A DANGEROUS BIRD.

What Will Happen Some Day to an Incautious Hunter of Blue Herons

Some of these days," said the 'longshore hunter, "I expect to open my daily paper and see a headline something like this: 'Killed by a blue heron,' and I'll tell you why. The blue heron is a big, powerful bird which has already disfigured the faces of several men. The men have wounded a bird and then thinking to capture it alive they went up to it. Why I'd as soon Opp. Palace Hotel. try to kiss a wounded grizzly. The birds grow as tall as six feet and have necks like a fish rod and just the kind of muscles to move it the quickest with the most strength. They could drive their bill points through a quarter-inch

"The hunter goes up to the bird and sees it lying there looking as innocent as a robin, with only a broken wing. 'What a fine pet it would make,' the or a boat, with the bird between his knees. The bird's neck is drawn back like a letter 'S.' All of a sudden the bill shoots up and gives the man a gash alongside the eye three inches long. That is what always has happened. The wounded bird has missed its aim, but sometimes, and you want to remember it, this feathered spearman will drive its bill far into its enemy's eye, and like a steel umbrella stick the point of the bill will penetrate the man's brain. I guess the bird's aim has always been spoiled by the pain of its wounds, and so many a human life has been saved. I don't monkey with wounded bitterns, or cranes-well, ナーインボールナルー

BIG POKER GAME.

The Great Stake "Lucky" Baldwin Raked in With Four Aces.

"The biggest game of poker I have heard of in the past few years," said a Californian, "was played in San Francisco about two years ago between 'Lucky' Baldwin and a California cattleman. The game was limited, but one by one the players dropped out, until nobody was left in but Baldwin and the cattleman. They agreed to waive the limit, and the cattleman set the pace. He wanted to bet \$10,000. Baldwin staid and offered to go him \$10,000 better. The cattle owner scratched his head, and said he didn't have that much to lose, but he would like to put up his cattle as collateral. Baldwin was agreeable, and the cattle were assessed at \$10 a head. Then the cattleman raised Baldwin \$10,000. That made Baldwin scratch his head and hem and haw a little. He said he wra in the same predicament as his friend. He didn't have quite that much to lose.

"' But,' said Baldwin, 'you know my house on Market street,' giving the number of the property; 'well, I'll put that against 750 of your cattie, making a total of \$75,000."

'The cattleman agreed, and then it came to a show-down. The ruralist laid down four queens. Baldwin laid down four aces. It was the stiffe t game of poker played on the Pacific coast for many long years."

Sir Robert Ball has answered the question as to how long it would take to send a telegram to the sun. Measuring space by time, he takes as his unit a circuit surrounding the equator of the earth seven times, along which a telegraphic message can be sent the whole distance in 1 second. It would take just 8 min. for a similar message to reach the sun, but to reach the stars is not a matter of minutes. Even the nearest of them, the Alpha of the Centauri, could not be reached in less than four years, while it would take centuries to most of them. An express and for weeks and for years, but even for centuries, Indeed, not until 265 years had elapsed would its journey to the sun be ended.

Her Dewer Too Small.

The suit of Marquis di Marescotti of Bologna, Italy, against the Princess Anna Maria Torlonia of Rome, which has just come to an end in the former city, has excited widespread interest. It had a curious origin. In 1821 a Torlonia was married to a Marescotti and brought him a marriage gift considerably less than had been promised. The marquis of that time sued for the difference and the present marquis received a verdict of 267,000 francs against the family.-Exchange,

Potentates Who Never Move.

There are but two European potentates who manage to get along without change of residence. These are the pope of Rome and the sultan of Turkey. The sultan has never left Constantinople since he ascended the throne in such tragic circumstances nineteen years ago and his holiness has remained within the precincts of the vatican since the triple tiara was placed upon his head.-Exchange.

It Works.

On the inside of an official portal in the upper part of the New York post-office building there is displayed an original and amusing variation of the "please-shut-the-door" sign. It reads this way: "Take this door with you as far as it will go." The outgoer who obeys this injunction will inevitably find that he has closed the door.

Knew What They Were After.

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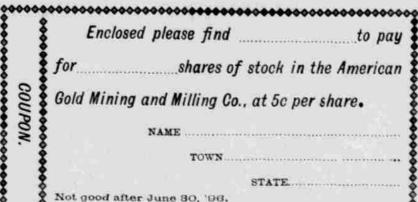
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