

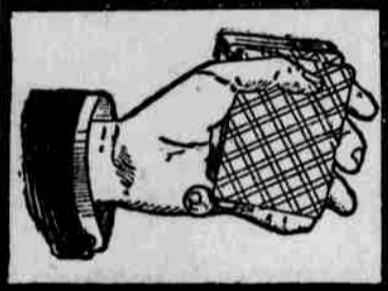
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Professional gambling from a business standpoint is, considering the outlay, perhaps the most profitable occupation in the world. The initial expense, however, is great. The equipment of a first class house with fine paraphernalia means an expenditure of thousands of dollars and a continual expense amounting to several hundred dollars daily. The various items to be considered are the expenses of rent, wages, light and supplies, besides the well stocked buffet and the fine lunches served free to their patrons by the best houses.

An intelligent business man who stops to consider the problem for a moment must realize that this outlay could not possibly be met with the percentage of play on an equal basis and that the only possible solution of the problem must be that the banker or operator must have complete control of the game at all times, thereby insuring protection and profit to the house. To accomplish this, expert mechanics and electricians are employed to perfect and manufacture skilful devices that are noiseless and invisible in their operation and so constructed that they are impossible of detection. From years of careful study at home and abroad it has been proven conclusively that no game of chance exists that cannot by electrical or mechanical power be made to answer the control of the operator at will.

Roulette, supposed to be a machine impossible to control in connection with which, in fact, control is supposed to be unnecessary, as the percentage is largely in favor of the house—is played heavily and in preference to any other on account of this supposition. But such is not the case, as high grade wheels are equipped with electrical and mechanical devices controlling the ball at any particular point.

In games of chance using dice particular attention is given to details, as these game are known to the average player to sometimes be fixed, and he has the privilege of inspection at any time or to call for new dice. Loaded dice are manufactured in any desired combination, and by boring, weighing and by filling in with heated composition appear natural in weight, roll and appearance, and even celluloid dice, which are transparent, bear close scrutiny without detection. In the hands of an experienced player they can be manipulated for any desired number and the chances of an inexperienced player winning are very slight. In large dice games electric power is used; this is created by batteries feeding magnets so powerful that they act through any thickness of cloth, paper or wood. The current is controlled by the operator by the use of a rubber bulb or push button placed under foot, and by throwing these metal loaded dice over the magnified surface he can beat any throw his opponent might make. The batteries used are generally secreted under the table and weigh sometimes forty or fifty pounds.

Poker is a game that offers unlimited opportunity for the use of various devices and methods of manipulation; in fact, they are too numerous to mention. By the following means the gambler artfully controls the cards and is in a position to invariably win from his opponents: The sleeve holdout is made of a

haircloth slideaway about the same size as a deck of cards, with its narrow sides laid in fine pleated folds, so that it will lie flat or expand. This is sewed in the sleeve of the coat or shirt and reaches from the cuff to the elbow joint. One of the wide sides is sewed to the near end of the sleeve, the opposite wide side is sewed or pasted to the cuff, both ends being open. At the elbow a strap fits around the arm, to which is attached a metal tube that reaches down to the near end of the sleeve, with a pulley attached to the end. A short, wide elastic is also fastened to the strap and to the elastic is fastened a metal clamp that holds the cards.

A cord is attached to this clamp, which runs down and over the pulley, then back to the elbow through the metal tube, thence to the shoulder, through the clothing to the body and thence down the loop at the heel with a hook attached to the end. The cord passes through a flexible tube from the elbow to the ankle. This tube will bend easily, but not flatten, and is attached to the clothing with string ties to keep it in line with the body. Its use is to prevent the cord from binding or sticking. To work this holdout the hook at the end of the cord is fastened to the loop of the shoe on the opposite foot; when the feet are spread apart this causes the cord to draw the clamp referred to down through the slideaway and to near the end of the sleeve. Any cards that are in it will reach into the palm of the hand, where they can be taken out or placed back into the clamp. By drawing the feet close together again it causes the cord to relax, and the elastic referred to will draw the clamp and any cards it contains back up the slideaway to its place near the elbow.

Shiners are various forms of reflectors and are used to see the cards as they are dealt out by the dealer. They are made in many ways, the most simple being the simplest, the gambler spilling a little wine from his glass upon the surface of the polished table. The light shining from a certain angle produces a reflection and he can thus

see what cards are being dealt his opponents as he passes them over the spot which reflects the faces. The poker chip shiner is a convex reflector set in a poker chip, over which he passes the cards in dealing, and when not in use or when in danger of exposure he will stack other chips on top of it.

The finger ring shiner is composed of a half inch or smaller convex reflector setting of a ring; this is worn on the little finger of the left hand, and by turning the setting to the inside of the hand it is possible to read the index of the cards as they are dealt. The palm shiner is a small device with a reflector fitting on the ball of the little finger of the left hand, and is used in the same way as the ring shiner. Mica is sometimes used as a reflector, and being thin can be bent or curled up easily without breaking. It is also preferred, as it makes no noise, as glass would if struck by accident. It is used in many ways, by pasting to the hand, table or clothing.

The table shiner is made by covering the top of the table with various chemicals such as are used in the manufacture of mirrors. By the use of shellac, alcohol, silver solution and silicate of soda (liquid glass) it takes on a brilliant polish, but is invisible, except to a person wearing eye-glasses focused to a distance of one to three feet and of a lighter or clearer color than the atmosphere through which the person is looking. A gambler will fix the entire top of a table with this solution and readily and easily tell every card as it is dealt. Marked cards are made in various ways and are nearly always used by the professional gambler. Magnifying spectacles are sometimes used where the markings are so fine that they are invisible to the naked eye at a distance, and in some the lenses are so powerful that they bring a card three feet away close up to the vision of the eye. Cards are also sometimes marked in various ways on the edges by inks, and often by shaving or cutting down to a fraction that is barely perceptible, this method especially for the higher cards, as the four aces, kings and queens.

The advantages of playing with marked cards are numerous, and a skillful player can tell immediately the cards his opponents discard, draw and finally hold, and at a favorable opportunity fill his own hand with cards suitable to outplay any other against him. Ringing in or switching a marked or cold deck is easily accomplished. An accomplice secures a deck identical to that in use, stacks or sorts it for a winning hand, and at a favorable opportunity slips it into the hand of the gambler, who secretes it in his lap, under the table or in a holdout. At his deal he will drop a card to the floor, reach for a spittoon or something on the floor, and while doing so will switch the decks. He will then false shuffle the fake deck, throw, jog, crimp or brief mark by bending, etc., into them for a confederate to cut, or do likewise to an innocent player and then switch the cut to its original place, making it impossible for him to lose.—New York Herald.

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The sanguine springtime season. When they stamp us big and tight. The public's sweet impression— "Come, those letters," their cry. Yes, the April rush is coming. And it sweeps with thunderous roar. How the stamp machines are humming— Purring soft as kettles snore.

"Look alive, there, Roudy and Ready. Jerk those pouches through the door. Buster found there, strong and steady. Twist those clunks along the floor. Hurry up—the 'Math Guy's' calling— Hear the decks and start anew. While ten tons of mail are sprawling, Jiggers, Roudy, shove her through!"

Then the Pouch Room's all commotion. Flung with keen and lusty life. Tons of mail are in the ocean. Swamping all in stubborn strife. "Loosen up there, quit your dreaming, Loose up from your studios' trance. Keep your eye on Roudy teaming. Jiggers, stop your song and dance!"

The mail is the pulse of the nation. And gauges the state of the times. And monotonous thrice's foret' excitement. When Commerce grows big or declines, The Postal Clerks are despondent, Their work leaves all leaves all night. They're as busy as bees having honey. They're hustling in thick of the fight.

You are young and you're life's work beginning. You're eager for striving and winning. You exist in the pride of your might. A word in your ear, you're waring. To plunge in the thick of the fray. Have a care ere your treasure you squander. And waste all your gifts by the way.

A Voice from the Pouch Room—Des. Pouch Room Section. We are jollying the game along all the glorious day. Pull yourselves together, boys, you've hustling heavy mail sacks across the Pouch Room floor. Wrestling with the "Overland" dumped inside the door. Grappling with the big bulging sacks from Frankfort, the Spree. Smelling the salt ocean brine—the salivage of the sea. Roasting all the fresh young cubs when they sojer long. Turning up the old night punch with some cousing song.

The dear, delicious public's notes swamp us left and right. Throwing mail from dewy morn—tons of mail at night. The pretty girls get valentines couched in rippling rhyme. The stout girls get in his work hustling all the time. We are jollying the game along through the star-strewn night. Connecting every scrap of mail that dawns upon our sight. Sweet and low across the show the supple reminders glide. We hold up poor Santa Claus last found Christmas tide.

We heard the sleigh bells aerial song. Their music halting chime. The silvery spell like chiming bell that rings like honeyed rhyme. Shy, pliant girls with wind-swept curls beneath the mistletoe. With some of grace and tara-like grace and lustrous eyes astow. But the boys behind the pouches are connecting all the mail. They have no time for pleasure, con-juring stations on the rail.

JAMES E. KINSELLA, Registry Division, Chicago Postoffice.

Tea an Ideal Stimulant

Every little while there is an outcry against the practice of tea and coffee drinking. Lately it has been alleged that the degeneracy observed in the lower classes of Great Britain is largely due to the immense quantity of tea which is drunk in that kingdom. Without any doubt a few people do drink too much tea and would be better without it. But tea-drinking, as in China, may be the salvation of a people from much greater evils. The decoction has, at least, the advantage of having been sterilized by heat, and water-drinking in China has its dangers, as many an old traveler can testify.

The immense quantities of tea used with the apparent damage by some of the most robust peoples in the world other than the Chinese, such, for example, as the Russians, the Hudson bay voyagers, and the lumbermen of the north, does not testify to its evil effects on general health, under proper conditions. For a cold country it is almost an ideal stimulant, reviving the energies, even after almost apparently complete exhaustion.

and affording a feeling of comfort that hardly anything else can give, and this without any noticeable uncomfortable after effects.

Of course, in our civilization there are some who take too much of many things for their own good, but even in these cases it is hard to say that the evil is as great as sometimes charged. The practice of giving large quantities of strong tea to mere infants, which is common among certain of the poorer classes of our cities, of course, cannot be too strongly condemned, but it is astonishing how many infants seem to thrive on it.

There should be some discrimination in the general condemnation of such stimulants as tea and coffee. They probably do more good than harm and we should welcome their use if by any means or to any extent they can be made a substitute for things that are worse, and if the habit were universal in some of our unsalutary communities we might find it the safeguard against many serious evils.

—Journal of American Medical Association.

Deadly Freak of Nature

The government of the Republic of Nicaragua has sent experts from the capital to examine a remarkable and deadly tree that was recently discovered on the hacienda of Senora Maria Gastezoro, near the town of Petacalpeque, department of Chinandega. The tree has been given the name of arbol del diablo, or tree of the devil. Its discovery was made through the disappearance of a son of Senora Gastezoro. Several days later the body of the boy and the carcass of the pony he was riding were found under the tree in a remote part of the hacienda. It was noticed that a sickly sweet odor emanated from the tree, and those who removed the body of the boy became suddenly dizzy while under its branches. Closer examination of the boy's body disclosed the fact that several bloodvessels had burst, and later the same condition was disclosed by an examination of the remains of the

pony. Under the tree were the bones of goats, hogs, burros and hundreds of birds. It is supposed that the boy, coming upon the heap of bones, stopped to investigate and that both boy and pony were overpowered by the deadly fumes from the tree.

Since that time the tree has been examined to a limited extent by persons on the hacienda, and its deadly operation has been noted. Along the branches of the tree are small valve-like projections, open at the ends. It is believed that the poisonous fumes issue from these valves. A bird lighting on a branch of the tree is caught and held fast, and within a few minutes the bloodvessels of its body burst. News of the discovery of the tree has spread throughout Nicaragua and has caused consternation among the Indians. It is said that similar trees have been discovered in Portugal and Corea.

Tricks of the Tornado

A typical tornado acts as follows: It is a funnel-shaped tube a half-mile high, 5,000 feet in diameter at the top, 100 feet in diameter at the bottom. It travels with a forward motion, covering fifteen to sixty miles an hour. The outer edge of the top revolves at the rate of seven miles an hour; the rim near the bottom of the vortex at 200 miles an hour. In the lower tube thus produced tremendous centrifugal force, a partial vacuum causing objects in its path to explode and producing a low temperature. This cold generates the sheath of vapor that makes the funnel visible in the form of a cloud and causes a condensation, producing electric discharges, just as in thunderstorms on a large scale. The tornado's duration may vary from a few minutes to several

hours. The wind's great velocity prostrates every obstacle in its path. Its effect is not only to hurl objects before it and to produce an explosive action in its vacuum, but also to lift bodies in a vertical direction.

A velocity as high as 600 miles an hour in the lower tube has been reported. Measurements of some recent tornadoes have been computed by meteorologists. The great waterspout of Aug. 13, 1896, in Vineyard sound, seven and a half miles northeast of Cottage City, Mass., had a tube extending from the cloud to the surface of the sea, a distance of 4,200 feet, was 3,400 feet in diameter at the top, 170 feet at the narrowest part (1,500 feet above the sea) and 250 feet at sea level. It revolved at the rate of fourteen miles an hour at the top and 350 miles an hour at the bottom.

In a Perilous Position

The late L. Clarke Davis, Philadelphia's distinguished journalist, has a broad knowledge of the American stage, together with a great number of theatrical anecdotes.

Mr. Davis would often tell a story that had been narrated to him by Edwin Booth. "Booth," he would begin, "once played at the old Arch street theater of Philadelphia, the hero's part in an old-fashioned drama. These were his early days, when his weight was not much more than a bird's. The hero was supposed to be robust, but Booth was unable to give him that appearance. "Well, one Saturday night, the old-fashioned drama progressed very

smoothly up to the middle of the third act. Booth, as Maltravers, the hero, sat, then, in his daughter's sitting-room, his head bowed in his hands. The wife of Maltravers was very ill. The poor fellow feared that she was nigh death's door. "His daughter, to comfort him, offered him some refreshment, but he refused the offer. "No, no, dear child, I cannot eat," he said.

"The play had gone well up to this point. But now, when the gaunt Booth said, 'No, no, dear child, I cannot eat,' a young Irishman up in the gallery sang out: "Can't eat? You can't eat? The saints forbid I was a mutton chop before ye."

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