

Many Nations of the Earth Reflected Through Their Pleasures. .

BAMES AS VIEWED BY THE ETHNOLOGIST

They Are Shown to Be an Important Factor in Determining the Habits of a Dead Nation-Concerning Other People's Pastimes.

Among the multitude of other material to attract attention from all visitors to the World's fair and close study from those who had the time at their disposal was one exhibit, very carefully arranged and fully catalogued, which seemed to have been relatively somewhat overlooked. Away down in the southwest corner of the grounds, in the building known, generically, as the Anthropological building, Mr. Stewart Culin had arranged, with much pains and forethought, an excellent collection of games and puzzies of all kiuds, of all ages, and gathered from all nations. The exhibit is laid out in a series of twelve glass cases running across the building from the west door to the east.

Every game may be looked upon as indicative of the habits and nature of the people playing it. What can show the truth of this better than a comparison of the national outdoor pastimes, respectively, of Scotland, England and the United States-golf, cricket and base ball? And in the arrangement and labeling of the many different ar ticles in the exhibit there is an evident design to emphasize the importance of games in ethnological research. Mr. Culin gives credit to Prof. Tylor for being the first to point out their value in this respect and shows how the gauses of primitive people may be divided into (1) play games, such as children's toys, tops, puzzles and so forth, and (2) serious games, which usually had some sacred or religious significance.

The collection is so varied and so complete that any one with a bent that way might profitably spend a day in examining the many curious toys and strange looking in-truments used by peoples of every clime, of mations long ago dead and of the modern American. European, Asiatic, or African, ivilized or savage. sivilized or savage.

Invented to Rack the Brain

The first case contains puzzles. One natur illy thinks of Chipa as the birthplace of puz des, but puzzles from the Celestial kingdom tre far from plentiful. The catalogue ex-plains that those which are made for export the invariable in form and consist of the hroe well known samples, the ring puzzle, the geometrical puzzle and the dissected sube. Any others that the Celestials may anye devised they keep, like their best tea,

The basis of the y keep, like their best tea, tricity for home consumption. The basis of the collection is a series of East Indian puzzles whose authorship is at-ributed to Aziz Hussan of Salaranpore. But the large bulk of the 100 and more spect-mens consists of developments of the famous "fifteen" puzzle which, though two centuries id, was resurrected within the memory of These consists of developments of the famous off, was resurrected within the memory of many young men of today, and quickly at about a marveious popularity. Soveral pur-les are shown which are avowedly varia-tions of this famous one, such as the "new off the or the "jumper." the presidential pur-ties are shown which are avowedly varia-tions of this famous one, such as the "new of the president's name in lieu of numbers, and we others, known as "Columbus discover-ore and "Bismarck," very similar to the presidential purzle. Then comes "pigs in clover," a clever favoring the soundry and in England and soon produced an exceedingly large litter of similar brain rackers. "Cows in the core," "Three routes to the World's fair," "lambs in the pit, ""the pig in the alley," "puss in the corner," in which the aim is to get for marches into the respective corners of a suare box which tas an aggravating brass.

all show by their name where their concep-tion originated. In the case in which these are shown there is no sign calling special attention to their ethnological value. Possi-bly they were looked on as showing the weak side of modern civitization.

Necessary to Boyhood.

From a glance at the collection of tops it might be thought there was no place on earth where that was not a favorite article of amusement. There is one, in design not unlike the ordinary peg top of today but without the steel point, discovered at Kahun, in the Fayum, Egypt, by Mr. Flinders Petrie and supposed to be 4,700 years old years old. Tops of the Sioux Indians, ancient ones of

stone or brick and a modern one of wood with a brass peg; tops used by the Omahas, by whom they were known as moo de de ska; prehistoric tops from Ancon, Peru, which are identical in design with that from the Yahum, and another Peruvian top taken from a grave at Arica and similar to present day Japanese top, show how exensive was their use among the natives of his continent. Next to the tops are a few examples of

popguns-Peruvian and Omaha Indian, the squirtgun as known to the American boy of today, and, one in the main similar used in the Hindoo Diwali festival.

Spilikins is the English name and les jonchets the French name for the game we know in this country as jackstraws. It is played with an assortment of ivory or wooden sticl.s, each about four inches long, about an eighth of an inch wide and tapering to a point, and with a head shaped in hard to a point, and with a head shaped in various designs, such as a sword haudle or a spade handle, or sometimes more after the style of the wards of the key. These jackstraws are thrown in an indiscriminate heap on the table and the game is to remove them one by one without touching or even so much as one without touching or even so much as shaking any one of the others. There is a ine set of ivory jackstraws from China, and it is suggested that it was in that country the game took birth.

Of Which the Ball is the Mainstay.

Following the cases eastward the next class includes a number of outdoor pastimes, and consists almost exclusively of games of and consists almost exclusively of games of ball. There is, in fact, hardly an outdoor game of the present day, and the remark holds with probably greater force in refer-ence to the games of the ancients, in which a ball, though it may be of almost any size, weight or material, is not the principal part of the equipment.

Bat trap, or trap ball, is probably little known to the younger generation of Ameri-cans, though it is still comparatively com-mon in some parts of England. The game has been traced back to the fourteenth century and an illustration copied from a manu-script of that period is on exhibition. It is not unreasonable to suppose that it grew out of the still more ancient game known to the youngster of today as tip-cat. In the same youngster of today as tip-cat. In the same case as the bats and traps for trap ball, are shown an extensive assortment of "cats," one from the Kahum, Exypt, of the same date as the top found in the same place, and other antiquated specimens from China and Japan, India, Ceylon and Burmah, Bussia and Persia. Trap ball is played with a short bat (not more than two fost long and in shape much very similar to a small oricket bat), a solid rubber ball about an inch and a half in diameter, and the trap. The trap is an instrument so de-signed that when one end is struck with the bat the ball, which has previously been placed on the other end, is projected into the air. As the ball descends it may be driven with the bat and the score is counted by the runs that are obtained before the ball is brought back by the fielders. The batsman, as at cricket, may be ',run' out or

the number of the state of the stremely scientific games of the extremely scientific games of the end of the nineteenth century. Cricket and base ball have features which may certainly be readily traceable to the far older trap ball.

Native of the Sootch Heaths.

Those two games are well represented in Mr. Stewart Culta's collection, and with them are to be seen the articles used in golf, is crosse, rackets, lawn tennis, polo, foot ball and croquet. Golf (or, as it is more commonly pronounced in Scotland by its

antiquity; but throughout its whole career, and it is certainly several centuries old, it has been confined almost entirely to its national home. Within the last eight or ten years it has been making inroads into England where it has been frequently accused of threatening to oust lawn tennis. This, however, is a charge which can never be sustained, from the fact, if for no other reason, that tennis owes its popularity to its adaptability to crowded districts where large tracts of land are not easily obtainable. Golf, on the other hand, is played on an open common or heathland, the larger the batter. Its rules are not yeary and better. Its rules are not very exact and, indeed, have to be suited to the ground. To form golf "links" out of the wildest and roughest land, all that is required is to level nine (or eighteen if there be room enough) "teelug" grounds which must be about fif-teen or twenty feet in diameter and must each have in its center a small hole measur-ing four inches across. These holes should be from 100 to 600 yards apart according to the nature of the ground. The ball is driven from one to another of these holes with clubs, of which each player has from three to a dozen varieties, and an expert will make the round of eighteen holes in seventy or eighty strokes. There may be high walls or deep ravines

or streams of running water between the holes, and links are far from desirable that have not plenty of "hazards," but the "tceing" grounds around the holes must be cov-ered with the finest of turf and kept as smooth as a billiard table. The skill of the game lles in getting out of difficult positions with few strokes, and this, of course, de-pends much upon a judicious use of the dif-forent kinds of club. Its fault is in the poor opportunity it affords for competition or rivalry, although its followers find in it almost endless fascination, and Willie Renshaw, who is considered the father of lawn tennis in England and has of late years been giving much of his time to golf, has found a new virtue in the game. He says he can keep at it the whole day long, which is certainly not true of tennis. Battledore and shuttlecock, quoits and a

few other forms of ring games, are example of outdoor sports not played with a ball. Al most the only other game of this kind is curling, very common in Scotland when ice can be found to play it on, and the Chicago Curling club displays three sets of curling stones.

Board Games of the Ancients.

In the same case with the curling exhibit is a display of miniature billiard tables and other articles used in that and kindred games, and we are back at once to parlor amusements. Chess and checkers are pre-ceded by a large assortment of simpler board games, many of them variations of the familiar fox and geese. Among the countries represented in this class are quite a number of the eastern Asiatic nations, and it is a significant fact that a board from Japan and another from Peru, used in what appear to have been almost identical forms of the game are also almost identical in appear

Japan and China contribute a game which, under slight variations, seems to be peculiar to those two countries. In Japan it is known as go, and the board on which it is played is the go ban. Our game of go bang, says a label attached to this exhibit, comes sfrom Japan and its name is supposed to have been furnished by the name for the board in this issues are of go

Turnished by the name for the board in this Japanese game of go. The Zuni Indians of New Mexico bave a game in some respects similar to checkers. But it is played on a board of 144 squares. The moves are made diagonally as in check-ers, but the men are placed at the corners of the squares, instead of in their centers. The object of the game is to get across the board and occupy the places of the opponent forces, capturing as many stray men by the way as capturing as many stray men by the way as possible. The method of capture is prob-ably unique. Instead of jumping over the man to be "taken", as in checkers, or removing him from the board and occupying his place, as in chess, it is necessary to en-close him between two others. It is easy to see that well-nigh unfathomable problems

might develop when the Zuni masters get together . Methuselah Among Games.

cade have the students and scientists dis-cussed just when and where it originated, but they have not decided yet. There are so many nations, most of them to be sure Asiatic, in whose history the game can be traced for many and many a century. But when data is available on which to base any kind of a theory it is so unreliable that the authorities cannot agree among themselves even within an odd 5,000 years or so of its real antiquity.

For example, chaturanga, the Indian chess, from which our own game is derived with hardly any change, is by some declared to date back to about 3,900 years before the birth of Chalt birth of Christ. The story that is said to have come down with it through the ages is unimportant and the honor cards and numthat it was invented by the wife of Rayanna erical cards in hearts, clubs, spades and dia king of Ceylon, when his capital Lanka was besieged by Rama. Other scientists, in an monds as known to every one today are without doubt many centuries old. equally good position to give an opinion, de-cline to concede that chaturanga is more than 1,000 or 1,200 years old. Singularly enough, wherever and whenever the game may have originated, this same story of its tioned, both of which cover a large field and perhaps even fill large gaps. The prejudice invention by a king's wife during a siege is told with almost unvarying detail in every country where it has been found.

The chess exhibit at the fair includes a magnificent set of carved ivory men from Canton, China, made expressly for ex-port; a board of eighty-one squares and a set of flat pieces, with figures printed on the surface, for the Japanese game of shogi; a board, divided into sections, but in principle much like our own, and pieces for the Chi-nese tseung ki; board and pieces for mah ruk, the Siamese game; portraits and pie-tures of the Indian chaturanga, the Bur-mese and the Malay games; and, finally, a Moorish board and an array of English chessmen and boards. chessmen and boards.

Draughts or, as it is more commonly known, checkers takes up far less space, but the exhibit includes two interesting sets of German draughtsmen of the eighteenth cen-tury. According to Prof. Tylor, already spoken of, this game is a modern simplification of chess. of amusement.

To Suit All Tastes.

Aids to Lazinese. Halma is perhaps the best known of the

CONNUBLALITIES.

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Miscellaneous Card Games,

lesser board games. But there is an almost endless variety of these, of which the large England is said to have over 1,000,000 number shown in this collection is only a small part. Eckha is merely a variation of halma, and there are also in the exhibit: winows.

It is always safe to tell a girl that she Strategy, a military game; politica, or "ins and outs," supposed to be an exact counter-part of the method by which the president and congressmen are elected; susceptibles, kerion, brax, mind reading, McAllister, relooks as pretty as a picture. You needn't commit yourself about the quality of the picture, though.

"I nave got a fuss on hand with George, The son of Minister Egan doesn't seem to have been persona non grata to the Chilian versi (a game that appears to be unique in many of its important features). migration, seega and kohla or World's fair halma. These ladies. He has just married a daughter of a conator of that country. games may generally be classed as instruc-tive amusements and some of them might be

said a recently married New York lady to her mother. "What's it all about?" "He insists that I shall do the cooking." "He does, ch? Then do it. I wouldn't have any sympathy with him whatever."

There is a class of our of them might be means to make the lazy learn. There is a class of ourlor games that are not played on a board. Tiddledy-winks was their father, and the birth of tiddledy-winks Designing Mamma-As to that young Mr their father, and the birth of tiddledy-winks is of very recent date. Others of the class in the exhibit are parlor quoits, magic hoops, snap dragon, ring a peg, bean bag game, and a series of adaptations of outdoor sports for the parlor table, such as tiddledy-wink ten-nis, lolo or table groquet, and parlor base ball. Welloph, Clara, 1 know his affairs to be in excellent shape. Obdurate Daughter-I don't care anything about his affairs. It's Mr. Welloph's shape that I'm objecting to, mamma.

The approved marriage certificate is or vellum, with the text as richly illuminated work on such certificates that it would not be strange if there were a return to the much derided old fashion of framing them and hanging them on the wall.

Dominoes is a game that every child should learn. In its simplest form it is ex-tremely simple, but nevertheless it has its fascination, and in the figuring that it in-volves has also valuable educational features. Baron B. F. Grunebaum has captured an American heiress. He is to wed Miss Lily Sherman of Gallatia, Tean., the daughter of volves has also valuable educational features. At the same time it may be played as a game that philosophers may find perplexing and sufficiently complicated to satisfy the most exacting. As with chess, there is much dispute as to its origin. It has been ascribed to the Arabs, the ancient Hebrews, and to the Chinese. In any case it was brought to England by French prisoners at the close of the last century. It is believed to have come to France from Italy some time previously. the famous horse breeder of Lexington, Ky. She is about 19 years old, very handsome, and is said to have an income, in her own right, of \$25,000 a year. The baron met her at Hot Springs, Ark.

A lady who was about to be married en tered a printing office just outside of Boston and ordered a number of invitations to be and ordered a humon of invitations to be printed. The proprietor, a jovial sort of man, thinking he ought to say something, remarked: "It seems to me that any one who marries in these hard times has consid-erable courage." "Well," replied the lady,

to have come to France from Italy some time previously. With dominoes are shown a large assort-ment of Chinese dice games, of great inter-est no doubt to the ethnologist but of little interest to the average reader. They are here exhibited, however, as casting a light on the character of the Chinese people, and not much to their credit either, be it said. There are also East Indian, Syrian, Roman, Babylonian and Egyptian dice, some of them curious looking objects indeed. erable courage." "Well," replied the lady, "we are all out of work, and we've got to do something, you know."

"True hearts are more than coronets," etc. Princess Augusta Marie Louise is the daughter of Prince Leopold of Bavaria. She has attained the impressionable age of liv, and some time ago her roving fancy fell upon a handsome young lieutenant of cav-alry. 'The warrior returned her love, but when Leopold discovered the state of affairs

invented in the twelfth century, and it is there was no end of a row. The lieutenant maintained that from the dotted tablet the transition to the playing card merely awaited the invention of paper. The queswas shipped off to a distant garrison, and the princess was forbidden to think of him. But she did just the same. She thought of tion of the evolution of the playing card is gone into with a thoroughness that cerhim until she fell iil, and pined away to such an extent that her father became alarmed. He consulted the court physician, who could not minister to a mind diseased, and the uptainly deserves more than passing mention. But it is difficult to convey in words what is shown, in some measure at least, by the exhibit, the successive stages through which this familiar article has passed in the course of its long and varied life. It is sup-posed to have come into England from France, probably not until after Henry IV's accurate and control provide the statement of the shot is that there is to be a wedding at Mu nich with the young lieutenant and the love-lorn princess as the principals. No social event of the season excited so

much general interest as the international wedding of Miss Flora Davis of New York accession and certainly previous to 1463. From then until now the changes have been city and Lord Terrence John Temple Blackwood, second son of the earl of Dufferin and Ava, the British ambassador to Paris. It took place at the American Episcopal church in Paris last Thursday. Miss Davis is a daughter of Mr. John H. Davis, who has had a residence for a number of years on Wash-ington square, New York city, Mr. Davis is a plain man, and has not been in society for a long time. Lord Terence Blackwood is the second son of the Two classes of games remain to be men against playing cards has given rise to the invention of a large assortment of other games of cards, mostly intended for chil-ren. "Dr. Buzby," the first of these, came marquis of Dufferin and Ava, and is one of the secretaries of the British embassy in Paris under his father. He will, beyond doubt, be promoted in the diplomatic service before long, and may at a date not very far out about fifty years ago, and its successors include a number of spelling games like word making and word taking, anagrams, distant be sent to the emoassy at Washing-ton. Miss Davis' wedding dress was a heavy ivory-white satin, with a train which logomachy, words and sentences, spelling puzzles, and no fewer than seventy-eight games, each of which has its own peculiar hung from the waist in hox pleats, over a yard long, on the floor; the front of the skirt deck of cards. The other is a class of board games was composed of one straight piece of white was composed of one straight piece of white satin until just below the knees, where it was looped on both sides, over superb old lace flounces. At one side the draped satin was fastened by a Louis XVI. satin bow-knot and on the other held by a bunch of mostly adaptations of horse or yacht races to the table and depending on the use of dice. Of such games the name is legion. It should be mentioned that the museum of the University of Pennsylvania provided orauge blossoms. The high-necked bodice of white satin was finished at the waist by a the backbone of the collection, that the bulk of the exhibit of modern American games was furnished by the manufacturers, among whom Messrs. McLaughlin & Co. were con-spicuous, and that Mr. Culin received belt of loose white satin, and over the chest and shoulders, falling over large, full satin-sleeves, was a double bertha of rich antique lace looped on the right shoulder and held by a small bunch of orange blossoms. A long tulle veil fastened by a spray of orange blos-soms covered the entire costume, which was further valuable assistance from owners of specimens of ancient toys and other articles

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

ilies in France.

Howard's father is a physician, and one day when the doctor was out Howard and a little playmate were "playing doctor" in the real doctor's office. Presently Howard threw open a closet door and revealed an articuopen a closet door and revealed an articu-tated skeleton to the terrified gaze of his playmate, out Howard himself was perfectly calm. "Pooh, Walter!" he said to his play-mate, "What you 'fraid off it's nothing but an old skellington!" "Wh-wh-where did it come from?" asked Waltor, with chattering tecth. "Oh, I don't know. Papa has had it a long time. I guess lively it was his first a long time. I guess likely it was his first

Tommy-Are you going to whip me, mammal

Mamma-Yes, I am, Tommy. Tommy-You said the other day that whipping never did me any good, didn't you?

Mamma-1 believe 1 did. Tommy-Then what's the use of whipping me again!

Auntie-Do you find your lessons hard't Little Nephew-Some of them is; t spellin' and pronunciation is easy. "They are?" but

"Yes'm. All you has to do is to pronounce words the way they isn't spelled, and spell em some way they isn't pronounced."

Teacher -- Tommy Figs, you may give a definition of a gentleman as the word is un-derstood nowadays. Tommy-A gentleman is a feller that is so dead sure that he is better than all the other fellers that he does not ever have to

Visitor-So your brother is taking lessons on the violin. Is he making progress? Lit-tie Girl-Yea'm; he's got so now we can tell whether he is tuning or playing.

Lattic Boy-The preacher said there is no marryin' in heaven. Little Girl-Of course not. There wouldn't be enough men there to go 'round.

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THE ANTIQUE CRAZE.

House Furnishing Review. There never was a maid more fair, Or graced with more enticing ways Than Julia, till she lately fell A victim to the antique craze. But now she has no thought for grace, And of my worship will have none, And all her winsomeness she wastes On unresponsive wood and stone.

She has no time for words of love, Because she has a crackled jur, And now her heart will only glow For musty draperles from afar; A fattered ring or broken bowl Will bring more color to her check Than all the siches and hower twee Than all the sights and honest yows That I could utter in a week

Though I may bring a lover's kiss, She has more service for my room Unless I also bring to her Some treasure rare or ancient spoon; So, though I love her, much I fear She must give o'er her craze for delf, Or like her mugs and luster jugs She'll find herself upon the shelf.

IMPLETIES.

In a small town in the Midlands, says Tid there is a rich congregation which is not characterized by lavish liberality. Time after time the minister had vainly appealed to his people to contribute more generously to the funds of the church. The members would, indeed, give something, but it was nearly always the smallest silver coin of the

realm that was placed on the plate. A shrewd Scotchman, who had recently come to the place and joined the church, was not long in noticing the state of affairs and a remedy soon suggested itself to his praca related soon sugared when the first of the plate tical mind. "I'll tell you what," he said to one of the officials. "If you mak' me treasurer l'il engage to double the collec-tions in three months." His offer was promotly accepted and sure

enough the collections began to increase, until by the time he had stated they were nearly twice as much as formerly. How have you managed it. Mr. Sandy-man?' said the paster to him one day. an exact copy of the costume of a hdy in a painting, representing one of the oldest fam-

"It's a great secret." returned the canny Scot, "but Fil tell you in coulidence. The folk I saw maistly give 3-penny bits. Well, when I got the money every Sabbath even-ing I carefully picked oot the ama' coins and put them by. Noo, as there's only a limited number of 3-penny pieces in a little place like this, and as I have maist of them as present under lock and key, the folk many dimensional Sec. that's

give saxpence at least instead. Sec. that's the way the collections are doubled." Indianapolis Journal: "There may be some

good in your religion," said the studious young woman, "but you can never make me see any reason for your horrid practice of having more than one wife."

"Allow me to explain," said the Moham-medan missionary. "In the first place, it is not considered good form in our country for a woman to go gadding-1 believe that is the word-around the streets. She is expected

to stay at home." "Well?" "Well, as she has to stay in the house all

the time, her husband would never see her looking other than what you call a perfect fright if there were not some other woman there to outshine."

Detroit Free Press: "I'm going to turn over a new leaf," remarked a very solfish man to an acquaintance. "How !"

"I've joined the church and I'm going to love my neighbor as myself, as the good book

commands us to do." The acquaintance put his hand on his shauldet

"Well, go at it gradually," he said, "if you go at it suddenly you'll smoother hun with affection in the first five minutes."

Why is it that the freekled-faced boy who puts bent pins in the teacher's chair and takes the good boy's "reward of merit" cards away from him always sings "I want to be an Angel" louder than anybody else in the Sunday school?

"That new choir isn't filing the church the way I thought it would." "Well, what can you expect? You've got a homely tency and a married soprano."

"When pain and anguish wring the brow, -A ministering angel thou"-Bromo-Seltzer