

A KEENE GAME.

How a California Millionaire Tried to Break Jay Gould,

And Hurlled a Boomerang of Large Dimensions.

The End of a Short Story.

New York, June 15.—I hear that Jim Keene is pretty well cleaned out. Of course you know who Jim Keene is. Eh? Well, he came here from California a few years ago with several millions and a palace car of his own. He got in with Sam Ward, and made that mushy old fraud rich. Ward in return acted as a sort of wet-nurse for Keene. The California millionaire was shoddy. He was about as much of the manners and customs of polite society as a barn-door knows about a foot race. He was loud, and full of brag, and boiling over with vanity concerning his own ability. Ward undertook to tone him down and make a gentleman of him. He has not altogether succeeded, but he has earned every cent he has made out of Keene, because it was a tough job. He did not get Keene reasonably quiet before that bursting flower of California society had given it out the top of his head. That his visit to the east was for the express purpose of breaking up Jay Gould. Several people undertook to reason with him. They pointed out that in carrying forward such a scheme as the one he had in view a number of well-meaning persons had been rapidly and violently ejected to the very head winds of Salty River. Keene was relentless. He had come clear across the continent to make it warm for Jay Gould, and he was going to get away with that contract if he had to spend three months at it.

Mr. Gould is still on deck. When somebody told him what Mr. Keene had in mind he asked a lawyer, respectful smile, and said he was sorry, because he really did not wish to send Mr. Keene home on a special gravel car.

Keene went to work. He got a lot of Gould's enemies together, arranged a syndicate, and fixed up a corner in Western Union. They got together for one day a few millions of demands on Gould, so heavy that they thought the sudden descent upon him would be heavy enough to break a man considerably more solid than he. Then they sent orders to Gould to meet them at the Windsor hotel.

He chuckled softly and went up there with an assumption of anxiety that was delicious. They talked pretty big. They asked them what they would take to let him up. Keene's friends said that Gould must quit the street and go to Europe. He said he would consider it. He went out and left them in jubilation and champagne. In about half an hour a change came over the effect of their dream. Gould returned with a wicked smile on his sallow face, and said: "Gentlemen, I shall be glad to meet all demands made upon me to-morrow at the opening of business hours. I am not sailing for Europe this week." During that short half-hour of his absence he had seen Russell Sage.

"How much do you want?" asked the author of puts and calls.

"Six millions," responded Gould, as though it had been six dollars.

Sage made out his check, and Gould had it in his pocket when the crushers called him in. Next day Keene saw his first visitor. Gould's friends say he whimpered like a whipped pup, and wanted to sell out the men who had helped him in his first attack on the man he wanted to break. But Gould knows how to be merciless, and Mr. Jim Keene had to shell out his dollars that day on the market that went booming up to the moon under Gould's handling. Keene kept away from Gould for a while after this little episode, but Gould did not let up on Keene. He is not a man who does let up when his wrath rises. He went to work calmly and systematically. There was a young man, a recent addition to the street, in whom Gould took an interest. His name was Woerriehoffer, and he represented a large amount of Dutch funds invested in this country. Personally, he was not wealthy, though he held a position of large responsibility. This young man, so young he began to hold long conversations with dashing young Wash Connor, Gould's broker. He also began to make some pretty spry operations on the street. He grew rich, and almost precisely the same ratio Keene grew poor. This was certainly a significant coincidence. What made matters harder for the California man, he was anxious to cut a dash. So he went in for horses, and he is out a stack of money on this branch of speculation. He paid big prices for pictures and ran a whirl of life in Newport. On the whole, he traveled at a lively gait. The silent, sallow little man down Broadway held his peace and smiled grimly. Woerriehoffer accumulated more and more money, and went down to the bay every night with dashing Mr. Connor in their private steam yacht.

The other day Keene sold for \$14,000 a painting that cost him \$24,000. The silent sallow little man bought it in, and smiled still more grimly. Keene got himself interviewed for the purpose of saying he thought a panic was brewing on Wall street, which was one way of intimating his intention of getting out. Then it became whispered about that Mr. Keene meant to trip a trip to Europe. He was going "to look after his horses," so they said. Gould's friends wisely said they hoped he would find them. The fact of the matter seems to be, from all I can hear, that Keene has lost an enormous amount of money, and has by the same token given up the task of breaking Gould. Break Gould, indeed! You might as well try to break the Bank of England. With Russell Sage, Sidney Dillon, and Westernhoffer's enormous Dutch funds at his back, added to his own immense pile (he is to-day the richest man in America, Vanderbilt not excepted), there is no combination in the country that can worry him. So it is well for Keene to pull out and get himself upon the little trip he had figured out for Gould.

LEANDER RICHARDSON.

RAGUSA.

The Queer Capital of an Old South Slav Republic.

Belgrad.

There is no little city in Europe, actually none, so curious, so interesting, as Ragusa. Persons better acquainted with that coast have told me that in countless other Slav-Venetian towns may challenge it. My own experience of Cattaro and Antivari confirms this statement in some measure. But Ragusa is unique in memorials of ancient state and wealth, above all in its story. Of that story, in truth, I have learned but just enough to

see that most students read it in a different version. It is one, however, of special fascination. This is the antique capital of that single branch in the southern Slav family, which has yet proved itself European in any sense other than geographical. It was republic, the rival of Venice in arms and art, commerce and enterprise, for ages. The winged lion finally overcame and enslaved it, but Ragusan patriots will not admit that their forefathers were conquered by Venice. It was the shadow of the Turk that vanquished them, the iron barrier crushing their small territory, the incessant threats of a malicious savage. I have no opinion on that matter. The legend of Ragusa thrills one like that of a mysterious and silent realm. Be it remembered that this small, sleepy town gave us the fine word "argosy" for a great ship stored with the costliest goods.

From one stately gateway in the massive walls to the other is but 150 yards at most, and at every yard one may pause to admire. Just within, on the right hand, is a fountain, somewhat of the Turkish style. On market days and holidays it is a pretty sight when the girls assemble at this place. Every village has its peculiarity of dress, mostly bright in colors, but the Herzegovinian is so supremely charming that it kills all others. The robe of coarse black cloth, should be properly called a chemise, it has little ornament. But from the round "turban" cap descends a veil, framing a face often pretty, always pleasant to the eye thus set off. This drapery is of thick white material, falling to the bottom of the skirt, and so large that a girl can wrap her whole body therein if she please. World-wide travel has not shown me a dress so becoming in severe simplicity.

Opposite to the fountain is a church, and then the broad, fine street, smoothly paved, stretches to the other gate. Its blocks of stone houses date, they tell you, from the fourteenth century; saving the tower which age alone can give, they might have been raised yesterday. Tall, solid, exactly alike, and precisely aligned, they present that ideal of street architecture which we are now laboriously trying to introduce; but we shall not easily match these handsome structures. Between each block endless flights of steps climb the mountain side, with a narrow landing at intervals.

MONROE, Mich., Sept. 25, 1875.

Strus—I have been taking Hop Bitters for inflammation of kidneys and bladder. It has done for me what four doctors failed to do. The effect of Hop Bitters seemed like magic to me.

W. L. CARTER.

WYOMING CATTLE.
Their Present Condition—Gradual Changes in the Business.

Cheyenne Leader, June 21.

The general appearance of cattle on the Wyoming ranges is far better than the average of previous years at this season. In some districts in Central Wyoming they are in superior condition. The loss by death in the winter as seen in riding around with the round-up is exceedingly small. The number of calves is satisfactory, though the opinion is sometimes expressed by men of experience that a greater proportion has been known in other years.

A good many young cattle have been brought to the northern range this spring from the Mississippi basin. The impression prevails that it is a dangerous experiment to bring them here in the fall and some heavy losses were sustained during the winter by men who brought in from the Milwaukee and St. Paul railway has shipped this year from one point in Iowa 23,000 head of young stock, all of which has been carried by the Northern Pacific to points in eastern Montana. The Durbin took 1,800 head to the Sweetwater range a month ago. The Searights and Dr. Thomson have also several thousand head on the way along the drive north at the present time. Two thousand graded stock were unloaded at Green River last Thursday and will be driven to Three Crossings, where they will be delivered to an English company operating on Powder river.

There are two opinions upon the business of feeding hay to cattle in the winter and shipping them to market early in the spring. It is said by those who do not regard the venture as a paying one, that the amount of attention to be paid cattle while feeding them is, in order to make the business a success, more than can be expected of hired men, who are not interested in the sale of cattle. It is also said that when hay is fed to cattle they cease "rustling," and require constant attention during the winter season. On the other hand, the experiment has been successfully tried in a number of cases the past winter. They fed cattle of J. C. Beckwith, of Evanston, sold in Chicago at the same price as Illinois corn fed beef. Beef fed in the same way was sold in the Denver and Cheyenne markets the past season, and pronounced of superior quality. A Carbon county cattle man lately told the writer he drove a number of old cows near to hay stacks, as he had put more hay than he could use for his horses. These old cows this spring average the best of his cattle in appearance. Another stockman said, when spoken to on the subject, that it appeared to him that inclosing a tract of land and feeding hay to cattle was simply transferring to Wyoming the method of raising cattle in Iowa. The difference was that in Iowa there is a long, wet winter, during which corn is fed, while in Wyoming the cattle graze far into the winter, and during the short period of storms, which is comparatively dry, they can be fed with hay.

P. B. Wilson, of Miles City, stock agent of the Northern Pacific railroad company, who has just completed a tour of the ranges in the country lying between the Big Horn and Owl mountains, known as the Big Horn and Stinking Water basins, was in St. Paul lately. The cattle he reports as looking very finely, and that they had wintered well, with the exception of some trail cattle, driven in from Oregon late in the fall, which were thin when they were turned loose on the ranges. The loss among these was perhaps 7 per cent, but the loss of range cattle was so light as to be hardly worth speaking of. The trail for water and feed in the basin, Mr. Wilson says, is very fine. The season had been a remarkable one for calves, which, in number, would reach nearly 80 per cent of the number of cows. He gives the following list of the cattle men in the basin:

W. A. Carter, Stinking Water basin, 6,000 head; Captain H. Bellnap, Stinking Water basin, 3,000; Ashworth & Johnson, Sage creek, 2,000; Wise & Livingston, Meeteetee, 800; Otto Frank, Grey Bull, 7,000; Braxton Bros., Grass creek, 4,000; S. Stoyner, Big Horn, 800; Mahon & Lowell, Big Horn, 12,000; Harvey Broth, New Wood creek, 6,000; John Simon, Shell creek, 7,000; Gooden

& Plunkett, No. Water, 7,000. This makes a total of 55,000 head in the basin. The shipment of beef cattle out of the basin this year will be 8,000 head—considerably larger than last year. All the cattle men expect to drive to Billings and ship over the Northern Pacific road. Last year the shipments were made mostly over the Union Pacific, as the northern line was not completed to Billings until late in August. Shipping generally will be later this season than last unless something occurs in the market to hurry the cattle along. Probably the first cattle will be sent out about September 1. In the Little Missouri country, Mr. Wilson says there are many cattle being driven in, but in the Big Horn basin there will be none received from other sections, from the fact that the larger rivers are well stocked and the cattle men generally do not care to pay the high prices which they would have to pay for cattle from other sections. Probably about 15,000 head will be shipped to Keith, Miles City, Rosebud and Billings, from Iowa and Minnesota this season.

SARATOGA GOSSIP.

Pleasant News from Omaha's Pleasant Suburb.

The rain of last evening was well nigh a deluge in extent. No serious damage was done, however. I learn from a member of the school board that our only public building (the school house) is to be painted, which adornment it sadly needs. The building by the way is quite a landmark. The hall in the second story, best known as Lyceum hall, has been occupied by the Saratoga literary and debating society for more than a decade, being undoubtedly the oldest society held of the kind in the state. Numerous of your leading lawyers and eminent physicians are ex-members of the Lyceum.

Our little burg, like all well regulated ones, has a live duce, but as our school closes about the first of the month, we are in danger of losing it, which will be much to the chagrin of Port Omaha soldiers, as they were taking lessons in the duce walk.

The washout at the corner of Twenty-third street and Garfield avenue has been temporarily fixed by Road Supervisor Redman, who complains that the county commissioners will not allow him lumber enough to put our streets in passable condition. The condition of Saunders street, which is nearly impassable, is a disgrace to the city and county. The state of this street is known to both the county commissioners and the city fathers.

Hon. James H. Kynner leaves to-day for the scene of his grading work in Idaho. His new residence on Sherman avenue is fast assuming creditable proportions and bids fair to be an ornament to the city.

Rev. William J. Harsha will address the Union Sunday school to-morrow at 3 p. m. At the monthly concert of the school to-morrow evening Rev. Patterson, of St. Mark's, is expected to speak. The usual session of the school is at 2 p. m., and to all of these meetings the city cordially and the public in general are cordially invited. The school will give a strawberry and ice cream festival on Tuesday evening next, June 26th, at which a small charge will be made for the luxuries. All are invited. Mr. Joseph Hensman was the recipient of a pleasant surprise last evening at his home on North Twenty-third street. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, quite a party gathered and were richly repaid by an enjoyable evening, of which dancing formed the principal amusement. A company from your city were interrupted by the storm, and were obliged to take refuge in a barn, after which the journey was resumed, and although not without incident was happily without accident. Among those present were Misses Shipman, Miller, Elton, Brown, Monroe, Livezey, Criswell, Simpson, Monroe, Littlefield, Monroe, Smith, Elton, Brown, Livezey, Simpson.

Cuckoo.

The Proper Position for Sleeping.
London World.

A German, Baron Reichenbach, has occupied many years in studying the art of bed making, or rather bed placing, and maintains that improperly placed beds will shorten a man's life.

If a mere magnet exercises an influence on sensitive persons, the earth's magnetism must certainly make itself felt on the nervous life of man. In whatever hemisphere, you may always sleep with your feet to the equator, and let your body lie "true as a needle to the pole."

The proper direction of the body is of the utmost importance for the proper circulation of the blood, and many disturbances in the organism have been caused by simply placing the body in a different point of the compass from that it had occupied. Let such as have hitherto been in the habit of sleeping with their heads where their feet ought to be taken to heart the example of the late Dr. Elschewer of Madagburo, who died recently at the age of 109 years. In whatever hemisphere, you may always sleep with your feet to the equator, and let your body lie "true as a needle to the pole."

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