

THE RAIN GAMBLERS.

A GAME IN WHICH NATURE "TAKES A THIRD HAND."

Betting on the Amount of Rainfall in Bombay—Lively Times During the Rainy Season—Cheating Impossible—Simple Tools of the Game.

The Bombay police are at present exercised over a point of public morals which suggests grave reflections to those who imagine that human nature can be regenerated by act of parliament.

Whether this form of betting is new or old we are not informed, though, as everything in the east is very antiquated, the chances are that it has been going on from time immemorial.

Naturally in a country where the sky is as brass for more than half the year, this form of speculation can be indulged in only during the monsoon season.

According to a description in a local journal the place is perfectly easy of access, and there is no attempt to hide anything from the authorities.

Implements, indeed, in the gambling sense of the term, there are none; and, so long as a gambler has learned to read the signs of the heavens, the merest tyro has as much chance of winning as the most regular frequenter of the sutta saloon.

The only tools of any kind in the place are two rough rain gauges. One of them consists of a long gutter running down the eaves of a shed.

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Since that time the manufacturer has failed. The western "haymakers" got ahead of him, and he lost more than was gained by his exclusive business.

Various Theories of Electricity.

What is electricity? The engineer and the physicist are completely at variance on this point.

Conductors, according to this theory, are holes or pipes in this jelly, and electrical generators are pumps that transfer this hypothetical matter from one place to another.

The practical man, with his eye and his mind trained by the stern realities of daily experience, on a scale vast compared with that of the little world of the laboratory, revolts from such wild hypotheses.

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An Odd Composing Room. The internal organization of a Japanese newspaper office is a sad spectacle of daily struggle with difficulties unknown elsewhere.

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Only a Question of Half a Century. "My History of the United States" replied George Bancroft, pleasantly, to the interviewing reporter.

An Undesired Indignity. "I see that a portrait of Burns, painted by Rubens, sold in Toronto the other day for only \$3," said the literary editor.

Could Give Joe Miller Points. Not very long ago a Kansas City gentleman was glancing over a face-simile copy of Joe Miller's "Joke Book."

The Business Booming.

Probably no one thing has caused such a general revival of business as F. G. Fricke & Co.'s drug store.

Lamentations of Jeremiah chapter I, verses 20 and 21: "I am in distress; my bowels are troubled, mine heart is turned within me.

Cough! and Cough! and Cough! What in the world is the reason you will cough and keep coughing and still keep trying inferior medicines.

A Sportsman's Recommendation. A British sportsman recommends that the bantam, which is particularly pugnacious and active, be turned wild, in the hope of having it become an available bird for sport.

Bucklin's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chillsblains, Corns, and all skin eruptions.

Pathos of the Humorous. "There goes my vacation!" exclaimed a Norwegian working woman the other day, but no one saw it go or could comprehend the meaning of the remark.

English Spavin Liniment removes althard, Soft or Calloused lumps and Bleaches from horses, Blood Spavin, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Stifles, Sprains, Pink Eye, Coughs and etc.

CLEANERS OF FAME. Heiden not, friend, for the recondite din That did the poet's verses once acclaim; We are but gleaners in the field of fame.

Guying the British Detective. There is something about that stiff detective that acts as an incentive to crime. I do not mean this in the sense of a joke precisely.

Oatmeal as a Food. Many of the keepers of big groceries in this city tell of the large extent to which oatmeal is used as an article of diet.

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Drunkenness or the Liquor Habit Punctured by Administering Dr. Haines' Golden Specific.

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What? Cured among others the following: They write: 80 Central Ave., Cincinnati, O., January 24, 1888.

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