Corrupting Our Social Is Business Life

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happy." Lead has the word of the GAMBLING IS ROBBERY.

live on earth the happier we shall be

and the more we shall make others

Gambing is robbery. It takes wealth and gives nothing in return. It puts 'not one copper into' the of any intelligence knows that "the world's treasury. It plants no seed, race track to-day is chiefly run for It digs no gold from the mine. It the benefit of the gamblers. Withgrows no wool supon the sheep's out the damning influence of the back. It builds no steamship lines. bookmakers the race horse would net It manufactures no goods, and tit attract enough people to-day as retai's no finished products. It does money investment to pay for his oats nothing for national or social de and his blankets. On account of the velopment. It had no more to do gambling evil-even the bowling alley. with the marvelous development of to-day, the public billiard table, the the twentieth century than the vast yachtsman's white sail and college ii es of the piratical buccaneers of athletics are under condemnation. In all had to do with creating the view of the immense amount of monwealth of the fourteenth and the fi mith anh-sixteenth centuries. Its football game, it is a very grave mission is always ruinous. Ever question whether it would not be betand meverathe white flag which should & always be carried by the "heroes of peace."

Gambling cannot even lay claim to t'e indirect advantages which a legideveloper served himself he was also serving mankind. His railroads gave employment to thousands and tens of thousands of men and supported those men's families. His iron himself he also made millions for his a right to squander your mother's of catching a certain fish that weighof capital did the world receive graduate schools and colleges to-day capturing the prisoner with several when, in 1861, a man of the name and you will find young men at the of the fish in his possession. of Garcia at the Homburg gambling gaming table not more surely deresort, won I in one night 1,750,000 stroying themselves than squandering lawyer for the defendant. francs, or when, about the same the money that was won by the selflost 3,000,000 francs, or when, few years ago, |Khalil-Bey lost at the gaming table \$2.000,000 , which not inherit it or have it given to when the niece of Cardinal Mazarin' won, in a single sitting from the Duchess of Portsmouth 340,0005 for Lady Castlemaine of Charles II.'s court lost in one night over \$125. 000 ? Did all these transactions increase the world's wealth by the value of one five cent loaf of breadi?

A VOLUNTARY SLAVEJIIII the gambler's passion do not nest in the same heart. They belong not proper start in life. Dr. Nott. I are never nourished by the same ler's heart after awhile will become from to Christian home first, hears the rattle of a dice box and is led into the sanctum sanctorum of the baccarat seence' all his noblest sensibilities are intensely shocked. But as his astonished eyes see great piles Is the use of carrying bundles and pit of oternal woe. the rest of my life ... Somebody must win every time. Why, cannot I., be tem of "how to break the bank," ures I would to-day give you a man whose wisdom was the offspring He studies "chance books." He hunts "system" which, if worked out, will of experience. "It's a sight easier up his guiding star or the star bring a compentency and eternal hap- to run a dog than it is to run which shore brightest on the night piness, if not unlimited good. This farm."

iii, 19, "In the sweat of thy face a direct robbery of the Christian Christ the Saviour of men and make world in that by besoiling legiti- him the Guide and King of your Some years ago I was walking in mate recreations with its foul touch life. Suca a "system" as I have Leautifil Fairmount park, Philadel- it has made it impossible for decent marked out is a sure system. It is p. in, with Lay father. He suddenly men to enjoy certain healthful relax- Christ's system. It will never bankturned and said to me: "Frank, ations. It is gradually stealing rext week I am going to write a from us the privilege of enjoying outgermon upon the question 'Is life door sports and indoor games by w. th living ?', I, am going to show, identifying them with betting and that the solution of that question is speculation. "Whenever the leprous conditional. Whether life is or is hand of the gambler is placed upon not worth living depends upon how a game that sport must be forever you live it, I'll a man lives in this eschewed by the good and the pure. world with the idea that he is only | On account of the gambler ; the |; to receive and not to give, if he is Christian church has been compelled cu. sed with the enervating convict to sena forth its edict of excomti n that he must be carried around munication upon the deck of cards. on a litter and if he does not want It is compelled to declare that every toghe a sworker a laborer a doer one of the kings and queens and for mankind, then life is not worth jacks of spades and diamonds and The sooner that man is clubs and hearts are knaves because the physical sciences, the conservacead the better. But if a man goes cards have become publicly recognization of energy, is something along th ough this world realizing the glored as "the gambler's tools, as the the line of the Mother Goose jingle ions opportunities of Christian use- trowel is the mason's tool. On ac- about what goes up must come down follows and if he is willing to spend count of the gambler's baneful touch and be spent for others, then life is the angel of wrath and denunciation.

There is no possible way of getting more energy out of an engine than the design of norwho stood with drawn sword at the you put into it. The dream of per-Edenic paradise, is standing to-day petual motion is based on a fallacy. at the entrance of every public race But the newly discovered wonder, track saying to all good people, radium, seems to disprove the old

Thou shalt not enter here." to me about the development of the horse at the race track?. Every man ey which changes hands at every ter for the different college faculties discoveries regarding radium transto cast their influence against every sport ; which & would take students away from the home campus.

PIT OF ETERNAL WOE. timate business provides for the Young man, you say that you own community. Every legitimate busi- your own money and have a right to ness is a benefit to mankind. When do with it as you will. No, you a man like old Commodore Vander- have not." Where did you get that bilt started out to make a success in money? "Oh," you say, "father left t'is world not even his most inti- it to me in his will." For what mate friends could charge him, with did he leave it to you? Did he not being an intentional philanthropist. leave it as a trust? / Did he not Any one who had any financial deal- leave it to you in order that you ings with old Cornelius always knew with it could continue to spread dookings out first and abroad his Christian influence? Monlast for himself, and for himself ey is a representative word. Money alone. But when Cornelius Vander- translated into the ordinary language of life means work and blood and sweat and exhausted energy. Money! keeper compiling his figures and the roads developed whole regions in the murse pouring out the medicines and west which would never have been the carpenter building houses and the opened by any other pioneer than flowers for the sick and the gospel the Cyclopean eye of the locomotive's for the ignorant and the depraved. headlight. When old Cornelius Van- Do you mean to tell me, O man, in a Western State had been enactin Wiesbaden two Frenchmen denying sacrifices of parental lives. But," someone one else says, "the me. I made it. Therefore I have a

right to do with it as I please." Oh, no, my brother, you have not. That money which you made is not yours. It telongs to your children. When your little children came into the world - they brought to you certain moral obligations. You had no right be dismissed." Did they hely in one instance to feed to become a father unless you were. the hungry or give employment to ready to the best of your ability to discharged," ruled the Justice of look after your babies. That money the Peace, "on the ground that the which you squander at the gambling arresting officer ate the evidence." The healthful desire for work and means, your children's clothes, your table means more than money. It children's schooling, your children's believe it was, who said, 'A gambso dead to all love that If necessary full into the narrow street upon a heawill be willing to gamble upon his own-mother's coffin lid." You the concussion, while the slater es-

I say it is not. He may not, do that, but the gambler will do worke. of coin and greenbacks being passed He will destroy his children. It across the table after awhile fascin- would be infinitely more humane for ation drives away fear. Then the me to gamble upon my mother's cofwarnings and restraints of a rebuk- In lid than to gamble away my chiling conscience are shaken, off with dren's education and opportunities. such questions as these: "What is The cold lips of my dead mother the use of my working hard lievery could not rebuke me, while the day of the week except Sunday and cracked, blistering tongue of the only receiving 86 or \$10 on pay outraged and dishonored and disnight when I might carn ten times graced child of a heartless gambler that sum in a quiet game? What might curse my soul into the black.

being ordered about by the heads RULE WITH NO EXCEPTIONS. of the different business departments All "systems" which have over when by, getting sure; tips I can live been devised to break the "bank of a life of fun and excitement at the chance" were failures, ord they are races? What is the use of my be always sure to be failures. In a ing a white slave when I can win Chinese temple I have seen the poor. my financial emancipation by a lit- invalids before a hideous idel of or policy,? I might draw there a health" and then select at random an arrow out of a wampun, with a certain medicine marked upon it, and that somebody?" So the gambler's expect that that medicine would cure prit, even as he fell upon they facupidity begins to work. The young them of their disease. So I have ther. Allah be praised!" man's brain becomes befuddled. The seen poor dupes in Monte Carlo in thirks his daily tasks. As a poor, the same foolish way trying to work diseased, mental incompetent, who out a "system" by which the god is striving to solve the impossible of chance would give to them unlimbrindle canine. "I wouldn't take a mathematical problem of perpetual ited wealth. As all such "systems" farm for that dog." motion he tries to work out a sys- are failures and will always be fail-

is my system: Never in your to possess a dollar unless you ready to give an equivalent in and sweat and toll. Never speed dollar unless you have first earned and have it in your possession. Nev er run into debt. Never by speculation or by progressive euchre party or by "prizes" at church fair or by "rafile" countenance in any way the development of the gambling spirit in others. Draw heavily from one bank L'ament of Canada, in the year One last, with all reasoning powers gone vine grace. Circulate in every way last, with all reasoning powers gone vine grace. Circulate in every way and blinded to all the duties of or- its bank notes of kindness and for-Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.) | dinary life, the crazed enthusiast will giveness and sympathy. Let your haunt the gaming table as he once one great purpose be not "how can A despatch from Chicago says :-- gladly sought his study desk or the I make others serve me," but "how cant I serve others." Let your ed from the following text: Genesis I charge upon this gambling mania faith, hope and peace be centred in rupt you this side of the grave except of your sinful meanness. And it is sure to bring you perfect peace beyond the grave and give to you all

A SCIENTIFIC MIRACLE.

the limitless wealth of the treasure

city of God. "In the sweat of thy

brow shalt thou eat bread."

Scientists Are Puzzled Radium.

Talk theory or, at any rate, the old theory as yet gives no satisfactory explanation of the extraordinary actiob of the new element, scientists are at their wit's end to account for it. We have a substance that "gives out a continuous supply of heat, besides several forms of so-called emanations -a gas, material particles, X-rays, cathode rays, etc .- without any appreciable loss of its own substance." It looks as if some new and higher doctrice, transcending that of conservation, were needed for further scientific advance.

Not long ago, before the British Association, Charles Vernon Boys, president of the physical section, referred to the extraordinary significance of radium. He said : "The cend all others in intrinsic importance and revolutionary possibilities. Its everlasting production of heat which can barely be distinguished from perpetual motion which it has been an axiom of science to call impossible, has left every chemist and physicist in a state of bewilderment. Thanks to a host of physicists at home and abroad, the mystery is being attacked and theories are being invented to account for the marvellous results of observation."

The members of the same association had two general theories to account for the phenomenon. The old one of conservation to the effect that the radium is slowly losing the amount of energy it gives off, and the new one that, in some mysterious Why, that represents the woman way, the radium catches and transmits energy from the outside.

ATE THE EVIDENCE.

Laws for the preservation of fish herbilt made millions of dollars for that at the gambling table you have ed. A man was on trial on a charge employees and hundreds of millions and father's substance like that? ed less that 2lbs. The constable for his country. But what increase And yet go into any one of the post- who had made the arrest testified to "Where are the fish?" asked the

"Why, they wouldn't keep," swered the officer.

"What did you do with them?" "Oh, I disposed of them."

"What did you do with them?" "Well, I knew they wouldn't keep,

so I-I- disposed of them." "But what did you do with them?"

"My wife cooked them." "And you ate them?"

"Your honor, I ask that this case

"Charge dismissed and defendant

MAKING AMENDS.

A poor Turkish slater, of Constantinople, being at work upon the man. The pedestrian was killed by caped without material injury. A son of the deceased caused the

slater to be arrested. The cadi listened attentively, and in the end asked the slater what he had to say

in his defence. "Dispenser of justice," answered the accused, "it is even as this man says, but Heaven forbid that there should be evil in my heart. I am a poor man, and know not how to

.The son of the man who had been killed thereupon demanded that condign punishment should be inflicted on the accused.

make amends."

The cadi meditated a few moments, and finally said, "It shall be so." Then to the slater he said, "Thou shalt stand in the street where the father of this young man stood when thou didst fall on him."

And to the accuser he added, "Thou shalt, if it please thee, go up on the roof and fall upon the cul-

WISDOM OF ENPERIENCE.

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ext of the Lesson, II. Sam. xviii. 24-33. Golden Text, Prov. xvii., 25.

the by listening to the serpent had envied. urned away from Him who had while we were yet sinners Christ lied for us" (I. John iii, 16; Rom. , 8). David did what he could to revent his soldiers from killing Absalom (verse 5), but his pride was is ruin (verse 9 with xiv, 26), and willing that any should perish and office. as made such provision by the sac-John iii, 16).

Absalom represents those who at to the manifold duties of her postall costs are determined to live unto tion, she enjoys the doubtful privihemselves, even though they kill lege of giving a State dinner on the ather or mother in so doing. The evening of the opening of Parliacoming anti-christ will be a more ment, and of being attired in black fully developed Absalom, for "he when in attendance at Court. shall do according to his will, and Next in importance to the Mistress he, shall exalt himself and magnify of the Robes come the four Ladies himself above every god and shall of the Bedchamber, who are rarely speak marvelous things against the of less rank than that of countess. God of gods" (Dan. xi, 36). Yet he Unlike the Mistress of the Robes, shall come to his end and none shall whose appointment is political, these help him (Dan. xi, 45).

be to the righteous that it shall be dear friends or the wives or daughwell with him. * * * Woe unto the ters of distinguished men who have wicked: it shall be ill with him." (Isa. iii, 10, 11.) Yet the con- tude. flict between light and darkness, between Christ and Satan, will contine with increasing enmity and vigor on Satan's part until the coming of late Gerald Grey, an old and dear our Lord to overthrow the devil and friend of Queen Victoria, and Lady is followers and to establish His Gosford is a daughter of the Duchkindgdom (II Thess. ii, 8; Rev. xvii, 4: xix, 19, 20; xx, 1-3, 10).

owers, under the leadership of Joab and abishai and Ittai, contended with the followers of Absalom (verses 1-8) David engerly, and no doubt prayerfully, awaited the result (verse 24). The title, "watchman," used here five times, and the word "tidings," used at least nine times in this chapter, suggest two very helpful lines the field for the king, but the great | ment of Balmoral. That with the gospel story His enemies. David's love centered addition to their private means. upon Absalom, but God so loved the world that He gave His only beaved and share the glory of His ingdom. He is seeking for those who e willing to be bearers of the good dings of great joy, which He deres all people to hear (Luke ii.), but there are few who, like nimaaz, say, "Let me now run and ar tidings" (verse 19), although e Lord's call still is, "Whom shall send and who will go for us?" (Isa. (8.) The gospel of the blessed od (Acts xx., 24; I. Tim. f. 11); is ie greatest good inews that morils over heard, yet few seem to be-

eve it even among those who pross to, for good news makes people lad, and often so glad that they just tell it to some one, but in how nany do we see the gospel act that vny? Then, may the question not essing Christians, "Have you real- in every way charming. his thy day, the things which beong unto thy peace! But now they ire hid from thine eyes." "O. Jer-

salem, Jerusalem, thou that killest he prophets and stonest them which ere sent unto thee, how often would have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her hickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Luke xix., 42; Matt.

exiii., 37).

cast out" (Matt. xi., 28; John vi., their husbands. circumstances we seem to take sides or, the profit; and pleasure of being; mits we must stand with Him even are always assured of the Rol though it be against ourselves and vor and everything that it against those dearest to us, for it is the way of unfalling possible to honor our loved ones consideration. more than God (I. Sam. ii., 29; Luke xiv., 28). It is possible also to be more interested in what is called the Lord's work than in the Lord, Him German town are ye the last to bring the king ments to his house?" If the whole back to his house?" If the whole ing. church would honestly cry, "Come, has I

Jesus!" (chapter xix., 14; fneli 20) who can tell how along ingdom might come? I nesa "honestly," acting as if cluss by living to give the w ckly as possible to

SHE IS CHIEF OF ALL THE QUEEN'S LADIES.

Some of the Duties Devolving Upon Her Majesty's Ladiesin-Waiting.

It is the privilege of a Queen to The prominent feature of this les- be ministered to by ladies in whose on is the grief of a loving father veins flows some of the noblest blood ver an erring sc z, and it cannot but among her subjects; and when, as eggest the loving Fatter of Luke in Queen Alexandrais case, she can v and the welcome seen to the call each aristocratic servitor a rodigal son, while both carry us personal and devoted friend, bound ack to the record in Gen. iii of the to her as much by ties of affection ord seeking lis wandering ones, as of loyalty, she is indeed to - be

There is perhaps no greater lady in reated them and had given them all all the peerage than the Duchess of hings richly to enjoy. David would Buccleuch, who is proud to be Mislailly have died for his son, but it tress of the Robes to Her Majesty. s written, "Hereby perceive we the The daughter, sister, wife, and aunt ove of God because He laid down of dukes, she has every qualification lis life for us," and "God commen- for her office which exalted rank can give her; and when we add to this that she is tall, stately, and handsome, a queen of society and a woman of rare charm and many gifts, and that she was an intimate friend of our late Queen, as she is of Queen he Lord permitted him to be slain Alexandra, it is clear that she has xvii, 14). God our Father is not exceptional qualifications for her high

The Mistress of the Robes is chief ifice of His Son that none, who of all the Queen's ladies and a brilnear of it need perish (II Pet. iii, 9; liant and imposing figure at all State ceremonials, while, in addition

ladies are appointed by the Queen, The words stand ever true: "Say and are usually either personal and established a claim to Royal grati-

THE COUNTESS OF ANTRIM,

for instance, was the daughter of the ess of Manchester, one of the most intimate friends of the Royal Fam-While the thousands of David's fol- ily. All four Ladies of the Bedchamber are women of great social gifts and charm, and are rather the

Queen's friends than her servants. The duties are both light and pleasant, involving a residence at Court rarely exceeding six weeks, which is made as agreeable to them as possible, whether amid the cerestudy." In this case it is the king's monial of Windsor and Buckingham watchman looking for tidings from Palace or in the peaceful environ-All their exis penses, except those of dress, are son shall be slain, wherean lest his borne by the Queen, and, as the ladies are usually chosen from those gospel the King, our Father in heav- who are not too-in-any provided. en, gave His only Son to be slain for for, the salary is a very comfortable

The two extra Ladies of the Bedchamber are usually peeresses whose rotten Son that sinners who deserve days of active service are practicalperish might not perish, but be ly over, and whose reward is a sinecure office with an acceptable salary attached. The two extra Ladies of Queen Alexandra are much older than Her Majesty, and were among her earliest friends and attendants when she first came to us a "radiant bride from beyond the seas."

Of the four Bedchamber Women the most notable is the Hon. Charlotte Knollys, the daughter of Lord Knollys, who for many years has been an intimate and highly-trusted companion of the Queen. Unlike the other ladies, Miss Knollys is in constant attendance on Her Majesty, acts as her amanuensis, and is indispensable in

A HUNDRED WAYS.

Of the Maids of Honor there are vell be asked of the majority of pro- four, all beautiful and gifted, and y heard) The gospel?" The watch- them are the lovely twin daughters nan brings to mind Isa. Ixii., 6, 7; of the late Lord Vivian, to whom xi., 11, 12, and points us to the the Queen is greatly attached. They ime when the true Son of David are always, when possible, in athall sit on David's throne and reign tendance together, and by the n rightcousness. All kings shall Queen's wish dress exactly alike. A all down before Him, all nations very gifted young lady is the Hon. hall serve Him (Isa. xxxii., 1, 17; Mary Dyke, daughter of Sir William 's. laxii, 11). David's grief over Hart Dyke, whose musical skill and bsalom: (verse 33) suggests; the sunny galety are highly valued by ord Jesus weeping over Jerusalem, the Queen; and the Hon. Sylvia Ednd recalls the words: "If thou wardes, who was a favorite of Queen adst known, even thou, at least in Victoria, is almost equally clever and charming.

To the Maids of Honor falls the agreeable duty of acting in turn as the Queen's companions; they read, sing, and play to her, and generally entertain her. They frequently accompany, her on drives and walks, share her hobbies, from fancy work to photography, and, in short, fulfil their mission in life by being pretty, amiable, helpful, and amusing. The He who uttered those words of lot of the Maids of Honor is indeed amentation also said, "O Israel, an eviable one, for when they marry hou hast destroyed thyself; but in they receive the welcome dower of ne is thine help." CO Israel, return £1,000, they are entitled to the deinto the Lord thy God, for thou scription of "Honourable" for the nast fallen by thine iniquity" (Hos. rest of their lives, are practically kili., 9; xiv., 1). He is still saying, assured of a suite of rooms at "Come unto Met" and "Him' that Hampton, Court, and a probable cometh unto Me I will in nowise place in the Royal household for 37). We must beware lest under any Indeed, apart from the great hone,

against God, for whatever God per- one of the Queen's ladies, "there

The number of