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A BLIND BILLIARD PLAYER. Development of Touch and Hearing

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Which Challenges Credulity.

[New York World.] Julius Stern is the name of the most remarkable billiard player this country has ever seen. He is totally blind, yet a four-cushion shot is common amusement to him, and he can "draw," "English" and coax balls around an ordinary billiard table in a way that simply astounds people who see him for the first time. A World reporter watched him for hours yesterday and has not yet recovered from the weird sensation that seized him when he first saw the sightless shooter perform his marvellous feats.

Twelve years ago Julius was one of the fastest long-distance walkers around this city. He could also sprint cause, but for a bullet hole which had with satisfaction as the lovely girl cinder path. He caught a cold that After six years the doctor made up his must have been destroyed. mind to remove the eye, because the right eye was becoming affected. When and it was only the immaterial part of the operation was finished young Stern the man still hovering over the usewas absolutely blind in both eyes. He less clay that was thinking; finally he passed one term in the Institution for decided that if he were alive he could the Blind in this city, but found that move his legs, but if he were dead he no trade he could learn there would had no legs. With a great effort he support him. He went to work for a did move his limbs, and, pierced as cigar seller and a few years ago began they were, he drew them almost to his business for himself. The World repor- chest. The effort sent the little blood ter found him in his store at No. 1252 remaining in his body to the brain, Third Avenue, near Seventy-Second and he recoved consciousness only to

but wiry and muscular. His hands have a grip like steel as several roister- don remained away from his comers found out to their sorrow when mand. At the end of that time, though they tried to boss things in his billiard his wounds were only partially healed, room one day. It is hard to believe that he is blind. He walks about his store and long billiard room without a stick or any assistance. So keen is his sense of "touch" that he can "feel" any obstruction four or five feet away. He can tell when he is near such a small object as a hydrant or lamp post on a quiet street by observing the difference in the sound made by their obstruction. A customer asked Mr. Stern to break a twenty dollar bill for him, and he at once picked out two tens from a roll of eral Gordon, as a corps commander, reones simply by their touch. He tells twenty-three kinds of cigars, fourteen kinds of cigarettes and a dozen other taking a five dollar bill for a dollar, and he could never find out who had played that trick on his sense of touch.

manages the game of billiards. He lo- almost surely have caused death. cates the balls by the "spots" on the table and by placing them at certain distances from the little white diamonds in the rail. He makes a shallow bridge of his left hand, and his fingers flutter nervously over the cue ball before he shoots. He hits the ball as he chooses, whether for a simple carrom, follow draw or masse shot. If any one who reads this article will shut his eyes and try to strike a billiard ball, with the point of a fine tipped cue he can guess at the marvel blind Julius Stern accomplishes in directing the cue ball wherever he wishes it to go.

The first feat Mr. Stern showed his visitor was a long, round-the-table shot, wherein the cue ball, with lots of "English" on the right side, hit the first ball, went to the lower end of the rail, ran against three cushions in rapid succession, rolled up the table again, to another cushion and then clicked gently against the second ball. When Mr. Stern heard the soft tick of the ivories he exclaimed, "Now, I'll show you another," and then went on with a dozen difficult shots. The effect was astonishing. The blind billiard player tips all the cues for his five tables and runs the cigar business with the help of a young clerk, who acts as billiard marker. He has also invented the Pinnacle Polish in his moments of leisure. It is a marvellous cleaner for silver, nickel and glass, does not corrode and is quick as a wink and permanent in its action.

Wonderful Escapes

For the first two years of the war, says the Atlanta Constitution, the life which was God's way of setting his of General Gordon, now Governor of seal of approval on her who is mother, Georgia, appeared to be protected by wife, daughter and sweetheart, and, some omnipotent power. In leading therefore, man's best friend. his men he was constantly exposed, and though others fell on every side of him he remained uninjured. He was bruised many times, but never once was a drop of his blood spilled. His clothes on many occasions were pierced and rent by bullets, his hat was twice negro than one of your little infidels. lifted from his head and his canteen You won't be in hell two minutes be-

side being hurt. Finally a superstition grew among made." I have some respect for Bob the men that their leader bore a Ingersoll, because he can get \$200 a charmed life. And when the opening | night for his lecturing. But some of shot at the battle of Sharpsburg was these little fellows are infidels for nofired it was asserted that the bullet thing, pay two dollars to hear Ingerhad never been moulded that would soll, and board themselves. break the skin of Gordon. Before the I understand you are all running close of the great fight, however, not | "society" here pretty lively. Society: only one but - any bullets had found | A pair of seventy-five cent slippers and their billets in his body, and the Sixth a \$1.25 wasp bonnet less you into it. Alabama regiment, which he then There is no manhood, no womanhood commanded, mourned bitterly because in it. The fruits of society, so-called, they believed that their leader, who are the dude and dudine. If you don't knew not what fear meant, was be- like what I'm saying, just get up on your all hope. In that one fight Col- your hind legs and slide out. onel Gordon had more narrow escapes than almost any other man who survived through the great four years'

strurgle. At the beginning of the engagement a shell burst immediately in front of him, and a large piece struck him fairly in the chest. A bad bruise was inflicted, but Gordon never showed that Fox of Johnson township, received a he felt the pain of it, and continued at check to day for \$1,000,000 left her by the head of his men. Shortly after the the death of an uncle at Galveston, explosion of the shell a bullet passed Texas. This is Clark county's first thr ugh the fleshy part of his right leg, millionaire.

but still he made no moan. A handkerchief tied about the limb absorbed the blood and served to set an example of endurance to the men. One hour latter a ball passed through the same leg between the leaders and the knee joint. Another bandage was applied and still the commander continued at his post. Only half an hour and the left arm, raised to emphasize an order, fell useless, a ball having passed through it, severing in its passage every tendou and also a small artery.

men, and as he did so the final wound minie. was inflicted. Square in the left cheek

very well. He won much fame and pierced his cap unnoticed and allowed many medals as an amateur on the the red fluid to escape. How long Col- conducted the ceremony in his usually onel Gordon lay there unconscious he impressive style, and when he reached settled in his left eye in 1872. Some never knew, but the sensations he ex- the declaration "If any can show just people say that over training, made perienced, as he himself describes him blind, but Mr. Stern is anxious them, must have been very terrible. joined together let them now speak or that this error should be corrected. He He says he felt that a six pound shot forever hold their peace" the bride had a great deal of trouble with the had carried away his head. He argued stepped back to a sofa, seated herself eye, and would have had it removed with himself that if his head was gone but for the advice of his physician. he could no longer think, as the brain

Then he concluded that he was dead, faint again. When he next came to He is nearly six feet high, slender himself he was on a litter being taken to the lear. For seven months Gorhe returned to duty as Brigadier Gen-

> He passed through several other desperate conflicts without injury and was not wounded again until at the battle of Shepherdstown, in 1863, a bullet struck him in the head just above the hair and inflicted a bad wound.

tle of Steadman was fought, and Genhis right leg.

Among his relics General Gordon varieties. He never makes a mistake. keeps an iron-bound pocketbook which The only error he ever made was in once saved his life. He carried it in his pocket and a ball struck it and bent it double. Had it not been for the pocketbook the missile would have It is hard to describe how Mr. Stern gone through the hip bone and would

Why Woman is Man's Best Friend.

[Edward W. Bok, in Ladies' Home Journal.]

First and foremost, woman is man's best friend:

Because she is his mother. Second, because she is his wife. Because she is patient with him in illness, endures his fretfulness, and 'mothers" him.

Because she will stick to him through good and evil report, and always believe

in him if she loves him. Because without her he would be would be rude, rough and ungodly. Because she teaches him the value of

gentle words, of kindly thought and of Because she can with him, endure pain quietly and meet joy gladly.

Because, on her breast he can shed tears of repentance, and he is never reminded of them afterwards. Because when he is behaving like a

fretful boy-and we all do, you know, at times-with no reason in the world for it, woman's soft word, touch, or glance will make him ashamed of himself as he ought to be. Because without her as an incentive

he would grow lazy; there would be no good work done, there would be no noble books written, there would be no divine strains of melody.

Because she has made for us a beautiful world in which we should be proud to live, and contented to die. Because-and this is the best reason of all-when the world had reached an unenviable state of wickedness, the blessed task of bringing it a Saviour for all mankind was given to a woman,

Sam Jones on Infidels and Society.

From a Recent Sermon.

I'd rather be a low-down chain gang was shot from his side without his fore you'll be hopping around in the fire and yelling: "What a mistake I

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[From the Chicago Tribune.] CASHY, III., May 17.-Miss Jent SHABBINESS COST HIM A BRIDE.

ding and was Jilted.

[San Fancisco Examiner.] John S. Lightner, of Cottonwood, Shasta County, became thoroughly infatuated with Amanda Moore, of this so he was readily accepted. John visited his sweetheart often and almost The constant loss of blood made him | considered himself one of the family. weak, but the mighty will conquered On Wednesday County Clerk Seawell pain, and all requests to retire from issued a license and John sought Rev. the fight were refused with scorn. Fif- J. Simmons. He proceeded to the teen minutes later and a Minie ball tore house, where everything gave token of horseback was sitting on his horse in through his shoulder, breaking in two full preparation for the happy event. and leaving half the lead buried in All the family were present, with a few the bone. Tottering and scarcely able friends, when the couple marched in to stand, Gordon turned to rally his and took their stand before the do-

The bride was beautifully dressed in commander fell forward with his mu- he had worn all winter and which tilated face buried in his cap, and so he were a little the worse for wear. Neverblood that flowed so freely for his wore a smiling face. It fairly beamed leaned upon his arm. The preacher cause why they may not be lawfully and said, in a clear, distinct voice:

"I have. Look at those clothes," waving her hand towards the startled bridegroom, and continued: "That tells the tale, and shows what sort of a husband he will make."

This was like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky. For a moment the actouished man stood dazed. Friends and relatives became nervous. The minister looked embarrassed, but the bride was as cool as could be. Then suddenly the bridegroom said:

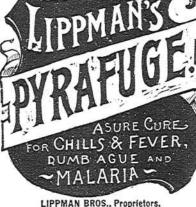
"That settles it. I had a hat once," and placing one knee on the lounge he reached behind for it.

Five minutes jammed full of embarrassment passed with not a word when the mother of the girl granted relief by saying: "Come in to dinner." Miss Moore sat beside the preacher at the table and seemed to enjoy the repast; but she was obdurate when urged to change her name, saying that if she had no respect for her husband before her marriage she would have none

The disappointed man came to town and filled himself with bad whiskey, and when the girl came with her father's family to have her picture On the 25th of March, 1865, the bat- taken, she caught sight of the poor fellow hugging a lamppost. To-night, unable longer to stand his disapceived his last wound, a ball piercing pointment, the forsaken lover attempted to take his life with laudanum.

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Lightner Wore Old Clothes at His Wed. A Woman, Two Men and Horses Swept Out of Sight by a Cyclone.

[Dallas, Texas News.] On the day following the terrible cyclones of May 4th in Hamilton County a man and a women, seated in a two horse wagon, were going along the town, and finally concluded that he Hamilton and Goldthwaite road in the would pop the question. Upon doing direction of Goldthwaite. The off horse was gray. Following them was a man on horseback and a loose horse. Witnesses, whose veracity can not be doubted, say that they saw the cyclone strike the parties and saw them carried high in the air, where they were swallowed up by the dark cloud and were not seen again. The man on the air when last seen. The woman was taken from the wagon and was plainly seen in the air higher than the tops of the trees. One of the eye witnesses was a lady, who fainted at the

At the time the cyclone struck them these people were whipping their the bullet struck, coming out under the snowy white, and looked the picture horses, evidently trying to run out of ear. At last the wonderful physical of happiness and good will. The bride-energy gave way and the dauntless groom was attired in the heavy clothes passing along the Goldthwaite road, at Capt. John D. Hunt's ranch, a short time before the cyclone. They were no would have died, drowned by the theless, above his unseemly attire he doubt strangers traveling through the

A large number of men have been searching the surrounding country for their bodies. Nothing so far has been found except a bunch of woman's hair, a lady's plush satchel, a pair of saddle bags with sheep shears in them, and a man's vest with blood on it. Pieces of flesh have been picked up, but it is impossible to distinguish whether it is that of a human being or not. A wagon tongue, supposed to belong to this wagon, was found stove into the ground some distance away.

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T. De Witt Talmage, in Ladies' Home Journal.]

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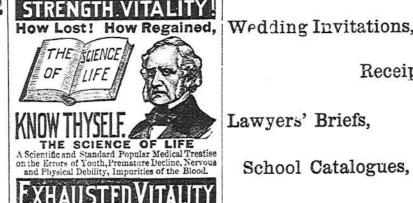
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