

BEATING ON THE RAIN.

The Queerest Gambling Game in the World is Played at Calcutta.

One of the most curious forms of gambling in the world is "rain gambling" which at this season of the year is at its height in Calcutta.

No one who has not visited the place can have any conception of the vast crowds which at every hour of the day and far into night pass in and out.

The great majority are Mawaris, who are born speculators, but there are as well plenty of well to do Europeans, Eurasians, Jews, Armenians and Greeks, and women, too. All swarm into the small courtyard where this strange form of gambling is carried on, through a narrow entrance barely three feet wide.

Extra care is essential. Stake plants by line. You will find the name and on board for further things.

Chances are taken either for or against the spout running. A gray-haired, wizened old man is the owner of the den, and there is another similar place across the road, on the fifth floor, there is a small, square watch tower, in which are stationed five or six men, whose duty is to scan the horizon closely and report on the formation of rain clouds.

A bet made and won one day is always paid the following morning. Everything seems to be "on the square," and, indeed, there is little chance for cheating. The odds range as high as 1 to 75 on some days, even as low as 1 to 5 on some days, even as low as 1 to 5 on some days, even as low as 1 to 5 on some days.

FORGOTTEN WEALTH.

In one of the old London banks a box was recently found, containing money and valuables, which had not been opened or called for in 160 years, and which now remains without a claimant.

OUT OF THE TOILS

Physicians Failed Cure—Alls Failed—But the Great South American Kidney Cure, a Specific Remedy for a Specific Trouble, Cured Mrs. A. E. Young of Barnston, P.Q., Quickly and Permanently.

This is her testimony: "I was taken sick in January, 1893, I employed several of the best local physicians until the autumn of the same year without receiving much benefit."

A COMIC AFFAIR.

Did you get a valentine this year, Miss Elderly? Yes I did, she snapped, and now I'm just lying low to see if I can't find out who sent it.

FOR BIG EATERS.

Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills Are a Pleasant and Safe Liver Regulator—They Stimulate Digestion, and Counteract the too Common Error of Over-Eating.

Never have that tired feeling if you keep your liver active, and Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are a liver specific.

MR. GRATEBAR TO PHILIP. It is unquestionably true, Philip, said Mr. Gratebar, that it is better to be a live dog than a dead lion; but that doesn't mean, Philip, that you should be satisfied to remain a dog.

Every Woman Should Enjoy Life. How Many do? Many are miserable, weak and sickly, and suffer untold miseries through ailments peculiar to their sex.

WESTERN ASSURANCE CO.'Y

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of shareholders of the above company was held at its offices in this city on Thursday, the 25th inst. The Hon. Geo. A. Cox, President, occupied the chair, and Mr. C. C. Foster, having been appointed to act as Secretary to the meeting, read the following annual report:

In presenting the annual report of the business of the company for the year ending 31st December, 1896, the directors have pleasure in stating that, while there has been a falling off in the premium receipts, the revenue account shows a profit on the year's transactions of \$119,708.43.

Owing to the reduction in the volume of business transacted, the amount necessary to provide for running off the liability on unexpired policies is \$23,804.88 less than at the close of 1895.

The directors have pleasure in acknowledging the efficient services of the officers and agents of the company during the past year.

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Total cash income \$2,336,727.93. Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment \$2,217,019.52. Balance \$119,708.43.

The annual report of the directors having been read, the President, in moving its adoption, stated that he was pleased to be able to say that the year had not been marked by any serious individual losses such as he had had to refer to at the last annual meeting.

The Vice-President, Mr. J. J. Kenny, seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously.

The election of directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the following gentlemen, viz., Hon. Geo. A. Cox, Hon. S. C. Wood, Messrs. Robert Beatty, G. R. R. Cockburn, George MacMurrich, H. N. Baird, W. R. Brock, J. K. Osborne and J. J. Kenny.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, held subsequently, Hon. George A. Cox was re-elected President, and Mr. J. J. Kenny Vice-President for the ensuing year.

MIGHT BE OVERLOOKED. I would not marry a woman who did not know how to cook.

THE BEST REMEDY FOR CORNS. Is Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Rapid, painless, its action is a marvel to all who have tried it.

Herr Zschille's collection of armor, which was exhibited at the Chicago's World's Fair, is to be sold by auction in London.

A POPULAR C. P. R. OFFICER Adds His Testimony to the Merits of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder for Cough, Croup and Cold in the Head—He says It is Peerless.

Do you know where the bad people who do not go to church go, Johnnie? My pop goes fishing.

WHAT DR. A. E. SALTER SAYS. Buffalo, N. Y.—Gents—From my personal knowledge gained in observing the effect of your Shiloh's Cure in cases of advanced Consumption, I am prepared to say it is the most remarkable Remedy that has ever been brought to my attention.

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TWO MONTHS TO LIVE.

THAT WAS WHAT A DOCTOR TOLD MR. DAVID MOORE.

The Remarkable Experience at One Who Was an Invalid For Years—Six Doctors Treated Him Without Benefit—He Owes His Renewed Health to Following a Friend's Advice.

Mr. David Moore is a well known and much esteemed farmer living in the county of Carleton, some six miles from the village of Richmond.

Mr. Moore has been an invalid for some years, and physicians failed to agree as to his ailment. Not only this but their treatment failed to restore him to health.

Mr. Moore gives the following account of his illness and eventual restoration to health. He says:—"My first sickness came on me when I was 69 years of age. Prior to that I had always been a strong healthy man. I had a bad cough and was growing weak and in bad health generally. I went to North Gower to consult a doctor, who after examining me said, 'Mr. Moore I am very sorry to tell you that your case is very serious, so much so that I doubt if you can live two months.'

He said my trouble was a combination of asthma and bronchitis, and he gave me some medicine and some leaves to smoke which he said might relieve me. I took neither because I felt sure I had neither trouble he said, and that he did not understand my case.

Two days later I went to Ottawa and consulted one of the most prominent physicians there. He gave a thorough examination and pronounced my ailment a heart trouble, and said I was liable in my present condition to drop dead at any moment. I decided to remain in the city for some time and under his treatment.

He wrote a few lines on a piece of paper giving my name and place of residence and trouble, to carry in my pocket in case I should die suddenly. I did not seem to be getting any better under the treatment and finally left the city determined to consult a doctor nearer home. I was again examined and the doctor said I had heart disease was many a man following the plow whose heart was in a worse shape than mine.

He was under doctor's treatment and have been compelled to resort to instrumental relief many times. "I have taken eighteen boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and am satisfied with results being perfectly relieved of all suffering."

TO BE PASSED OVER. He—Holding a girl's hand is like a preface to the book of flirtation. She—I never read prefaces.

STOP THAT COUGH! Take warning. It may lead to Consumption. A 25c. bottle of Shiloh's Cure may save your life.

STEAMSHIP FOR INVALIDS. One of the steamship companies of England has ordered a steamship to be built for the "sole use of invalids."

CATARH CANNOT BE CURED. With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they can not reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies.

WILL RUN SETTLERS' TRAINS FROM TORONTO EVERY TUESDAY DURING MARCH AND APRIL AT 9:00 P.M.

THE GOLDEN EYE SALVE. A NEVER FAILING REMEDY FOR WEAK AND INFLAMED EYES, OR CHRONIC GRANULATION OF THE LIDS, ULCERATION OF THE GLANDS.

FOR THE KIDNEYS, LIVER AND URINARY ORGANS. THERE is only one way by which any disease can be cured, and that is by removing the cause, whatever it may be.

ACTS DIRECTLY UPON THE KIDNEYS AND LIVER and by placing them in a healthy condition, drives disease and pain from the system.

Its reputation—"Twenty years of success," in four continents, Watson's Cure Co., London, Rochester, Frankfurt, Melbourne, Toronto.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil, with Hypophosphites gives immediate aid by soothing a stubborn cough and supplying tonic remedies to the weakened system.

NEURALGIA'S PERSISTENT AGONY. Has but one source of relief. Nerviline—nerve pain cure—penetrates to the irritated nerves, soothes them to rest, and affords relief almost instantly.

Jose Echegaray, Spain's great playwright, is 64 years old. He is an engineer and a mathematician. He was once a minister of state. He has written fifty-two plays.

THEY WORKED WONDERS. Two Years of Bladder Torment—Had Attacks of Inflammation—Cured by a Few Boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Owen Sound, March 1 (Special)—The people of this town are talking again of another cure credited to Dodd's Kidney Pills. This is the case of Mr. W. Cruse, caretaker of town buildings, who when seen had this to say of the matter:

"For over two years I have been an intense sufferer from kidney disease with occasional acute attacks of inflammation of the bladder."

"Was under doctor's treatment and have been compelled to resort to instrumental relief many times."

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For Constipation take Karl's Cloyer Root Tea, the great Blood Purifier. Cures Headache, Nervousness, Eruptions on the Face, and makes the head clear as a bell.

There is no foundation for the report that the Duke of Connaught, will on an early date, be raised to the rank of field marshal. His royal highness has no wish to obtain a baton at present.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure cures where others fail. It is the leading Cough Cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot.

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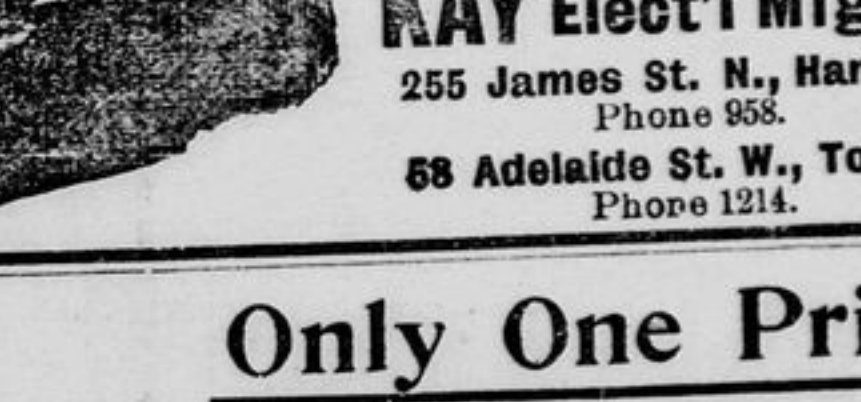
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