

WHAT WILL YOU BET?

Some Historical Wagers and Who Made Them. Of historic wagers the name is legion, and they may be broadly divided into two classes—those which are simply idiotic and those which are either thoughtless or delib-

MEASURING OF THE LEGS. Of the different competitors, although we are not informed who was the arbiter as to the comparative elegance of the contending limbs. If circumference of calf was to be accepted as a standard of handsomeness the should of right hand been won by a gentleman of Daniel Lambert's build. Then there was the bet decided in 1806 in the Castle Yard, York, between two gentlemen as to which should succeed in assuming the more singular and original character.

THE GUISSE OF A MALE NEGRO. with a top boot and spur. The wise men of York unanimously decided that the gentleman plastered with Abraham Newland's promises to pay had won the wager—it is always safe to be on the side of the party with plenty of money. Among the most extravagant and the most senseless bets ever made was that made by a fanatic for "Wilkes and Liberty," who, when the Government had seized the notorious Number 50 of the north Briton, undertook for a certain sum, and within a preposterously short space of time, to eat five and forty beefsteaks and drink five and forty pots of strong beer. It is not recorded whether this political enthusiast came off victorious or died of apoplexy. There is one exceptional bet the fatality of which is relieved by its sly humor. It is that of the individual who staked a considerable sum, not on the credulity but on the caution of mankind. He betted that he would stand for

A WHOLE DAY ON LONDON BRIDGE. with a tray full of sovereigns fresh from the Mint, and be unable to find a purchaser for them at a penny a piece. There he stood from morn to dewy eve, and he did not dispose of one sovereign. The occurrence took place late in the reign of George III., and it is edifying to reflect what a vast number of young men from the country there must have been at the period in question, who were to the full as wary as the Joseph of the celebrated music-hall ballad, and were not to be "got over" by the wiles of Metropolitan deceivers. At the same time, we should certainly not advise any gentleman flush of cash and of a sporting turn of mind to try the experiment again with a trayful of Jubilee sovereigns on the bridge which Sir John Rennie built, or indeed on any one of the Metropolitan bridges. He might find more purchasers than would suit his convenience.

Blizzards. I suppose the bare mention of the word "Manitoba" in Europe or the States, immediately suggests the word "blizzard." If a town in Dakota or Illinois is whisked away, the devouring monster rushed down from Manitoba, where it was born and bred. This sad land is the cradle of the entire merciless brood of hurricanes, cyclones, tornadoes, blizzards and water-spouts! The only big commotion we don't originate in the earthquake! In fact the "quake" is here too. All right enough: but the crust is frozen so solid that it can't be cracked; in which case what can the "quake" aforesaid do but make a subterranean dash for Charleston or Italy, and there shout out? Yes, this is the very headquarters of all the atmospheric outbursts which periodically shake the continent.

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An Errand to Make a Boy Run. Minister (taking seat at table)—You seem a little out of breath, Bobby. Bobby—Yes, sir; just before dinner was put on me said she was afraid one pie wouldn't be enough, so she told me to run round the corner to the baker's for a nuther.

A Change of Treatment. Young Sisay (to Crowley's guardian)—Aw—what do you give Mr. Crowley when he has a cold, aw? Guardian—When it's not serious, sir, I give him flaxseed tea. Young Sisay—Aw, I don't believe in that sort of treatment, aw—flaxseed tea never did me any good. Guardian—That so? Then I won't give Crowley any more of it.

Mrs. Stowe in Florida. A writer in the Lewiston, Me., Journal, speaking of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe and her Florida home, says: The style of the interior is neither literary, religious, artistic, nor rural, but a peculiar combination of all four, which is a family trait. Prominent in the study, in niche between two windows, stands a picture of Henry Ward Beecher, so large, so strong, so life-like, that it seems as if he were the host, standing ready to entertain the guests of his sister. Many fine paintings of a semi-religious cast cover the walls, and by the old masters. Her book-shelves are ranged in the walls, not hanging outside them or in cases, and flowers in the greatest profusion fill every nook and corner. Blue pervades the furnishing; the Venus de Milo, the Madonna and Child, and the Duke and Duchess of Argyll keep each other unbroken company through the long unbroken stillness which bespeaks the frequent absence of the gentle hostess, for she is a great outdoor woman, and may be seen taking her walks, step by step, through the trees these beautiful June mornings, her plain black dress covered with dandelion down, her hands filled with flowers, and her thin, dark face, browned by constant exposure, framed in loose gray locks and black bonnet neither peaceful nor troubled, but waiting.

Business Only. First Party (strictly business, to friend who rejoins him after speaking to an acquaintance, "What old case is that?" Other. Old case! Why, he's one of our most distinguished Ornithologists; he— First Party. "Orni-? Oh yes, one of them bug fellows." Other. "No, no; birds. Has one of the rarest collections in the country." First Party. "Advise him to unload. They say that the women are 'going to stop wearing birds on their hats.'"

A Pious Distinction. Brother Simpson (examining a neighbor's horse behind the church sheds). "I ain't a tryin' to work up no hoss trade on the holy Sab'ath. 'Tain't my style o' doin' business, Sunday's for religious dooties. But I say, if you'll bring that thar mare o' yours round to-morr mornin' I'll swap even, and throw in that old ram o' mine. I will. I swan I will!"

"Doubting Thomases." remarked an eminent divine, "must exist in ratio to the too credulous." The habit of cautiousness is not, as a general thing, in-born, but is the result of a naturally generous and confiding nature repeatedly victimized by the cunning and crafty. So the many disappointments, and often injurious effects, arising from the use of various vaunted remedies, have induced an undue cautiousness, and, in many cases, entire abandonment of the use of any. We call attention to the remedies of Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, which physicians are employing in their practice with the most beneficial results. His "Golden Medical Discovery," for diseases of the lungs and kidneys, heart affections, fever and ague, dropsy, and all diseases of the blood, has never failed when put to the test.

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After the reading of the above, it was moved by George Gooderham, Esq., seconded by William H. Beatty, Esq., and carried, That the report of the Directors, which has just been read, be adopted and printed for distribution amongst the Stockholders. Resolved, That the thanks of the Stockholders are due and are hereby tendered to the President, Vice President and Directors for their attention to the interests of the Bank during the past year.

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