How They Pat in the Time-De Came Wa Swift and Crooked.

The newsboys and bootblacks of Toronto see dead game sports. What they don't know about gambling isn't worth knowing. During these warm days when business is a little slow they retire to some cool retreat in one of the lanes or behind some of the big of twelve gendarmes, accompanied M. Ruffica warehouses and there in their own little Monte Carlo they "play de game" with all the shrewdness of old timers. Of course days at the farm, when, on Friday last there are sharks among these juvenile sports, about midday, a strange peasant appeared sharpers who have retired from legitimate and proved to be an emissary of the brigands. business, and who spend their time in luring "de new jays" who have been "holdin' de evenins' " for a few weeks only and who are not in it when they try their hand with these alley gangs. They haunt the down town and charged, in the event of your desiring lanes, the docks, vacant buildings, and other retreats where they are safe from visits from guide to the spot where he is confined. You the police, and the whole tribe is proud of may bring three men with you." the reputation of some of its members for handling the cards.

CORKY IS A COO-COO.

were five young sports from 12 to 15 years | to wait for him, of age, and the way they handled the dirty cards would make the old-time gambler envious. There was no "sucker" in the and galloped as fast as the animal could party at this little sitting. It was a case of carry him to Rodosto, in order to seek the of women are cured by Dr. Pierce's Favorite shark watch shark. The personnel of the advice of the French Consul. That officer party was as follows: Against the theatre urged him not to lose a single moment in name comes in. This improves digestion, wall sat "Jimmie" and "Corky," both old timers, and perhaps the slickest pair in to send the ransom to the robber chief. M. dispels aches and pains, produces refreshing to send the ransom to the robber chief. M. dispels aches and pains, produces refreshing to send the ransom to the robber chief. M. the gang. "Jimmie" is the scion of a Tacchella, another dragoman of the Con- sleep, dispels nervousness and melancholy, famous family whose ancestral halls are sulate, who is possessed of great physical and builds up both the flesh and strength of situated in St. John's ward. He wore a strength, and his servant, a sturdy peasant, those reduced below a healthy standard. black slouch hat that completely covered were selected to carry out this critical his eyes from the scrutinous gaze of the mission, both of them being familiar with tains no alcohol to inebriate; no agar or other players, and didn't say two words the country. during the whole game. Hesimply "played It was evening before M. Ghilbert, acwhen "Corky" found that

HE WAS OUT SEVEN CENTS

from the cow byres to the Winchester street loaded down with "stuff," they rushed the selves confronted by three brigands game for a while. Select and wealthy, the party had furnished cigarettes, and all except "Corky" were enjoying them. In the midst of all the excitement he remained true to his old love, chewing tobacco. "Swoppy" was the dude of the party. There were no holes in his pants, and a pair of over-worn tennis shoes gave him a rather aristocratic appearance. His gaudity colored cigarette holder was the envy of every man around the table." There was considerable discussion as to what game should be played, but pedro was finally decided upon. The game was fast and furious, and the coppers changed hands pretty lively. All the while a scout was sitting in front of Underwood's ink manufactory on Johnson

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR COPS.

had a streak of bad luck.

seven cents every five minutes."

"Aw, y' allus shoot off yer mouth when no harm shall befall you." yer drop a nickel," retorted Skinny, and after this there was a flow of choice vocabulary that made the odorous atmosphere of the lane almost sticky with blasphemy. Finally the east enders commenced to drop their pile and suspected crooked work. The cards were again counted and the dust rubbed off them. The excitement was too intense, however, and there was nothing for it but a free fight. "Irish" grabbed "Corky," pulled him out in the lane and or interfered with by any member of the

in Toronto nowadays.

Affairs in China.

Owing to the disturbed state of affairs in China, and the increasing hostility of the natives to foreigners resident in the country their papers. It was in vain that M. Tacmany, France and the United States have been minded to make provision for their subjects in case anything serious should take place. A despatch from Washington states that although no formal alliance has has been entered into by the governments mentioned an understanding has been ar rived at by which in the event of the fail ure of the Chinese government to afford andquate guarantees for the protection of the lives, property and interests of the citizens of the four nations, that duty will be undertaken by the governments themselves acting jointly. In case of riot, or other disturbances the vessels of either of the four nations will afford refuge to the citizens of any of the other nations, and will undertake to protect their consulates and other interests. Though this precautionary arrangement does not necessarily imply that an outbreak will take place, the fact that the governments named should deem the situa-

Her Sea Monster.

Amy-" Ethel has been telling all around that she got caught in the clutches of

lieve it." Sallie-"I do, and I heard her call him Rearge."

AMONG THE BRIGANDS.

A Frenchman's Experience Among Most Courteous Outlaws.

Full particulars have now been made known of the release of M. de Raymond, who was captured by brigands at Omourdja on the 10th of August. The two dragomans of the French Consulate who, with a guard upon his mission to convey the ransom to the bandit chief had been waiting for some With a good deal of mystery he produced a letter, remarking: "I have been enjoined by those who hold M. de Raymond captive to bring you this, under the pain of death, to release M. de Raymond, to act as your

Having delivered this message the man disappeared. M. Ghilbert, the Chancellor of the French Consulate, then opened the mysterious missive, and found that it con-"I tell yer, der aint a man in dis town tained a communication in pure Greek cordat can empty Corky's pockets, if de game's responding with the peasant's verbal anstraight," said an enthusiastic onlooker to nouncement. At the foot of the note, which an Empire reporter yesterday, as he stood was in the handwriting of Thomas, the watching a swift game that was in progress | brigand chief, there was a postcript written of Hope. Pleasures of Hope, forsooth. in the Toronto Opera House lane. It was a by M. de Raymond to the effect that he novel sight. Squatted on the smooth ground was quite well. M. Ghilbert told the man

MOUNTED HIS HORSE

de game" for all it was worth. Corky was companied by these agents, got back to the a little more garrulous, but he talked for a farm. Shortly before ten o'clock at night purpose, and used pretty nearly all the rest | they set out on foot upon their expedition. of the lane as a spittoon. Besides "Corky" The journey lay through desolate mountain was a tall, slim bootblack, who is known in fastnesses and deep ravines, amid which, when the select circle as "Skinny." The game they had been five or six hours on the march, had been in progress but a few minutes the party halted for rest and refreshment. After nearly fourteen hours' hard walking they arrived at the outskirts of a forest. It was now noon on the Saturday. The and he got nervous. He was considered a guide, who throughout the journey had kept "boss" player, and had often cleaned out from two to three hundred paces in front of the dock gang, but he was travelling in M. Tacchella and his servant, here stopped pretty swift company yesterday. "Swop- until they came up. He requested them to py" and "Irish" sat on the outside. They envelop their heads in white handkerchiefs are east-enders and their reputation extends and to continue to follow him. They complied with these directions, and the party bridge. They came up yesterday to "do then entered the forest. They had not proup" the Yonge street sports, and being ceeded far when they suddenly found them-

ARMED TO THE TEETH,

who appeared to spring out of the earth. Cov ering the travellers with their rifles, they demanded whether they had brought with them M. de Raymond's ransom. Receiving a reply in the affirmative, the bandits declared they were ready to escort the passengers to the headquarters of the gang. The journey was continued about two hours longer, and then a halt was called in an extremely remote and picturesque retreat. A few minutes later the brigand chief Thomas, attended by five of his gang and accompanied by M. de Raymond, appeared. M. Tacchella and his servant then each produced his quota of the ransom. The former stated that he was the dragoman of the French Consulate at Rodosto, and that in addition to the £5,000 He was promised three cents to watch and which he had brought as M. de Raymond's Fulford & Co., Brockville, Ont. give warning if necessary. The signal was ransom, he had with him a sum of £100, given once during the game, three shrill intended to cover the experses of the journey whistles, and in an instant the lane was back to Rodosto. He expressed a hope that deserted. Another signal, to warn them the money would not be taken from him. that the coast was clear, brought the party To this the chief replied in the most affable together again, and the game proceeded manner, "Why, of course not. You shall after the cards had been counted at the re- keep everything you have upon you. No quest of the east end representatives. Corky one shall molest you. We have no right to COD LIVER OIL. If you have Bronchitis anything but the ransom we have exacted. -Use it. For sale by all druggists. "I ain't sayin' that de game's crooked, Here is M. de Raymond, whom I deliver up he said, but I ain't in de habit of losin' to you safe and sound. You may depart in all security, for you have my assurance that

Thereupon Thomas took a sheet of note. paper and began to write out in the most business-like manner a formal declaration that, having received the ransom set upon the head of M. de Raymond, that gentleman was now free; and that, for the future, he would be at libery to traverse these regions in perfect security, and would

NEVER AGAIN BE MOLESTED

was about to go through him when Corky band. The robber chief insisted upon kisspulled out a jackknife with a vicious-looking | ing M. de Raymond, and begged him not blade and kept the Don sports at a distance. to harbor resentment for the trouble and A rough-and-tumble fight had just got nice- inconvenience to which he had been put. lystarted when the three whistles were heard | The brigand who had struck M. de Rayagain, the lane was deserted and the game | mond over the head on the occasion of his capture also approached and besought his Scenes like these are not at all uncommon forgivenness for that injury, which he de- facts. clared, he had only inflicted under the stress of circumstances.

The party had not been more than a couple of hours on the march back when they fell the subject. in with a patrol of gendarmes, who insisted upon searching them and demanded to see chella endeavored to explain who he was and what was the nature of the mission he had been fulfilling. As the gendarmes would not listen to reason M. de Raymond protested so vehemently that the sub-lieutenant discoloration after a bruise. in command of the patrol ordered him to be bound, and with a good deal of needless illtreatment marched the whole party off to the lock-up in the village of Milio. On the way thither, however, M. Tacchella's servant succeeded in convincing the sublieutenant that his master's account of himself was perfectly true, and M. de Raymond was thereupon unbound. On arriving at the headquarters of the police, the party met with a much more hospitable reception, and were enabled to continue their return journey without further let or hindrance.

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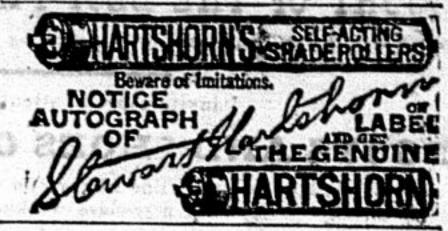
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