Queerest Gambling Game In the

World Is Played at Calcutta. One of the most curious forms of gambling in the world is "rain gambling," which in the winter season of the year is at its height in Calcutta. The principal rain gambling den is in Cotton street, Burra bazaar.

No one who has not visited the place can have any conception of the vast crowds which at every hour of the day

and far into night pass in and out.

The great majority are Mawaris, who are born speculators, but there are as well plenty of well to do Europeans, Eurasians, Jews, Armenians and Greeks and women too. All swarm into the small courtyard where this strange form of gambling is carried on, through a narrow entrance barely 8 feet wide. The courtyard is about 200 feet square. The far famed tank with a spout falling into the courtyard is the one spot where all eyes are fixed. The tank stands at the edge of a second floor roof. It is about 6 feet long by 4 feet wide and 9 inches deep, with the spout opening inward, some 3 or 4 inches from the bottom. From this it will be seen that it requires a pretty heavy downpour for at least ten minutes to cause the spout to flow. Intermittent drizzles, which partly fill this tank, do not count, as the shower to fill it must pour down uninterruptedly, and then the bets are won or lost.

Chances are taken either for or against the spout running. A gray haired, wizened old man is the owner of the den, and there is another similar place across the road, only smaller. On the roof, over the fifth floor, there is a small, square watch tower, in which are stationed five or six men, whose duty is to scan the horizon closely and report on the formation of rainclouds. On these reports the odds rise or fall.

A bet made and won one day is always paid the following inorning. Everything seems to be "on the square, and indeed there is little chance for cheating. The odds range as high as 1 to 75 on some days, even in the rainy season. Many have made a fortune in a single day. One person won over £5,-000 in the course of a few weeks. But he worked the system on scientific methods. - New York Herald.

#### Senator and Soldiers.

The days when senators and representatives in congress were expected to frank letters for private soldiers, recounted by Mr. J. A. Watrons of Chicago in some army reminiscences, were dangerous ones for congressional visits to the military camps.

Mr. Watrous says that Senator Timothy O. Howe of Wisconsin once visited the headquarters of his friend, General Rufus King, and was at the first opportuunity besieged by the soldiers with packages of envelopes to be franked.

Senator Howe was one of the most good natured of men, and immediately sat down in the tent of one of the captains and began to frank envelopes by the hundred.

General King had made special prep arations for a dinner in honor of his guest. It was to eclipse all the camp dinners that had been given for a long time. Senator Howe had been franking envelopes about half an hour when the call came for dinner. He went on writing, and General King came to get him.

"Go on, King; I'll be there directly," said the senator. Dinner was served. The guests had

arrived. No one ate, but after awhile the colored cook was sent to tell the senator that the meal was getting cold.

"Oh, tell them to go ahead," said the senator, still writing madly on soldiers' envelopes. "I'll be with them as soon as I can."

He finished the pile and rose to go, but just then two more soldiers came in with fresh parcels, and he seated himself again. After he had signed them all he joined the impatient company at a cold dinner. "I'm sorry," he said, "but it made

the boys happy. They will make their friends happy with all the letters they will send in those franked envelopes, and it made me happy to do it."

# The Daffodil.

It is now many centuries since, according to Ovid, the young man Narcissus was changed into a daffodil because of his pining away from seeing his lovely shadow in the water. But it can hardly be from sympathy with the unfortunate youth that the flower has continued to be so popular during all these long ages. Certain it is that it has as high a value today in the gardens of persons of taste as in the flower plot of the humblest cottager. No garden is considered to be quite complete without its little patch of daffodils.

Of late years florists have given attention to raising varieties from them, and the record of their many forms is a feature of the catalogue of all seedsmen. Double ones formerly carried off the palm for popularity, but in recent times the single variety is regarded as quite as desirable. - Meehan's Monthly.

# Unavoidable.

"That was a very queer poem on 'The Three Ages of Man' you published in your paper this morning," said the man who happened in. "The general understanding is that there are seven ages of

"It was written 'The Seven Ages of Man,'" explained the worried Sunday editor, "but I had to cut it down to three on account of a lack of space."-Chicago Tribune.

# Incredulous Sam Jones.

Did you hear of a funny Sam Jones episode? At one of his meetings he called on all the men who could assert they had never spoken an unkind word to their wives to stand. Up got two. "Now," be said, "all the women who never spoke an unkind word to their husbands may rise." Up got six. "Sit down," Sam cried. "Now, I want the audience to pray for these liars!"-Time and the

#### ONLY ONE WORD.

Only one word, dear, to say to you Before the throng thrusts us apart; Only one moment to pray to you, Goddess enshrined in my heart.

Only one life, dear, to live for you.

Will you spurn it? It lies at your feet. Only one heart's love to give for you. Will you reign in that heart, my sweet? Only one song, dear, to sing with you,

Singer and song of you blest. Only one treasure to bring with you-Your heart. What matters the rest?

Only one word to implore of you— Word that is! Couldn't you guess? Only one whisper—no more—of you.

Say—shall that whisper be—"Yes?"

—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

# FAITH IN HUMAN NATURE.

A New York Cafe That Reposes Implicit Confidence In Its Customers.

It is rather surprising to find right on Park row a cafe that trusts its customers perfectly. This place has probably 300 regular callers. It is open day and night, and is run on a system of implicit faith in the honesty of man. While not a place strictly high class, it offers what might be called a very 'comfortable' meal, with trimmings before or after. Altogether, it is simply a plain place for an everyday man, with occasionally a little something extra on the bill of fare equaling anything in

This, of course, can be said of hundreds of similar places, but the system of payment is something novel. The proprietor, a stout German, boasts no cashier, as there is very little cash to take in. On the cigar counter is a daybook. The customer comes in, goes to the ice chest in the corner if he wishes and takes a quiet nip out of a black bottle. Then he orders what he wants on the bill of fare. It is served quickly and neatly. He then counts up his own name in the book, including the "nip," or a cigar, if he prefers that. He then walks serenely out, knowing no proprietor is glaring at him and no cashier yelling for him to come back and make the cash register good.

This sort of childlike simplicity in running a business in the very heart of a city filled with bunkoers, green goods men and gold bricks without number is said to be a winning venture. Customers invariably settle weekly, Friday and Saturday being pay days, and the proprietor says he has as yet to lose a bill through deliberate fraud. A little experience with a man like that is almost enough to renew one's confidence in human nature.—New York Letter in Pittsburg Dispatch.

#### Primitive Surgery.

It is difficult at this day to realize the horrors of a surgical operation before the discovery of anæsthesia. The surgeon's knife was necessarily pitiless, and the victim could only writhe and an operation, even to a hero, may be better understood by a story of Nelson, included in a paper by Dr. John Ashhurst on "Surgery Before the Days of Anæsthetics," published in the Philadelphia Record:

No braver or more gallant gentleman ever lived than Admiral Viscount Nelson, and after his right elbow had been shattered by a French bullet in the assault at Tenerife he manifested the utmost courage, refusing to be taken to the nearest ship lest the sight of his injury should alarm the wife of a fellow officer whose own fate was uncertain.

When his own ship was reached, he climbed up its side without assistance,

"Tell the surgeon to make haste and get his instruments. I know I must lose my right arm, so the sooner it is off the better."

"He underwent the amputation," so says a private letter of one of his midshipmen, "with the same firmness and courage that have always marked his

And yet so painfully was Nelson affected by the coldness of the operator's knife that when next going into action at the famous battle of the Nile he gave standing orders to his surgeons that hot water should always be kept in readiness during an engagement, so that if another operation should be required he might at least have the poor comfort of being cut with warm instruments.

The Great Eastern as a Show Ship. The last days of the Great Eastern pose for which she was designed and the great work she did in cable laying. For some time before she was broken up on the mud of the River Mersey, near Liverpool, she was on view as a show ship. One firm of Liverpool clothiers hired her for a season, and in addition to using her for its advertising purposes made use of her for catch penny shows. In the large cable tank a circus was fitted up, and performances given at so much a head, while other exhibitions of the Coney Island type were spread all over her deck.-New York Sun.

# Where the Trouble Was.

"Brother," said the minister, "you should try to be content with what you

"I am," said the brother, who had been grumbling." It is what I ain't got that I am dissatisfied about."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

# Inevitable Conclusion.

A philosopher thinks that a 5 cent cigar is as good as one costing three times as much, and keeps on improving in philosophy until he believes that being dead is just as good as living .-Atchison Globe.

Few nations have raised shaving to the dignity of a religious ceremony. In the Koran there is no mention of shaving at all, yet the Mohammedans shave their heads in the same manner as the

The barbers of India are so deft and light of touch that they can shave a man without awakening him.

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### Free Employment.

Lincoln, Neb., June 5 - All persons desiring help and all out of employment should write at once to the State Labor Bureau and let their wants be known.

The late legislature passed a law making this a free employment bureau for the entire state. Those who want help should state in their application exactly what kind of help is wanted, in what branch of labor etc. Those who want situations should state sex, age, height, weight, trade or branch of labor

All information received by the bureau will be held strictly confidential and all services rendered will be free. Absoluteindebtedness and puts it opposite his ly no fee will be charged in any case. This is a free employment bureau and is designed to do away with the private employment agency nuisance in the cities, by which so many worthy people are vic-

> All desiring help of any kind-carpenters, brickmakers, mill men, farm hands, city laborers, cooks, servant girls or help of any kind, should immediately apply to to this office and they will be put in communication with those in the line of ser-

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# Couldn't Hear the Music.

Colonel Burr of Virginia was a mighty fox hunter and loved the sport beyond words. He owned a fine pack of hounds, and, during the season, thought of nothing but his hunters, his dogs, and the weather. He was once entertaining an army friend from Texas, whose ideas of hunting any animal involved the use of firearms, and who had never seen a foxhound. He had been with difficulty persuaded to go forth one morning with the colonel and some were certainly sad, considering the pur- | friends to a meet, and they were waiting impatiently for the hounds to take the scent. Presently there burst upon their listening ears the din of 30 canine voices in full cry. The colonel's eyes gleamed, and, as he settled his feet in the stirrups and stretched his arm toward the yelping pack, he cried, "Major, listen to that heavenly music!" The major pricked up his ears for a second or two and then replied, "I can't hear a thing; those d-d dogs are making such a noise." The colonel put his spur savagely into his horse's side and dashed away, leaving his guest to his own devices. —San Francisco Argonaut.

# Was No Seaman.

"There is a great difference between the seafaring man of today and of 20 years ago," said the man of many voyages. "Formerly the seafaring man was a sailor, full of energy and the spirit of adventure that was the particular charm of Marryat's heroes, but now the man who follows the sea for a living, especially on one of the big ships, is nothing more than a paint swab.

"This is not any fault of the men, but because of the changed conditions which have left no sailor's work to do. Cleaning ship is the principal employment of the modern so called seaman.

"One day a young woman novelist, in crossing the ocean on a big. liner, asked an ancient mariner who was engaged painting a ventilator how long he had been a seaman.

"'Sailor, mum? Bless yer heart, I'm no sailor,' and then, glancing again at his work, 'I'm no sailor; I'm a bloomin artist, I am.' "-New York Journal.

#### An Atlanta Enterpries.

It affords us great pleasure to call especial attention to the advertisement of let it stand twenty-four honrs; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the "Mother's Friend," appearing in this issue.

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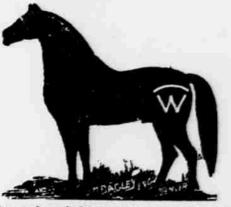
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