox & Chowen's.

FASHION NOTES.

Striped and figured plushes are revived for skirts to be worn with cloth or silk overdresses.

The newest brocades have satin figures sunk in repped grounds, and are usually in striped designs.

White fox and crinkled Chinese lamb-skin borders are used upon white cloaks worn by the little children.

The tournure is certainly growing smaller, and buck draperies are diminishing in volume to correspond.

Very elegant riding gloves are of white Swedish kid, embroidered with white silk in horseshoe design.

Short visages with full wide sleeves are most favored for wraps of crepe or other mourning materials.

Small crocheted buttons, either black or matching the color of the gown, are the rule upon cloth costumes.

Gray astrachan, chinchilla, otter and spotted leopard skins are used as trimmings upon children's wraps.

Fur borders are fashionable upon upright edges of skirt draperies, but are seldom arranged to cross the figure.

Borders of black or brown bear are fashionable trimmings for large cloaks, and both are durable and showy.

Polonaises cut in one piece are quite popular. The plaits are held in at the waist with a band of steel or jet.

Plain poplins are being revived, and they are especially suitable for the graceful draperies of the present season.

Plush, plaid woolens, and soft, rough finished goods are equally popular for long cloaks for girls and children.

Gold and silver braid arranged in patterns upon white cloth or moire, is used as a garniture upon handsome wool toilets.

Simplicity is a distinguishing feature of the present season's costumes. An elegant effect is produced, however, when the costumes are arranged by skillful hands.

In Our Public Schools.

The study of drawings is now recognized as one of the most useful and valuable branches of education. And its introduction has been followed by such good results, that it is now conceded to be an excellent study, not only for advanced class-

es, but one of the best exercises for even the youngest pupils. To teachers in want of an easy series of lessons for use in the school room, we heartily recommend "State Drawings for the Young Folks," issued by the passenger department of "The Burlington." Send four cents in stamps to Mr. W. J. C. Kenyon, general passenger agent C. B. & N. R. R., Saint Paul, Minnesota, and you will receive a copy by return mail.

A Rancher's Opinion.

BELT, Montana, December 9, 1887.—*Editor of the Tribune:* The ranchmen on Belt creek have been much interested in the drubbing Mr. Peck has received at the hands of the Tribune, and the general opinion is that Peck is getting worsted. But all of your readers are probably not aware of the cause of Peck's worry. The trouble with him is simply this: Peck and his friends have gobbled up some of the best land in this section under the desert land act, and in addition all the finest hay ground near the Belt and Highwood has been corralled by Peck's sheepherders as preemptions and timber claims. Go on; the farmers are with you. Truly yours, RANCHER.

Taken Up.

At my ranch near the Great falls, a gray roan horse with hobbles on. Brand, menogram EK on right shoulder, also same brand inverted. Weights about 1,300 pounds. The owner can secure the animal by paying charges. RICHARD MANSFIELD, Great Falls.

Wants the Montana Central.

Montana Central subordinates are now viewing the different routes by which to establish their road to the coast. They can't afford to give Missoula county the go-by.—*Northwest Tribune.*

Ferry's Assailant.

PARIS, December 14.—Aubertine, the man who shot Ferry, was before the judge today and showed signs of lunacy. The examination was postponed.

Holiday Goods.

We have an elegant assortment of jewelry suitable for Xmas gifts. KINGWALD & CARRIER.

Mr. Ming Improving.

HELENA, December 15.—J. H. Ming, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving.