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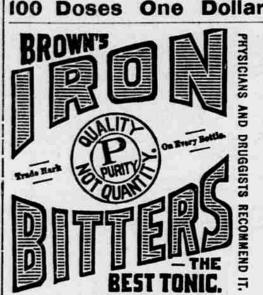
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GOD'S CHANNEL.

Like the channel of a mighty river, God made the heart of man, a glorious

source Tro' which He means His bounties to deliver; Wealth, love, or learning to speed on their To all this suffering world. He who retains The riches of his purse, or soul, or brains,

For his own use defies God's grand endeavor, And chokes with weeds of pride and selfishness, And rank, vile growths, the bedway of that

river, Whose stagnant waters—meant to heal and bless—
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FARO.

Something About the Early History of the Game -- Its Career in New York.

New York Commercial Advertiser. "Have you any idea by whom or when the game of faro was invented?" asked a reporter of the Commercial Advertiser a few days ago while talking with Charlie Dunn, the well known gambler. The question was asked in the course of a conversation about gaming in general and particularly about the prevalence of it in this city. Dunn had previously said that there was more gambling going on at present within the precincts of this devoted city than at any other in its history.

"Well, that is a question," replied Dunn, crossing his legs with a grunt of supreme comfort and lighting another are good, but they are too far from a cigar. "Faro, my boy, dates back to the inventors of almost all the games that require thought. It was invented. I have heard, by the Pharoahs after they had got tired of playing chess and back-gammon and all the other innocent little games which brought them so much enjoyment. But the new invention was the ruination of the Pharaohs, for they gambled so much that finally the Shepherd Kings went for them and pulverized them, as we say nowadays, so faro was temporarily forgotten. The Piolmeys revived it and it then crossed over into Italy, where mosaics in the ruins of Pompeii have been found representing two players deeply absorbed in the primitive game. No, I'm not joking. I never joke about any such serious matters as faro. But, honestly, no one knows when the game was really invented. It is one of those things which partook of the nature of Topsy and 'simply growed.' "The earliest record we have of the

game is in the thirteenth century, when dealer and he was paid. A century ago repay us for its purchase. no box was used. The dealer dealt out of his hands, and so ran a great chance of showing most of the cards. The box is a great protection against the inquisitive, and it is really the only protection the player has against any possible manipulation on the part of the dealer. If faro was dealt out of hand as it was in former times, there would be a decided number of shootings in this police-ridden city.

"It is hard to say when faro was introduced into this country. The probabilities are that it was played in England long before any one ever dreamed of colonizing the new world. We know that it was played in Virginia long before the revolution. The old planters were not chary about betting their slaves on the turn of a card, and had none of the Puritan narrow mindedness which kept faro out of New England. The game was played at that time without a box. The players chose their eards from their own deck and had ample opportunity to manipulate it as they pleased. They got no benefit from a of a broken heart is told by Dr. Martin, split—that is, when two cards of a like of Atlanta, Georgia. W. H. Harvill, denomination were turned up and the the father-in-law of Dr. Martin, who stakes are evenly divided between the died recently at a ripe old age, was the player and the bank. They didn't even owner of a very fine bulldog, by name have the advantage of a 'cue-box' to Ponto. "For months before his death," check off the cards which had been says Mr. Martin, "this dog was his condealt. Of course there was rash betting stant companion. There was something in consequence, and manipulation was almost human in the devotion of the common on the part of the bank and of the player, and you may be sure both took advantage of their chances to the best of their ability."

in the game?"

Have there been any recent changes "I should think so. And they all have a tendency to make the game much fairer than it was originally. Thirty years ago, I remember that it place by the coffiin, and did not budge was the rule that if a man put a bet until it was taken from the room. down on the table he was compelled to Then he got up and followed it closely leave it there until it had lost or won to the hearse, and followed it to the its equivalent. Now he is able to grave. Ponto came back to the house change his bets as many times as he a changed dog. Every night he lay upon chooses. At that time when a man sat his rug in the porch and moaned pitdown at a faro table he sat down to bet eously all night long. Every day found to win. Now he can bet either to win him making the rounds just as he did or lose. At that time there wasn't any before the old man died. I tempted such a thing as a copper; now a man him with the choicest meat, but he recan copper the ace and bet that it will fused to eat. I offered him the warmlose and still win on a losing card. Then there is considerable difference in Then there is considerable difference in the way faro is played in the west. If a man puts his chips at the corner of the king heading to the line the way faro is played in the west. If went about with his head down, the the king heading to the dueen in this away almost to a skeleton. One day, city, the bet takes in the king and the about five weeks after the old man duece only, but out west such a placing | diel, Ponto came dragging his lank and of chips would mean the king, queen, ace and duece. Checks have been used got by the fence he stopped there and during the last fifty years. Previous to sank upon the ground. I ran to him, the ivory disks which represent so much noney, coin was used, and oftentimes the faro table would be strewn with gold and silver as the work went on.

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The statement that Dr. Sir W. Gull, where we placed within a silver was placed within a silv

distress of the following two or three years almost killed the game, but as business revived and money again became plenty, faro arose from the ashes as it were, and resumed its swav. In about 1840 the legislature passed a bill declaring faro to be illegal gambling, and thenceforth whenever a man wanted to "buck the tiger" he had to do it on the sly. Virginia took action forbidding the game in the last century. In 1750 she passed a law requiring "the subjects of the king to refrain from playing the game of faro." The penalties for breaking this old law were very severe, including heavy fines and a long term of imprisonment.

Our Russian Purchase.

Globe-Democrat. For seventeen years the territory which Secretary Seward paid Russia \$7,200,000 for has, while forming a part of the United States, remained almost as much unknown as that section which appeared on the atlases of fifty years ago as "The Great American Desert." Recent letters from Alaska in the Globe-Democrat have given our readers better ideas of its possibilities than anything before printed, unless it was the report of Ivan Petroff, the agent of the census bureau, recently published. The territory is supposed to contain about 365,500,000 acres, or as big as Texas, California, Nevada and Indiana together. Just now its fur interests is the most important source of revenue, the annual product being about \$300,000 worth. There is plenty of timber, but it is not likely to be much drawn on for many generations to come. Its mineral wealth is not yet known, but there are indications that it may be considerable. The fisheries

market to be valuable. It has been reserved for Lieutenant Schawtka, the Arctic explorer, to attempt the development within the borders of this Russian purchase of an industry which, it is safe to say, would have been thought impracticable by ninety-nine out of a hundred persons -the raising of cattle. But he proposes to use the Aleutian Islands, not the mainland. The popular idea of their situation is that they are near the arctic circle, and consequently have a rigorous and favorable climate. In fact they are but little further north than Washington territory, are under the influence of a warm current from the Japanese Islands, and have an average yearly temperature of from 36 to 40 degrees, Fahrenheit. They are in about the same lattitude as England. The grasses are rich, sweet and luxurious, and such cattle as have been raised there were excellent recommendations to the islands as a home for

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The Italian original is paroli. To make paroli, as it was originally called, a paroli, as it was origi

Too Bashful to Marry. Kentucky State Journal.

marry Frank or not." "Why, Jennie?"

"Oh, I don't know." make you a good living. If 1 were in Mrs. E: 'We live by the will of God,

bashful as I am." "Oh, pshaw! Why, Nellie Jones,

who got married a few days ago, told that it cannot but be marred by being me that shortly after the ceremony was performed her bashfulness all left her."

"Yes."

"Oh, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll see Nellie and ask her about it."

A Broken-Hearted Dog.

A remarkale story of a dog that died

of a broken heart is told by Dr. Martin, dog to his master, and as a natural consequence, the master was particularly fond of his dog. The daily movements of the old gentleman for a long time before his last sickness were as regular as those of a clock, and Ponto followed him as surely as his very shaddow. When the old man died, Ponto took his

Washington Fifty Years Ago.

In those days it was no easy task to reach Washington from distant parts of the country, and the members of Congress from those localities used often to leave their homes three or four weeks before the opening of a session. A few performed the journey in their own carriages, and others rode saddle-horses, which they retained for their own use during the session and then sold. But a large majority of the Senators, Representatives, correspondents and claimants who went to Washington traveled in the stage-coaches, and there was always a great demand for seats just before the commencement of a session, on all the lines which centered at the capital.

an observant foreigner "the city of shoulder. magnificent distances," an appellation which was well merited. There was a group of small, shabby houses around the navy yard and the marine barracks; another cluster on the river bank just above the arsenal, which was to have been the business center of the metropolis; and Pennsylvania avenue from the Capitol to Georgetown, with the streets immediately adjacent, was lined with houses, many of them with shops on the ground floor. The Executive Departments were located in four brick edifices on the corners of the square in the center of which was the White

Pennsylvania avenue - the Appian Way of our republic-was graded while Jefferson was President, at a cost of \$14,000; he personally superintended the planting of four rows of Lombardy poplars along that portion of it between the Capitol and the White House-a row along each curb-stone, and two equi-distant rows in the road-way, which was thus divided into three parts, like Unter der Linden, at Berlin. In the winter and spring the drive-way would be full of mud-holes, some of them axledeep, and some of the cross-streets would be almost impassable beds of red clay, worked by passing horses and wheels into a thick mortar. On one occasion when Mr. Webster and a friend undertook to go to Georgetown in a hackney-coach to attend a dinner-party, the vehicle got stuck in a mud-hole, and the driver had to carry his passengers, one at a time, to the sidewalk, where they stood until the empty carriage could be pulled out. Mr. Webster, in narrating this incident, years afterward, used to laugh over his fears that his bearer would fall beneath his weight and ruin his dress suit. John Randolph used to call Pennsvlvania avenue "the great Serbonian bog," and descant on the dangers of a trip over it, to or from the Union Hotel at Georgetown, in the large stage with seats on the top, called the "Royal George."

What is Life?

Ralph Waldo Emerson reports a conversation in which he and Margarat

player was required to bend one corner ka has had enough experience in that day was, "What is life?" "Margaret of the preferred card over. It was al- region to know something nearly what | did not believe we had, any of us, a disways right to withdraw a bet after the it can be made to do, and he has in- tinet idea of life. A. S. thought so time when he had won his first stake, duced capitalists to give him abundant great a question ought to be given for but previously to that he had to let his backing. If he succeeds, although it a written definition. 'No,' said Marmoney remain. At that time there were must be confessed that we do not stand garet, 'that is of no use. When we go no 'layouts.' Every player had his own in absolute need of more cattle ranges away to think of anything we never do pack and made his bets on the cards just at present, there will have been think. We all talk of life. We all have that he himself had turned. When he made a beginning at settling and utiliz- some thought now. Let us tell it. C., won he simply showed his card to the ing this territory which will more than what is life?' C. replied: 'It is to laugh, or ery, according to our organization.' 'Good,' said Margaret, 'but not grave enough. Come, what is life? I know what I think. I want to find what you think.' Miss P. replied: "Mollie, I don't know whether to Life is division from one's principle of life in order to a conscious reorganization. We are cut up by time and circumstance, in order to feel "Why, he's a nice fellow and would our reproduction of the eternal law." your place I would marry him quick- and the object or life is to submit,' and went on into Calvinism. * * * "Oh, yes: but may be you ain't as | Margaret was then pressed to say what

she considered life to be. Her answer was so full, clear and concise, at once, drawn through the scattering medium of my memory. But here are some fragments of her satisfying statement. She began with God, as spirit, life, so full as to create and love eternally, yet capable of pause. Love and creativeness are dynamic forces, out of which we, individually, as creatures, go forth bearing his image, that is, having within our being the same dynamic forces, by which we also add constantly to the total sum of existence," etc., etc. The next day, says Mr. Emerson, some of those who were present "begged Margaret to repeat the statement concerning life with which she closed the last conversation. Margaret said she had forgotten every word she said."

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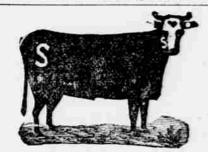
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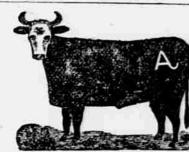


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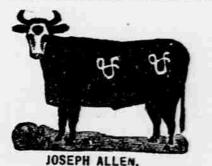


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