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Now that the anti-gambling law has been declared unconstitutional the gamblers do not propose to sleep on their rights. License money has been tendered in nearly every county in the state and in almost every instance accepted pending the decision of the supreme court on the action of the lower courts. The attorney general is of the opinion that if the new law is unconstitutional the old law of 1886 is in effect, which, at least, will augment the state's surplus.

The promise of Durant's attorneys to "clear him in three minutes" has not materialized. The defense began their battle over a week ago and each succeeding day closes in with more gloom for the defendant. The prosecution has made a singularly strong case and it is understood that they have even more and stronger evidence to offer in rebuttal. Durant continues to maintain his sang froid, but the San Francisco Examiner claims that he is breaking down under the terrible strain and publishes several portraits of him to substantiate their opinion. One was taken at the time of his arrest in which he looks his best. The second was taken a month after his incarceration, when a few lines of care had made their appearance. The third and last is a typical "before taking" picture, in which he shows plainly that the strain is telling on him.

The acquittal of the Cuban filibusters in Florida a few days ago was the occasion of a celebration. At a huge mass meeting held last Monday in Chicago ringing resolutions favoring the Cuban cause were adopted, and a memorial praying the President to recognize the Cuban patriots as belligerents was subsequently forwarded to Washington. Such straws indicate the course of the winds. The Cubans have the sympathy of the big hearted people of America in their struggle for liberty. The recognition of the justness of their cause by so great a nation as the United States would practically settle the question. It would mean that she could purchase our merchants and manufacturers much-needed munitions of war. And we hope the day is not far distant when Uncle Sam will accord her that privilege. But nations move slowly and it is quite possible for the patriots to win their victory before the ponderous government machinery has time to act.

SAME OLD GAMES.

WE ARE PLAYING THOSE INVENTED BY THE ANCIENTS.

The American Indians Played Baseball, Cricket, Lawn Tennis, Chess and Checkers Date From A Way Back—Novelties In Games Rarely Catch On.

Few of the hundreds of new games that are invented every year become popular. They may be seen in any toy store by the score—lawn games and parlor games, games of cards and games of ball, games for young and for old. They are a melancholy sight, for not one of them will ever take the place of the old standbys of infancy and boyhood. Even the names of most of them will never be heard of by the majority of American boys and girls. This is the logic of history.

It seems an easy matter to invent a game. The best games are so simple, yet a popular game was never yet invented. Every one of them has grown, and the best of them have been growing for hundreds of years. Scientific men tell us that all sorts of queer creatures once lived on this earth—great lizards with wings; sea monsters, half whale, half seal, and rhinoceroses larger than elephants. All these have died away because they were not fitted to live, while those animals that were fit for life have gone on growing better and better, till some—the horse, for instance—we could not do without. It is just so with games. Those live that are fit to live, and the rest die.

Our best games form a sort of aristocracy. Their pedigrees run back to very ancient times, and no modern upstart can compete with them. Take baseball and cricket, for instance, probably the most popular outdoor games of modern times, the one in our own country, the other in England. They are first cousins, and their hold on American and English boys is in all probability due to the fact that they each unite two strong lines of descent—that of the bat and ball games—to which tennis, lacrosse, hockey, croquet and, more distantly, billiards also belong, and that of the goal games, such as tag, puss in the corner, I spy and dozens of others.

All the nations we know anything about had bat and ball games ages ago. Nobody invented the bat and ball. They grew up with our civilization from the time when little savages used to knock about a pebble or a fruit with a stick. So with the goal games—they have always been popular. Their name is still legion. The goal part—that is, the running from base to base—is a much more important part of the game in baseball than it is in cricket, and for this reason we Americans are justified in looking upon baseball as the better game, all other things being equal. To be sure, neither baseball nor cricket is the game it was 800 years ago, but both have grown, not changed.

Any one who chooses may trace the growth of cricket from the year 1800. It is not as easy to trace the pedigree of baseball, for, just as with a great many American families, there is a break in the record back in colonial times. It is known to have been played by the Indians. It is a thoroughly American game, and no one loves it less because some people claim rounders as its ancestor and others reject the claim with scorn.

As for indoor games, we may prove their nobility in just the same way. Chess comes down to us from the ancient Hindoos, by way of Persia. Checkers were played in Egypt, and then in Greece and Rome. Cards made their appearance in Europe in 1350, and the Chinese say that they used them two centuries earlier than this. Tenpins was certainly played in the thirteenth century, and probably much earlier. All these have grown, but they have not changed their nature.

Lawn tennis is only an offshoot of the old game of court tennis, said to have been brought into Gaul by Roman soldiers and still played. Again only a

growth, not a new device. There is halma—only a variation of the old pyramid game of checkers. How about parchesi? The pompous title, "A Royal Game of India," inscribed on the old parchesi board, is often thought to have been only an advertising dodge, but it was quite true. Parchesi, called by the Hindoos pachisi, is widely played in Asiatic countries, and the Spanish explorers even found the Aztecs playing it under the name of patolli in Mexico, whether it may have been carried across the Pacific.

These and many other instances are worth thinking over deeply, for they teach a lesson. If any one is tired of the old games and wants something a little different, let him alter the old in the direction of growth rather than try to invent something quite different. The most successful inventors of games have followed this rule. Indeed it is more than a rule. It is a law of nature. You might as well try to please the human palate with food made out of sand and sawdust as to force boy or man to get enjoyment out of a game that does not contain the old, well tried game elements.—New York World.

Words Which Rhyme Not.

The number of English words which have no rhyme in the language is very large. Five or six thousand at least are without rhyme and consequently can be employed at the end of the verse only by transposing the accent, coupling them with an imperfect consonance or constructing an artificial rhyme out of two words. Among other words to which there are no rhymes may be mentioned month, silver, liquid, spirit, chimney, warmth, gulf, sylph, music, breadth, width, depth, honor, iron, echo.

Well Made Up.

"Come, dear, kiss my cheek and make it up," she said forgivingly.
"I'll kiss it," he answered, "but I don't think it wants any more making up!"—Figaro.

A Beerometer.

There is progress everywhere. In southern Germany, where incredible quantities of beer are drunk daily, and where the steady customers sit for hours at table, drinking glass after glass, mug after mug, filled by buxom maids, some genius has introduced the "beerometer," attached to the bottom of the drinking vessel—a numbered dial with one hand. With each glassful or mugful which the drinker receives the hand is advanced one number. As the hand cannot be moved backward, the "beerometer" exercises perfect control—to the saloon keeper's satisfaction at least.

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