#### ESSER PIAL EXERCISE.

AS OIL TO MACHINERY,

The Human Mind is Se Combinated That give is the "changest" in the world-Piny in Admeding Needed Relief.

in golf, tennis or any of the myriad games played with balls of various size and material more time must be filehed from serious business than can by any means be afforded by those who have to earn a living. To become proficient in the spot stroke postulates an apprentice with a time. amateur. To excel in billiards, in cricket, stroke postulates an apprenticeship at least as severe and as prolonged as that of any skilled handlereft, and the extraordinary perfection attained by those classed as "gentlemen" cricketers, as distinguished from "players," implies that for them it is the business of life and not mere relaxaation. The tendency of all games in this age of wealth and teleure is to turn players into athletes, and in these, as in serious work, "amateur" is synonymous with 'immature."

Yet games are of such excellent use in themselves, not only as recreation from strain, but as safety valves for the danger ous or mischievous forces in human na-ture, diverting the thoughts from un-healthy tendencies and chastening the frames into symmetry and grace, that it were a pity if room were not kept for people who can never aspire to professional proficiency. They are potent safeguards against two of the most deplorable deformities to which human nature is liable—dullness in the hard worked and vanity in the idle, each of which brings many a man and woman into a tragic degree of ridicule. Some young people are so constituted as to feel no inclination to games, but very much the reverse; their minds are of such fiber as to retain elasticity without having re-course to systematic diversion. That they are not characters of small capacity which exhibit this trait may be shown by quoting

two well known instances of men highly distinguished in widely different careers. The Duke of Wellington could never be induced when at school to throw any spirit into the sports of other boys. He preferred wandering about alone to the engrossing occupation of football or cricket. Rous-seau consumed days and nights in close study in an attempt to master the game of chess, but though he persevered in re-peated endeavors they all came to nothing. for as often as he sat down to a game all that he had learned went out of his head, But such instances are exceptional, and in most characters hard work unrelieved by competitive games is apt to produce "grooviness" and superfluous leisure stu-

It is difficult to imagine a young woman fond of lawn tennis falling a prey to the morbid self consciousness which consumed the Comtesse de Senecterre, whom Tallemant des Reaux describes as a beautiful but very foolish woman. One of her fancies was to have pillows of every size in her bed—even for her thumbs—for she prided herself on her beautiful hands and alept with them open to keep the joints small. Athletics, it is true, are peculiarly prone to vanity, but the form that vice assumes in them is that of the pride of life, by many degrees more pardonable than the deliberate self love of indolence.

It is a long descent from games which exercise mind or body to those of pure chance, yet these have as firm a hold upon human inclination as if they possessed merit in themselves. No more piteous im-pression can be made on a mind capable of reflection than is left by a visit to the tables at Monte Carlo, Hour after hour, day after day, year after year, the same crowds gather round them, blind to the beauty of sapphire sea and glorious sun-shine, content to swelter and scramble and wrangle-for what? Well, they are under the thrail of one or two motives-two deplorable motives -one the lowest, the other the saddest, that can be conceived, for the first is avarice—of all lust the most obscene, of all passions the most disas-

Valor, self devotion, truth, humanity, may (so complex is human nature) coexist with much that is evil in a character, but avarice taints the whole being, unlike other desires, it is never satisfied; it is never at rest; nothing sweet can flow from the source which it has polluted. Let there be no mistake or palliation about this: Avarice is the primary lure to the casino. Take away the gold, and who would be so childish as to play for counters and sweetsneats? The other and subsidiary motive which collects a crowd around the tables is the desire of idle men to rid themselves of that most precious possession, time. which once it is gone can never be recalled, the loss of which is ever the cause of fruit-

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom tarries," but here even knowledge seems to be set at contempt. Crowds of educated people, with ready access to all the stores of knowledge laid up through the laborious ages for present use, affirm the contemptlbla creed of lack. Never was there a god so false, never one before whom so many bowed the knee in profound and ignorant faith. It would be lost labor to combat the belief-almost universal and wholly ineradicable among gamblers in an inscrutable influence upon human occasion, capable of being offended or prophilitied. It differs in no respect from Indulatry for civilized, well educated people behave just us the pagen does in regard to the great spirit, the souls of his ancestors or the del fied powers of nature. It is in fact a kind

of inserial animatem. "Den't disappoint your luck!"- the gounbler's cardinal precept—implies the same dread of officialing as powerful below, ha-patient of slight, is still moves the indus-tants of Timevelly, in Indo-China, to lay branch and cherous of the grave of a cer-tain british officer whom they haved gui-tered on account of his tyrannical rule over them, believing that his spirit can guly be kept from intechted by being piled with the same little tuxuries he loved when allve. The Lord thy God La Jeal-sus Lord's dogmen not peculiar to Jewish worship, it is the idea toperment in all religion.—Six R. Maxwell in Hackwoods

Wenderful Insect Illuminations. The secretary of the Smernassina in-stitution, Professor Langley, has been NECESSER TO MAN'S HAPPINESS experimenting with Cuban fredlies with a view to discovering the manner in which the illumination they must be cenerated. He says that the light they At Regulers Periods of Mental and produced, that is to say, with the least ingo they returned to their respective Mostly Relaxation The Part Games heat and the smallest expenditure of bomes free men. The governor had beenergy-and he believes that a successiful imitation of it would prove a most All men feel the necessity of beguilling profitable substitute for gas or electricities bours. The veriest sloth will som fall ty. The insects are bestles two inches ty. The insects are beetles two inches out of his senses if he does nothing box long and helong to the family of "snapcount the ticks of the clocks. So man has invented for his school an infinite variety of deliberate pastions—artificial work of them is taid on its back it snaps itself.

flash at intervals, so that the Cubans put A notable and somewhat unsatisfactory feature in this mimicry of work is that the professional is coming more and more to the front, to the discouragement of the accompanied by representials heat, and accompanied by no perceptible heat, and erty. The story touched the heart of per cent.-American Analyst.

A Chronic Case.

Known, chiefly by correspondence, to many persons is a certain invalid who spends her days in studying her "case" and writing about it. Her letters are long, full of unpleasant details and so burdened with inquiries and requests that they have to be answered at almost equal length, and most of them are addressed to men and women to whom time is precious.

Sometimes the invalid asserts that the use of a typewriter would relieve unfavorable symptoms, and asks a hundred questions about the different machines. Again, she finds it necessary to divert her mind, and turns to literature, relying on an author to tell her what and how to write. Then she resolves to make an experiment in treatment, and canvasses by letter for a worthless subscription book that she may gain the money

But always her "case" is directly or indirectly the theme of the many closely written pages. All things past, present and to come are related to her various afflictions. In the words of a Persian proverb, "The sun shines that the world may see her wounds,"-Youth's Companion.

On Collecting Autographs.

The most elementary form of the stranger's letter is of course the applica-tion for an autograph. This application is now reduced to such a system that it causes little inconvenience and should not be refused. There is usually sent with the request a blank card on which the name is to be written, with an enturn. Nothing can be more unobtrusive or mechanical, though the line of propriety is at once passed for its revelope stamped and addressed for its repriety is at once passed, we may say, where two cards are sent, the second one being obviously for exchange purposes or perhaps for sale.

The wary author never, I suspect, writes on both cards, since he does not aim to help out a mere business transaction. Where any applicant goes far-ther and asks an original letter or copied passage, the affair becomes more serious, and some anthors and public men ignore such requests altogether, as being much more serious consumers of time.-T. W. Higginson in Harper's Bazar.

Aunt Scinda's Four Hundred.

"An old negro woman has established a new theocracy at Grenada, Miss.," said J. H. B. Miller, of Coffeyville. "Her name is Scinda, and her followers are called 'Scinda Band.' They number about 400. Scinda is their queen, and rules her flock with an iron rod. They use no Bibles at their meetings, for each member is supposed to know it by heart. If Scinda asks them a Biblical question they are supposed to have an answer at once. They have their meetings every Sunday evening and they are interesting to observe. The congregation-men and women-are decked out in costly ribbons and beads. Their chants are as weird as the sobs and sighs of graveyard trees. They dance to the music of the banjo and tambourine until they are nearly exhausted, and then they go home."—St. Louis Republic.

The Rag Doll.

The rag doll, dearer to the heart of childhood than any other sort of doll, is quite the fashionable doll par excellence at the present moment. Unlike the one injunction .- San Francisco Examiner. our grandmothers made for their little ones, the one cherished by the little folks of today is of flesh colored silk jer-The face is painted, and when it is necpainted after the rest has been washed, as it can be wiffiout injury. - Detroit

An Important Appeal.

Advertisements, especially of the personal kind, will frequently reward the searcher for unexpected anticlimaxes: The following appeared in a New York paper not long ago; "Willie, return to your distracted wife and frantic children! Do you want to hear of your old mother's saicide? You will if you do not let us know where you are at once. Anyway, send back your father's colored rewrite the book. -Exchange, meerschaum? - New York Tribune.

Indian Blood Is Prominent.

People of Indian blood predominate in with a custom which he began last year, Para, Brazil, and are found in all classes, has distributed among the various charfrom servants and peddlers to capital- itable institutions in Nottinghamshire, ists and high government officials, There Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Lancushire and the descendants of both these racechow a large admixture of Indian blood. receipts this year amounted to £1,033.-

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The reading of a flashy novel by one of the convicts while loanging in the peridors of the primer led to an investiinthe which convinced a great many head or hand-which bull his perception of into the air with a clicking sound. The influential persons in this city that two the alloping sand, as well as productive labor does that of the artisan. The energy which has been cited to show that there are no signs of decreated or sensitive is a connected in some way with the mysterious phenomena of the world—secrety, mankind as a mass—its newhere more manifest than in the claborate and physicials have now manifest than in the claborate and physicials have now manifest than in the claborate and physicials have now manifest than in the claborate more partial—witch energy as as none witch energy as no that the capital of the sought in vain to explain its origin. On each side of the animal's thorax is a none as per respite from the task of horazonta so that the Cubara and that the authors is for it was a woman's final entry that the capital decrease in this cap that two ments had been priced as the first two manifests and physicials have no per form the capture of lack of prices. The reader of the toy of the myst was an impressed by the expectation and the clark of proper local decrease in this cap that two ments had been priced as the decrease and the clark of proper local defense. The reader of the toy of the expectation are also been men had been rethreated to prison-one story, must be very soft beauted.

He therefore lost no time in senting her a written statement of his case, with an appeal to aid him in securing his libthe novel writer, and she supplied the necessary money to have a complete in-ventigation of the case made by an eminent New York lawyer. The active interest of a New York newspaper man was also enlisted, and a good deal of hard work was done within a few months. The producer of lurid novels forgot her calling in her enthusiastic fight for justice, and it is safe to say that the two liberated men will never be found in the ranks of those who treat her stories with contumely .- New York

For the Greater United States.

At a meeting of the South Norfolk Liberal association on Saturday there was an almost unanimous expression of opinion in favor of the political union of Canada with the United States. Following upon the resolution passed by the Liberals of the town of Simcoe on the previous day this event indicates a drift of public sentiment which it would be useless to ignore or belittle. Politicians of the small sort may try to make capital out of the fact that these declarations were made by Liberal conventions. it would be easy to point out, on the other hand, that two of the leaders in the annexationist movement, Mr. Solo-mon White, M. P. P., and Mr. T. M. White, secretary of the Political Union association, are Conservatives, and that a majority of the signers of an annexationist document published in this city are of the same political faith.-Toronto

Elevated Electric Railway.

A syndicate of engineers has applied evated railroad in Paris to be operated by electricity. The project divides the city into two parts by a line running north and south.

A new street, 165 feet in width, will be built, which will open into the prin-cipal quarters, the Bourse, the Halles disease have occurred recently and

The central part of this route will be reserved for the elevated line, which will have two tracks resting &f four rows of iron columns twenty-three feet in height. The projected line will con- pite the cold weather. nect with the Metropolitan railway and exist.-Electrical World.

Saflors' Trousers in Science.

A sailor's trousers are the foundation on which the learned Professor Heilprin, of the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences. rests his theory that the north pole can be discovered, and that within a few years. This garment was the property of a seaman whose ship entered the arctic regions by Behring sea. Somehow the apparel got into the ocean current, was swept away up toward the pole and finally came down along the shore of Greenland, where it was discovered. A ship, argues Professor Heilprin, can go where these trousers have been. And it is a fact that an expedition is going to start from Norway in the spring of 1898 to try it .- Boston Journal.

Would Like Tennyson's Place.

Since Miss Monroe, of Chicago, appeared already laurel crowned and with an ode that she had written herself the bee of poetic ambition has flitted away and now buzzes in the plug hat of the Marquis of Lorne. He wants to garb himself in the mantle of Tennyson. With this laudable end in view he is building some verses to his distinguished mother-in-law, and it is feared no one will dare to tell her how bad they are. Somebody who really respects the late laureate's mantle should swear out an

Philadelphia's Monument to McClellan. William Waldorf Astor has sent to the ey cloth or of cotton balbriggan of the McClellan association, payable to Govsame color. Its body is filled with cot- arnor Pattison's order, a certified check ton, and its hair is in many rings of yel- for \$1,000. Sculptor Ellicott gets \$5,000 low single zephyr stitched on in loops. for his completed model. The state pays \$5,000 for the pedestal, and the entire essary to clean it this face can be re- work is expected to cost \$20,000. Bids will be opened in a few days, and the present intention is to unveil the statue in May. - Philadelphia Inquirer.

> General Longstreet an Author. General Longstreet will soon have the manuscript for his book in the hands of the publishers. It will be remembered that it was nearly finished when de stroyed by fire a few years ago. His handsomely furnished residence, with library, war records and manuscripts was entirely consumed, and he had to

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CHOLERA'S NESTING PLACE.

HAMBURG, Dec. 23,-It was thought that extraordinary measures had been taken by the authorfor the privilege of constructing an ellities to prevent another outbreak of cholera in the spring, but the indications now point to the recurrence of the disease in an epidemic form, when warm weather sets in. Sevenew cases are officially reported, and the people are beginning to grow restless, fearing that the disease will become widespread dis-

The authorities are doing everywith the important lines which already thing possible to prevent the disease spreading. Particular attention has been paid to the water supply, and the inhabitants now find it possible to avoid the use of the filthy water of the Elbe.



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