EASY WAY TO MAKE MONEY.

American Raises Argument and Bets on a Sure Thing.

In the old days, when a side-wheeler on the Mississippi was the chief way for people to travel who were desirous of going south, an Englishman who owned a ranch was a passenger on one of these boats. While en route he had frequently been asked by a fellow passenger, an American, to join in a game of cards, but the phlegmatic Englishman declined the American's solicitations.

One day the American asked the Englishman to play a game of checkers, and to this he consented. After three or four moves had been made the American informed his adversary he had better take back the move he had made, as he was sure to beat him. The Englishman at once was on his high horse and informed his rival he would not be dictated to.

The American replied: "I did not nictate to you."

"I never said you did. I stated I would not be dictated to."

Again he was met with the answer: "I did not nictate to you."

This angered the Englishman, who again stated he would not be dictated to and that there was no such word as nictate.

"I'll bet you $5 there is," said the American.

The bet was covered. With cool deliberation the American pulled a dictionary out of his pocket and showed the word nictate, meaning "to wink at," saying: "This is the seventh $5 bill I have won on that word to-day."

A Beast of Superior Intelligence.

"You may say what you please regarding the superior intelligence of the human animal," remarked Crosscup oratorically, "but I have at home a puppy—a common yellow puppy—that is far more clever than some humans.

"The other evening I carried home a bottle and joyous anticipations. The former I sought to open with a patent corkscrew. For the first time in its period of service the screw broke half the cork off and on the second try pushed the remaining half into the neck of the bottle.

"I took it out in the kitchen and labored with it for a while, trying to fasten the spiral of the screw into the floating cork. Would you believe it? That pup crawled under the wash tubs at the exact moment the cork dropped in and never showed so much as the tip of its nose until I fished the bit of cork out with a rusty buttonhook. Then it came out and congratulated me with many wags of the tail. If that is not superior intelligence I should like to know what is."

"Superior to what?" asked Deering.

Crosscup eyed him as one who would seek to arouse unpleasant memories. "My wife tried to advise me," he said simply.

Deering, who is married also, said, "Oh!"

Digging Well to Drain a Bog.

An ingenious Yankee who lives on the west coast of Florida adopted a novel method to drain a bog on his plantation. He put down a four-inch well in the middle of his bog deep enough to tap the water bearing gravel. A nice flow of water was encountered, which rose in the well nearly to the surface. As soon as the top of the pipe was pushed down to a level with the bottom of the bog, the water in the pond rushed down into the well and passed off through subterranean channels. In a few hours the bog was drained. The land has since been plowed and is now a valuable truck farm. Scientists declare that wet lands in many sections of the country can be drained by this simple method. Care must be taken not to permit the well to fill up with rubbish, which might impede the ingress of the water.

Plenty of Raw Material.

"Grandpa," said the children, "tell us another story about the time when you were a young man and traveled with the show."

"Well," said Grandfather Dutton, "when I was with Nixon & Kemp's circus, forty or fifty years ago, one of my great acts was to get a boy to put an apple on top of his head and then I would stand ten paces away and shoot a rifle ball through it."

"But didn't you sometimes miss the apple and shoot the boy?"

"Not often, but it happened once in a while, of course."

"What did you do then?" they asked breathlessly.

"Do?" said Grandfather Dutton, shrugging his shoulders. "Why, sometimes I had to wait two or three minutes before I could find another boy, but not often. There are always plenty of boys."

Dr. Parkhurst and the Immigrant.

An English visitor was talking to the Rev. Charles H. Parkhurst the other day about the recent Tammany victory in the New York city election.

"I suppose it was due to the immigrant vote," said the Englishman.

"That's how Adam and Eve accounted for it, isn't it?" replied the doctor. "They said it was the fault of the immigrant into the garden. But if Adam and Eve had been decent people, the immigrant couldn't have troubled them."

Christmas Box.

The familiar term Christmas box comes from the old-time custom of placing alms-boxes in the churches Christmas morning to receive donations from the congregation for the benefit of the poor. As the alms were not given out until the next day, Dec. 26 came to be known as "Boxing day."

A NEW JERSEY SOLOMON.

Easily Settled Dispute Concerning Ownership of Hens.

Magistrate Jermon once spent a summer in a little town in South Jersey and made the acquaintance of a justice of the peace who held more offices than Pooh Bah himself. "He was," says Jermon, "a notary public, a storekeeper, superintendent of the Sunday school, a lay preacher, postmaster, coroner, a farmer and a few more things that I can't recall now. He was a shrewd old fellow, as a decision in a case that I heard will go to show. Two farmers had a dispute about the ownership of some poultry, and each pleaded his own case. Each side had an equal number of witnesses and there was some tall swearing done all round. If I had been sitting on the case I would have given it up as a bad job, or sent it to court for trial. But that's just what he didn't do.

"I forgot to state that in addition to all his other functions he was his own constable. The hens were in court in a coop and he ordered that a constable should take the coop to the roadway opposite the farms of the litigants and turn the creatures loose. And he did the job himself and got his fee for doing it. The hens settled the case by going directly to one of the farms, and the justice declared that they knew their way home, and gave judgment accordingly."—Philadelphia Press.

BOSTON LIKES SENATOR DANIEL.

Virginia Statesman Makes Distinct "Hit" at the Hub.

Senator John Warwick Daniel of Virginia was the lion of the occasion at the recent dinner of the Boston Merchants' association. A Boston daily declares that "from the moment the company was seated Mr. Daniel was 'the cynosure of all eyes.' A certain power radiated from his finely cut countenance and somehow it seemed as though where he sat there was the head of the table. A genuine southron, a gentleman from Virginia, of the old stock, and of clearest title to the much-abused 'F. F. V.' with all the graces and outward marks of that distinction.

With Good Effect.

It was at a chamber concert by a famous string quartet, says the Chicago Journal, and the two large hatted, chatty persons of the matinee type who sat directly before the music lovers were so communicative as to their affairs and those of all their acquaintances that the recital was of small pleasure to the appreciative and long-suffering couple directly in the rear of the conversationalists. "I am sorry we could not have heard more of your conversation," the patient pale lover of music wrote on the margin of his program, "but the violinist has inconsiderately been making himself heard from time to time. I am sure, however, if you speak a little louder he will understand and give way to you."

"I would like to drop that in their laps," he said, passing it to his companion with a savage gleam in his eye, "but I don't quite dare."

"I do, then," said the mild-voiced young woman at his side, and in some sudden and inexplicable manner the paper appeared before the eyes of the voluble persons before her. They looked wrathfully behind them, only to encounter a row of immobile faces, all eyes raptly regarding the stage. They glared to the right and to the left of them, with no more satisfactory results. Then they sulked, which had the desired effect, and the remainder of the evening was a distinct success in their vicinity.

The Wild Duck.

You love the mud flats where the wavelets break,
The blue of sea, the green recess of river,
The flashing mirror of the silver lake
Where in the breeze the golden reed beds quiver,
Like invalid, a change of wind will make
You haste to travel inland from the coast,
But lusty strength your whistling pinions boast
As through the clouds your marshalled flight you take.

To your staid brother of straw-scattered yard
Scavenging placidly the livelong day,
How like and yet how different you are!
Your twinkling eye is ever on its guard,
A distant human speck and you're away,
While he scarce waddles from the scurrying car.

—Westminster Gazette.

Spain Is Waking Up.

A recent report from Bilbao states that there is a very strong possibility of the import trade in nitrate of soda and sulphate of ammonia for agriculture purposes being considerably increased, owing to the efforts to improve the methods of cultivation in Spain. About 4,000 tons of nitrate are used every year at Bilbao in the production of acids and chemical manure.

Electoral Commission Survivors.

Only three of the fifteen members of the famous electoral commission of 1877 survive—ex-Senator Edmunds, Senator Hoar and Gen. Eppa Hunton, of Virginia. All of the five justices of the Supreme Court who sat on the commission long since passed away.

Steamers from Antwerp to Congo.

Negotiations are proceeding between the Congo Free State and German shipping companies for the establishment of a German-Belgian line of steamers between Antwerp and the Congo.

Dog Has Broom-Stealing Habit.

A dog in Brandon, Vt., has acquired the habit of stealing brooms and bringing them home. Already he has secured half a dozen, and his owner cannot find out where he got them.

Shakespeare's Birthday Celebrated.

The German Shakespeare gesellschaft celebrated the birthday of the great English poet at Weimar with all the customary enthusiasm. Herr Von Possart, the manager of the Bavarian court theater at Munich, gave a lecture upon "Scenery" in Shakespeare's time, which was illustrated with a model of the primitive Elizabethan stage. The meeting, at which several English and American guests were present, was presided over by the venerable Dr. Oschelhauser, one of the founders of the society, who is now in his eighty-first year.

No Trace.

Patience—"They say there are microbes in kisses."

Patrice—"Yes, but isn't it a lucky thing that they don't leave any marks."

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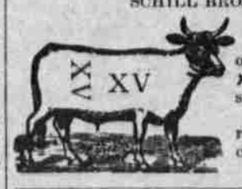
Cattle branded flying horseshoe on right hip, as in cut. Home ranch sec. 25-27-50. Horse ranch in 26-49.

H. A. DILLING.

Box Butte, Neb. Cattle branded as D cut on left hip, also with the bar—over instead of under brand. Also on left side R'nch nw¼ section 17, in township 27, range 46.

SCHILL BROS.,



Schill, Neb. Cattle branded on right thigh or XV on right side. Township 27 range 45, Sheridan county.

STORM LAKE RANCH, ROBERT GRAHAM,

Cleman, Neb. As in cut on right or left hip; left ear cropped. Horses branded O onleft jaw.

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Jess, Neb. Stock branded as shown on cut on either side. Also J-O on either side. Township 26 and range 43.

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Canton, Sioux county, Neb. (Cross H Cross) on left side. Also ||| on left thigh. Underslope on left ear. Horses branded same as cattle on left jaw and U on left shoulder.

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