

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF

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A Manager's Lucky Number.

Col. John McCaul, of the Broad Street Opera House, is in no way an old man, except that he is a disbeliever in many popular theories of modern times, one of which is the fatalism of the number 13. He declares the dogma of one plus a dozen being a combination of misfortunes is heresy. To the energetic manager of "The Mikado" and "Black Hawk," the number is full of charm and luck. This was the conclusion that the *Times* gathered came to, after a short talk with the Colonel. The conversation was brought about by the happy manner in which the colonel had written an acceptance to a dinner to be given by the famous "43" Club of New York.

"Colonel, do you have no feeling of fear to sit down with a company of thirteen?" was the query.

This made the managerial Napoleon smile, and he remarked:

"I should certainly feel uncomfortable with any other number around the festive board. Some people lose their appetites when there are thirteen at the least, and sit a whole year expecting trouble. At two of the most enjoyable feasts I ever sat down to there were just thirteen in the company. They were given when we opened "The Mikado" season here."

"At the supper given the night before our opening with the D'Oyley Carte Company there were just thirteen gentlemen from Japan and maidens from school, including the daughter-in-law-elect. On the night of our opening we entertained Sir Arthur Sullivan at dinner and we had thirteen at the table, and the great composer thought it so unique that he wrote home about it."

"This was certainly a 'pretty now day' for nervous folks, and a kettle of fish for people who are superstitious. We did not have such bad luck, after all. We opened with a \$1,300 house and played a successful season of thirteen weeks."

"I never understood why thirteen was my magical number until I recalled the fact that I was born on the 13th of the month. I was the thirteenth John in the family, went to school until I was 13, and married thirteen years after that time."

"In looking over the register of the boxes I find that we opened with a box party of thirteen, and out of 119 held during the season there were eighteen that were composed of 13 people. I shall live in 13. It knocks out the biblical 40 and 7, and to say nothing of the mokes suggestive 41-41. I take good care that my smoking-jacket 13 buttons on my shirt and always wear my scarf 13 inches long. I am an original 13 man. Here is my couplet. Fin off for the Broad Street Station."

On the lamp of the hock was the mystical number 13. *Philadelphia Times.*

Cooking Food For The Sick.

The embargo on animal food removed by the convalescence of the patient, much of the difficulty in providing a pleasing variety vanishes. Still, certain restrictions remain. All *fixed* food must be carefully avoided. The oft-repeated story of St. Lawrence having attained sanctity by a gridiron, and that in so doing he conferred upon that implement the power of making better everything prepared upon it, by no means applies to the frying-pans. It is labor enough for the vigorous stomach of a person of active habits to digest fried food, but the task becomes almost an impossibility to the delicate gastric organs of one who is just recovering from illness, and is unable to indulge in any but the slightest exercise. Let the convalescent's food then, be prepared by stewing, roasting or broiling; these afford a sufficiently wide scope for the most exacting palate. As a beverage for the invalid when no longer bound to a milk diet nothing could be pleasanter or more nourishing than coca-tina—*Christine Terhune Herreck, in Good Housekeeping.*

Stoddard's Mule.

Many years ago down in Idaho, during a gold excitement, a good many men went into the country to make money outside the gold-hunting industry. Their idea was to make the other fellows delude for the gold while they appropriated it afterward. Rollin Diggott, afterward Nevada's Congressman, established a ferry-boat on a small creek and named the place "Death's Ford," at the same time inventing a mystic legend to the effect that it was thus named because so many lives had been lost in the attempt to cross it. The stream was not over a dozen yards wide and the water nowhere over two feet deep, but he rigged up a flatboat and pulled it back and forth by a rope contrivance. Whenever the prospectors crossed he regaled them with horrible tales of the treachery of the stream, and the numerous quick-sands which had drawn so many men and mules to terrible deaths.

In the night when he ferried people over he would caution them not to get near the edge of the boat, as a fall overboard was certain death. By letting the dim old lantern go out and making slow time he frequently impressed the passengers with the idea that the stream was half a mile wide. For night time he charged \$8, but if the wind was high and the weather bad he struck sanguine prospectors for much larger sums. In the daytime \$1 was his modest charge.

He went along in this way for several months, the men who rushed to the hills looking upon him as a benefactor to his race by this conquering of so formidable an obstacle to travel as "Death's Ford." One day Charlie Stoddard, the promoter, appeared on the bank with a mule and boarded the flatboat to cross. In the midst of the stream, just when the ferry-man was telling how dangerous the place was, the mule grew restive and fell overboard. One leg caught on a rope, and he got his head under water, and unable to extricate himself, was drowned. When he was entombed he lay there in the middle of "Death's Ford," half out of water, so that all who came along saw what a miserable shame the ferry was, and that any four-footed animal could walk across. Diggott tried to get the mule away, but he was too heavy to budge, and so he lay there in plain sight for weeks until Diggott's business as a ferrymen was ruined. That's the reason old Dug hardly ever speaks to Charlie Stoddard when he meets him.—*Carson (Nev.) Appeal.*

A man who died at Burlington, Ia., the other day left \$100 to the reporter who should write the "best obituary" of him.

The Comstock lode has been worked to a depth of 3,200 feet, and has produced about \$500,000,000.

You Take No Chances when you buy Chamberlain's Cholic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is positively guaranteed to do all that is claimed for it. An attack of bowel complaint and griping pains are so often sudden and dangerous that no one can afford to be without a prompt and certain remedy. Ask your druggist for Chamberlain's Cholic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Manufactured at Des Moines, Iowa, and be sure you get it. Three sizes, 25, 50cts, and \$1.00 bottles, sold by druggists.

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The Excitement Not over.

The rush at Ferguson & Co.'s drug store still continues on account of persons afflicted with coughs, colds, asthma, bronchitis, and consumption to procure a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs which is sold on a guarantee and is giving entire satisfaction. It is a standard family remedy. Price 50c and \$1. Trial size free.

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