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EXPERIENCE WITH A NOTED AND SUCCESSFUL GAMBLER.

A Talk About "Straight" Games and "Crooked" - Robbing a Countryman. Wonderful Manipulation of Cards-A Faro Box for "Skin" Gambling.

I had an extraordinary experience a few days ago with one of the most noted and successful gamblers in America. We occupied adjoining chairs coming from Philadelphia, and we talked about gambling in New York on the way. "I have heard a good many stories," I said,

"of high playing up town within the past two weeks. Is it really so?"

"I have been in New York twenty-five is all ready." years," said the gambler quietly, "and I have never known them to roll as high as they are rolling now. There is a combination of four Jews who are playing faro in a fashion that Mrs. Y. "A bath is the only thing that rewould make the old Mississippi gamblers hold their breath. Every bet is four figures, and they have crippled D----'s bank to the tune through from Boston.' of \$30,000 in three nights. It is a curious the risk every time."

"Are most games straight now in New York??

"I don't know a crooked game in the whole cit . The fact is that gamblers have learned | mind," she said. nt hat that it is just as easy to run straight as "Oh, yes," he replied, "I have had a delight-erooked. The percentage in favor of the ful bath, and now I must bid you good afterhouse is enough to make any man rich if he sticks to the game. It is exactly like any other business. A merchant who is straight will succeed, and a merchant who is crooked will fail in the long run. There are a lot of or two and then go under. They can't last if they are crooked. The straight houses come you at all." out ahomi."

1 mentioned the name a few moments later of a well known actor, who has a predilection for high play, and the gambler said, with a cimeiale

"That particular actor made \$1,005 in the course of an hour a few nights ago."

"Hows" "A friend of his, a gambler in very hard luch, went to the actor and said he had a play against the bank, and he suggested that the actor and the other should go in and deuce Journal. fleece him at faco. They went to a skin gambler on Sixth avenue and got him to open a faco bank with stacked cards, and about 11 o'clock at night the actor and the countryman came in together. They had agreed to pool their issues, and the actor put up \$1,005 against a similar amount by the countryman. They then took their \$2,010 and the actor agreed to do the playing. Within half an hear the money was all gone, the lights were turned out, and the countryman was sent on

A LITTLE BOY JOCKEY. A HOSTESS' CORDIAL GREETING.

Novel Reception of a Stranger-Unique Hospitality-A Suggestion. Mrs. Y. is a brilliant Boston woman of

abundant executive ability, shrewd wit, and delightful hospitality. The exigencies of her husband's business led to the keeping up of an establishment in the west, where Mrs. Y. passes some months of the year, and where she entertains a great many people. One day there was brought to Mrs. Y. the card of an English gentleman, accompanied by a letter of introduction from friends of the Y's abroad, The hostess went down stairs and greeted the guest cordially.

"We are so accustomed to travelers here," she said, "that we know just what to do with them. We expect everybody to arrive travel stained and exhausted; and we let everybody take a bath the first thing. I spoke to the servant before I came down, and everything

"But," stammered the stranger, "I cannot think of putting you to so much trouble. I"-----"Oh, I know just how you feel," interrupted stores me to my normal condition when I've been traveling, and you have come right

The guest demurred, but Mrs. Y. was too thing, by the way, that nearly all Hebrews executive and too truly hospitable to allow will bet reckleasly on cards, though they are his scruples to prevent the carrying out of some respects the best gamblers 1 ever played shown upstairs to the bathroom, where it is against. If a Jew sees a chance of getting to be presumed he combined with the progress back a dollar by taking a risk, he will take of his toilet reflections upon the originality and practicality of American hospitality. In due time the guest descended again to

the parlor, where Mrs. Y. awaited him. "I hope you found everything to your

noon, as I have to catch a train."

"What!" cried the hostess aghast. "You are not going!"

"Unfortunately, I must. I only stopped over a train to call on you."

"Mercy!" she excluteed in dismay, "I

always shall remember with sincero pleasure your unique hospitality." The story was too good to keep, and Mrs. V.

told it at her own expense, greatly to the en- was sure of victory. His lips opened wide as which deserved to be widely introduced, as it see the happiest expression that ever lit up a friend from out of town who was anxious to the proper method of disposing of guests who made his horse distance all the others, an exwere not easy to amuse .-- Boston Cor. Provi- ensable error under the circumstances. The

A Fatal Habit of Speech.

I heard on State street the other day an authentic story of detective acuteness. Everybody is familiar with the trick that many from the paddock .- "Uncle Bill" in Chicago men have of capping whatever they hear Herald. said, when they do not dissent, with some favorite expression. Thus one man says "precisely," another "exactly," and there is a considerable faction for whom the words "just so" or "to be sure" seem to fill the rehis way. Then the gambler went up to the quired need. Not loag ago a Boston man nctor to get his half of the money, but he got stole a large sum of money from his employnothing. The actor took the \$1,005, gave the ers and fled to the west. A description of him dealer \$150 for his trouble, and left town the was sent to detectives and police superintendfollowing day \$150 ahead. The busted sport ents generally, and about a month after his and has developed into a lovely young wo- been in Europe, he said, and was now in this escape a Minnesota officer telegraphed that he thought he had his eye upon the person wanted. His appearance, however, was very different from that described in the circular. The situation was a pressing one; if the supposed criminal was such in fact he might at any moment fly to Canada; on the other hand, to arrest an innocent person would not much color save in her lips. cause a good deal of trouble. The object was to identify the man if possible within a few hours. In this emergency the Boston detective in charge of the case ex-amined and cross examined the thief's employers as to his peculiarities. They could hit upon nothing distinctive till finally the detective inquired in a moment of inspiration if he had any particular way of expressing himself. "Yes," was the reply; "I never knew she will have magnificent hair. One wonders, and good service were the rule, and I now the fellow to talk three minutes without say. in marking the luxuriance of these tresses, look back to the dainty soups they served ing, 'I believe you.'" In half an hour the is- how the little heads contrive to carry such a there with anything but a pleasant feeling formation was telegraphed to the west; within four hours the Minnesota detective had a long chat with his man, and before the Saxon type. With all her heart and soul immortalized when he said, "It is werry good night the thief was arrested .- Boston Post.

DECADENCE OF THE DIAMOND.

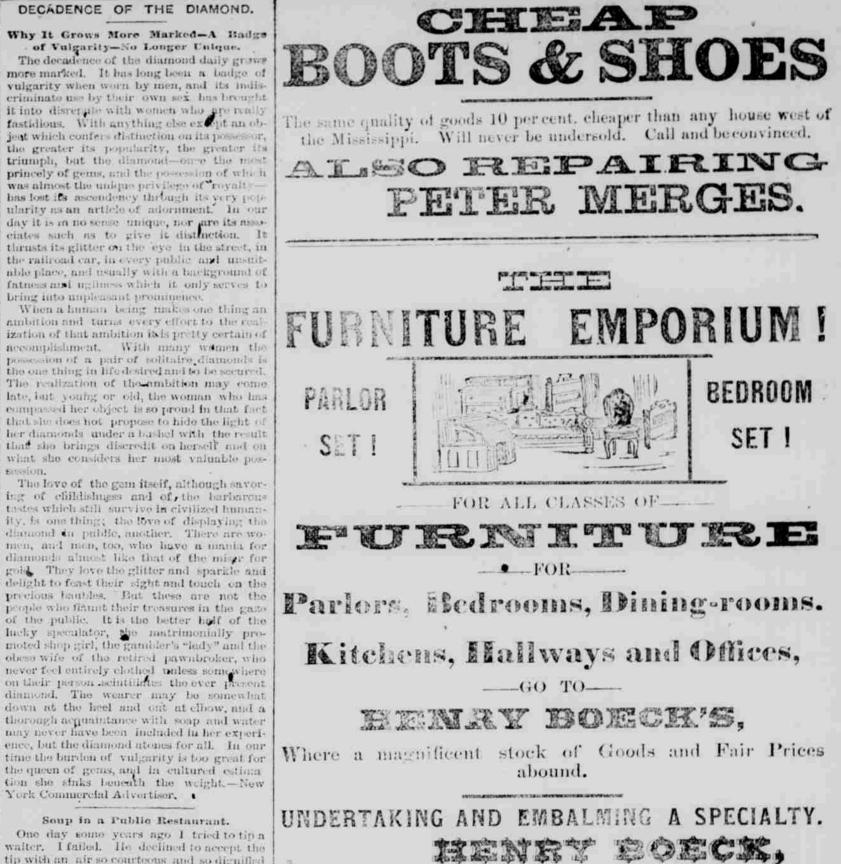
Why It Grows More Marked-A Badge Too Late at the Starting Pole-Pluck, of Vulgarity-No Longer Unique.

The decadence of the diamond daily grows One of the most interesting features of the more marked. It has long been a badge of day was the conduct of a pretty little boy vulgarity when worn by men, and its indiscriminato use by their own sex has brought it into discretate with women who are really fasticlions. With anything else except an objeat which confers distinction on its possessor, the greater its popularity, the greater its triumph, but the diamond-ourse the most princely of gems, and the possession of which was almost the unknow privilege of "royalts-has lost its ascendency through its very popularity as an article of adorament. In our day it is m no sense unique, nor are its asso-ciates such as to give it distinction. It thrusts its glitter on the leve in the street, in the railroad car, in every public and unsuitable place, and usually with a background of fatness and uginoss which it only serves to bring into unpleasant prominence.

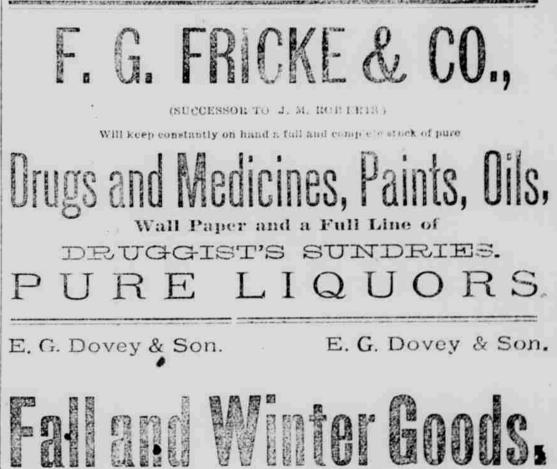
When a human being makes one thing an ambition and turns every effort to the cealization of that ambition its is pretty certain of accomplishment. With many women the possession of a pair of solitaire diamonds is the one thing in life desired and to be secured. The realization of the ambition may come late, but young or old, the woman who has compassed her object is so proud in that fact that she does not propose to hide the light of her diamonds under a bashel with the result that she brings discredit on herself and on

The love of the gem itseif, although savering of childishugss and of, the barbarous tastes which still survive in civilized human ity, is one thing; the love of displaying the diamond in public, another. There are women, and men, too, who have a mania for diamonds almost like that of the miser for gold. They love the glitter and sparicle and delight to feast their sight and touch on the precious haubles. But these are not the people who finant their treasures in the gaze of the public. It is the better had of the obese wife of the retired pawnbroker, who never feel entirely clothed unless somewhere on their person scintilities the ever present diamond. The wearer may be somewhat down at the heel and out at cloow, and a thorough acquaintance with soap and water may never have been included in her experithe queen of gems, and in enhured estima-tion she sinks beneath the weight.-New York Commercial Advertiser,

Soup in a Public Restaurant. One day some years ago I tried to tip a walter. I failed. He declined to accept the tip with an air so courteous and so dignified that I feared I had unintentionally succeeded in wounding the feelings of d foreign nobleman in disguise. He may not have borne a title, but I was not at all surpsised when he told me a few weeks later that he was about to leave the restaurant forever, as he had received some money from abroad. One day iast week I again met my old friend. Of course I remembered him. No one could forget the face of a waiter who would not stoop to take a tip. He had the dress and bearing:



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CORNER MAIN AND SIXTH

who appeared as a jockey. He was gaudily dressed and his suit was ovidently new. His name, as scrawled on the judge's slate, looked like Ossher. He had a mount in the second race, and did little figuring in trying to secure a start. Nevertheless he looked "up to

snuff," and many bet on his horse, believing that the little fellow knew all about riding. More than a dozen false starts were made. Finally, with his horse at the pole, the starter dropped the red flag and away went all but little Osaber. He was evidently confused. The starter rapped the pole with his flagstail and yelled "Go!" frantically in the jockey's ears, but the horse moved not. It was too late and the little fellow role slowly to the paddock entrance, where he dismounted and

Energy and Skill Win at Last.

burst into a storm of sobs. Not a spectator laughed. Those who had bet on him swore a little, but the child's grief was too genuine to excite anything but pity. He had another mount in the fourth race, and many were the expressions of sympathy as he cantered by the grand stand in a warming up heat before the call to the post. The time for the start came, and the little fellow's lips were shut close together as he held his horse with a stiff rein and furtively watched the rival jockeys. There were four starters. After several trials they got away all in a bunch. So closely were they bunched that what she considers her most valuable poswhen they came to the first turn, which was ERSTON almost immediately, the four horses were wedged against each other, their sides and flanks steaming with the sudden and hot friction. The outside jockey was nearly thrown in the confusion. Ossber had his

horse next but one to the pole, and was badly squeezed by his rivals. With energy and skill that were really admirable, he pressed the spurs into his horse, and, leaning away forward, seemed to be helping her out of the ruck by main strength.

Stride by stride the animal pushed her nose flash mushroom establishments along Broad-way which show up in great shape for a year thought you had come to remain. You cer-thought you had come to remain. You certainly can't go away now when I haven't seen turn, Ossber was ahead at the much desired pole. But he was not pressed, and as he "I really must," was the reply,"but I assure went flying past the grand stand on the first you I have had a most refreshing bath, and I round his teeth were still shut closely together, and his face had an anxious look. The next time around he had opened the distance between him and the second horse, and tertainment of her friends, who declared that he spurred his horse to further endeavor, and this fashion of entertaining callers was one underneath his long vizor the spectator could would solve many a perplexing question of boy's eyes. Not satisfied with winning, he crowd cheered heartily, and the losers in this event could not restrain a smile of sympathy at the boy's proud strut as he carried the bridle at the side of the full grown stable boy who hore the heavier burden of the saddle

Creole Malden in Society.

Three or four years spent in the convent, and mademoiselle La Crcole is free. Perhaps before making her debut she studies under musters of music, languages, literature, and drawing for a year or more. Then she is permitted a formal entrance into society; she has crossed the flowery borders of girlhood, of a well bred man of the world. He had man. There is fascination slumbering in her | country on a visit. Beyond that he vouch

who engineered the whole thing has got his revenge by telling everybody about it."

If I were to give the name of the actor who indulged in this transaction it would cause an immense amount of astonishment, as his newspaper interviews are invariably full of bitter and heartfelt woe at the prevalence of gambling in America.

It occurred to me a little later that it was a good opportunity to introduce a man who had a system for beating games of chance to the gambler. I told him about my friend, and he said that no system was ever invented that could play successfully against luck.

"Well," said I, "the man whom I have in view has been sending me letters and telegrams about his particular discovery, and I would like to have you look at it."

"I will examine it with great pleasure," said the gambler, heartily, "if you will both come around to my hotel this afternoon, but I tell you beforehand that you will go away convinced that no system can play against a game in which chance figures as an important factor. I have been in this business a great many years, and I have made and lost many fortunes, so that I speak by the card."

At 5 o'clock that afternoon I telegraphed a man that had a new system (he is a colonel of militia), and we went together to the hotel. We were met by the sallow faced man of imance, and he wandered up to his room ahead of us. He opened a little leather sachel, took out a faro box, put it on the table, and then brought out a number of cards with the seals still unbroken. I ought to state that the colonel's system had been tested with extraordinary success by all the devices that we could call to mind, and that he had continually and persistently come out ahead. The gambler ran his slim fingers over the faro box and said:

Do you think Herrman, Goldberg or Keller

knew anything about cards? Because if you do I will prove to you that they are shoemakers.

He then asked me to select a package of cards and shuffle them. I did so. "Now," he said, "name any card you please and you will find it between my leg and the chair." "Any one of the fifty-two cards?"

"Any one."

"The eight of spades."

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He similad the pack twice and then asked me to look on the chair. I did so and took the eight of spacies from beneath his leg. He had found it and abstracted it from the pack while shuffling them and placed it there without our being able to detect him. He then kings or four aces to come to the top of the pack whenever he wanted them, although we shuffled the cards, and later he did what I consider the most extraordinary trick that can be from different places in the pack with such

"I have seen enough to make me decide Eagle, right here that I will never play another game of faro as long as I live."

The gambler could at will by touching certain springs in his box force all low cards or high cards to come up in turn, and, in fact, had as much command over the box as though that little silver device was human. Every card he called for came at his will, and men betting against him were entirely and utterly at his mercy. And yet the whole thing was so thoroughly innocent looking that it defied detection. I could not help wondering afterward whether there was more than one meaning in the emphasis he laid on the statement that all the gambling nowadays in New York is strictly honest and straight, -Pittbsurg Dispatch.

Emerson as a Lecturer.

His lecturing was forced upon him more and more. His family was increasing. He kept open house. He had to buy more land

to protect his view. Emerson

Prosperity of the Hebrews.

"Nothing has impressed me so much," said one of the prominent dry goods merchants the other day, "as the way in which the Hebrews have multiplied and prospered in this nunused and astonished us by forcing four | country. Not further back than 1845 there were only 50,000 Hebrews here. Today there are nearly 750,000. So you will see that while | zine. the population of the country has increased threefold in forty years-it was 20,000,000 in performed in this world. He would take 1845-the Hebrew population has increased in a fresh pack of cards and deal them rapidly a very much larger proportion. Of course in the regular way, except that he would there are more Hebrows in Russia, Austria deal us three hands precisely as we called and Germany than there are in America, but for them. To do this he was obliged to we come next. If the figures which I have nearly 10. The gray dawn begins to glimread the backs of the cards and extract them given may be taken as a basis for estimating the future growth of the race, it will not be marvelous quickness that, the eye could not long before this country is in the lead." I follow him. After he had thus proved that asked my friend to what he attributed the no man could play with a professional gam- success of the Hebrew, and he said: "His bler who had any desire to be crooked, he thrift is proverbial, but I have yet to meet a took his fare lay out and began to knock the | man who will deny that he is public spirited colonel's system to splinters. Before he had and generous in the support of benevolent and nied by a corresponding extraordinary operated five minutes the colonel slammed worthy institutions generally. Certainly he length of days. We are accustomed to ex-his fist on the table and said emphatically: is law abiding."—"Rambler" in Brooklyn

Ancient Climate of America.

Goldsmith's Geography, published in 1824, describing the United States, says: "People become old in America sooner than in Europe. Upon females the influence of the cliwomen are generally beautiful, particularly in Philadelphia, but after 20 they begin to lose their fresh color and teeth, and at the age of 25 many of them would pass for Euro-peans at 40." What fuuny things those old geographics were, to be sure .- New York Tribuue.

tens of coal

dark liquid eyes, as her fringed lids drooping over them soften but do not diminish their in the course of our talk he did say something brilliancy. Her complexion has either an ivorine pallor, or is of creamy whiteness absolutely dazzling, and of satiny texture, with hair black as the raven's wing. Her face has public restaurant. There is not a hotel or

She is usually small, but rarely angular. Her limbs, however slender, are rounded, with peculiarly supple joints. Her gait is an undulating glide, due, say the anatomists, to the modifications climate has produced in the osseous formation of the creoles. No wo- fully. I have enough confidence in the man man of her race can ever be seen walking, as who said it to believe it was said honestly so many American women walk, as if they were continually ascending stairs. As a rule, she will have magnificent hair. One wonders, and good service were the rule, and I now weight. Very rarely indeed is a blonde seen Hereafter sonp to me shall rank with the among them, but they themselves fairly adore the debutante enjoys the gayety into which she has plunged. Of dancing she never tires, "Rambler" in Brookiyn Eagle and when Lent arrives it finds the ardor of her enthusiasm for balls, parties and musi-

The Top of Washington Monument.

ing gap betwixt income and outgo, though face of the walls. The design for a marble never much more than fill it. His fees in those days were small; not so large, perhaps, as more skilful management might have made them. He writes to Mr. Alexander a foot thick, three on each side of the well, the senorita he loved objected to him as a son-Ireland in 1847 that the most he ever re- began to grow out from the face of the walls in-law. It was natural if his methods of ceived was \$570 for ten lectures; in Boston, 470 feet from the base. As these are carried \$50; in the country lycenns, \$10 and travel, upward, the ribs nearest the angle of the solutely forbade the marriage. ing expenses. Then, from the liberal style of shaft meet in the hips of the pyramidion, his honsekeeping, he passed with his neigh- while those in the center of each face are con- moved her objections," bors for a weil to do man, and paid, his nected still higher up by voussoir stones, friends thought, more than a fair proportion forming two arches intersecting each other at of the town taxes. So it came about that all right angles. The thrust of each corner rib day and I stole up behind her and dropped a these years in the forties were years of un-remitted watchfulness and some mesanxiety to keep out of debt.—Cabot's Memoir of The section of covering of marble slabs, about seven inches | jeet; I suppose." thick.

> The capstone is tipped with an aluminum pyramid, which is connected by a copper rod with four lightning rods passing to the upper | story was confirmed by other people, too.-extremities of the iron columns of the ele- | San Francisco Chronicle "Undertones." extremities of the iron columns of the elevator shaft, and the bottoms of these columns are grounded in the well in the center of the foundation .- Oscar Foote in American Maga-

Long Summer Days in England.

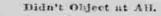
The extreme brevity of the English summer nights always interests the stranger. It is not fully dark until nearly 11 o'clock, and reading is possible on a clear night up to mer at about 2 in the morning, and by 3 it is quite light again. This doesn't seem to give the creatures that go to bed and get up with the sun time enough for rest. The roosters and such fowls have a worn and sleepless look, and evidently suffer from insomnia. These brief nights, of course, are accompa-Sweden and Russia, but it seems at first novel and unfair to find an English speaking country blessed with such an extra quantity of

> August, month when sleepy cows Seek the shade of spreading boughs, Where the robin quirks his head, Contemplating cherries red.

An August cherry must be a canned cherry or the robbin must be fooling Mr. Sherman. -San Francisco Alta,

Kansas mines yield annually about 6,000,000 But wild cherries ripen in August, as any country schoolboy knows. The poet stands acquitted.

safed no information concerning himself, but which not only interested but startled me. "My dear sir," he said, "take the advice of a man who knows, and never cat soup in restaurant in all Brooklyn where I could be induced to eat soup. If you but knew what I was compelled to carry to you in the old days when you ordered soup from me you would never wish to look upon my face ngain." 'This was said quietly and mourn-The place in which he served was a restaurant of considerable pretension, where stiff prices "weal pic," which the younger Mr. Weller



But there's an old man in Mexico who very genially deplores the decadence of the age in matters generally considered reprehensible him he ought to have been lung. But the amusing himself were truly stated. She ab-

"But," said the old man genially, "we re-"How?

"Ah, it was fun. We had the wedding and

the funeral on the same day." And the wicked old man chuckled. The

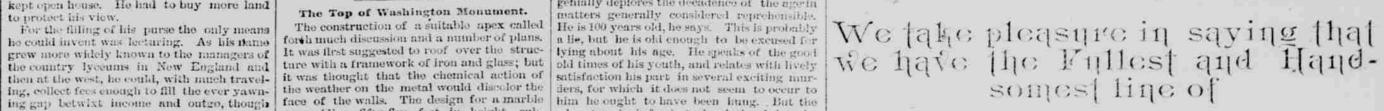
The Most Favored Mortal. Of all classes of musicians the singer is the most favored, and the mortal who is gifted with a fine voice is a luckier individual than the one who possesses the higher faculties of intelligence. The composer who has labored for months, perhaps years, to complete an opera is not paid as much for his whole work as the prima donna who sings the principal role during a single representation. Ressini, for example, received only \$1,200 for the opera of the "Barber of Seville," while the prima donnas receive often fabulous sums for singing it once .- Music and Drama.

Our College Presidents.

An eminent writer, showing what an excellent thing is a college education, cites the fact that there have been seven een presidents of the United States, and eleven of the seventeen were college men, sixty-five per cent. Well, that's so. But let's weigh these presinever went to college at all, and precious little to any school? Washington, Jackson, Lincoln -oh, well; the college may have the other fourteen; it's hardly worth while counting any further.-New York Star.

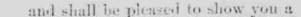
An Oil City, Pa., man claims the prize for sunflowers, having one in his garden that measures fifty-four inches in circumference.

All that was bid for a lion and four lionesses at a sale in Learnington was £500. The show business is poor.



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daylight .- London Letter. Frank D. Sherman's August Cherries. Frank D. Sherman has a poem on "August" mate is still more sensible. When young the in St, Nicholas, in which appear the lines:

