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Wynne Ferguson Says Superstitions at Card-Playing Are Foolish-However, There Is One Superstition Which Saves Players.

Most card players are superstitious, but very few will admit it. They have various reasons for their fancies, but seldom admit that the fancies. are really superstitious. One of the pet superstitions is to always take the winning seats, but in doing so, the reason is: "I follow the run of the cards."

Of course, sometimes there are "runs" of winning or losing cards in centain seats, but these runs are not based upon any ascertained or proven fact. Under such circumstances, to take the winning seats must be classed as a superstition.

There are all sorts and conditions of superstitions. One well-known player always takes the pink cards and likes his back close to the wall. Still another will not accept anything, such as a drink, a match or a elgarette, from his adversary. To do so he considers unlucky.

There are many players who consider a certain suit or tie or article of jewellery as lucky or unlucky and it is impossible to argue with them. They don't know the why or wherefore, but they are sure they are right and nothing can convince them otherwise.

In changing seats, some players insist that you should always go to the left. Or if they are unlucky, they walk around their chair. One player never will put his hat on a bed if he expects to play cards. "To do so," he says, "is most unlucky." In cutting the cards, some players consider a careless cut lucky for the dealer and unlucky for the cutter.

#### THE PLAYER WITH A SMILE WINS

One of the most peculiar of superstitions is that of carrying mascots. Some players do it in jest, but most of them with the implicit faith that their particular charm or mascot will bring them good luck. Such masnots are weird and wonderful: black cats, ivory elephants, little gods, charms, religious amulets, lucky pencils and many other strange devices.

Players who carry such mascots really believe that they have a strong influence on the mysterious thing called luck. Such childish faith is surprising but true, and all card players realize it. Such superstitions are simple and foolish and without rhyme or reason, but they will endure as long as card playing itself.

There is one superstition, however, that saves many an old card player. He senses in some mysterious manner that his luck is bad and either plays more carefully than usual or stops playing altogether. Such players are warned by the "break" of the cards. Nothing they do is right. They may make the soundest of bids and yet it may go wrong because of some weird and unexpected distribution of the Every finesse goes wrong. If they have a good hand their partner has a "bust" and so on.

When such things happen, and they do happen every once in a while, sit tight. Never try to "force" your luck, for ft cannot be done. To try to "force" your luck under such conditions is suicidal and the player who does, suffers unjustifiable losses. Such "breaks" are unexplainable and no one has yet been smart enough to figure out the why and the wherefore.

Luck either favors or mistreats us and the only thing to do is to be philosophical about it. The best advice is: Take your luck with a grin. The player with the smile wins.

#### AN UNUSUAL BREAK

The writer witnessed a most unusual "break" of luck the other night. One pair held sixteen aces in four consecutive hands and yet only scored one game. In the first hand, the dealer held 100 aces and ACTIVITY ON RUM made two odd, although he could have made game. In the second hand, the dealer's partner made five odd at no trump, holding 40 aces. In the third hand, the dealer made four odd at clubs and he and his partner Fifteen Vessels Outside Limit house. held all four aces. I nthe fourth hand, the dealer again hel d100 aces and bid no-trump. His partner bid two diamonds and the dealer now bid two spades. His partner bid three diamonds and the dealer now bid three no-trump and lost the bid, but one trick. His hand was as follows:

> h-A 4 C-A K 10 7 d-A Q 5-AQJ76

Needless to say, he should not have overbid either the two or three diamond bid by his partner. At diamonds they would have scored game land contraband cargoes in time for and rubber, but instead their opponents got started on the next hand and the holiday trade. Yesterday there eventually won the rubber. It's not often, if ever, that two players have were only four vessels visible from held sixteen aces in four consecutive hands and only scored one game. It was certainly a most unusual "break."

PROBLEM h-K 8 7 3 2 c-none d-none 8-A 10 h-Q 6 h-9 5 0-K 10 4 0-87 d-none d-10 4 3 8-Q s-none (Dealer) h-none c-A Q 5 d-none 9 5 4 2

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y Z win five of the seven tricks against any defense? Z should lead the deuce of spades and Y should allow the queen to hold the trick. If A leads the six of hearts Y should play the king and lead the deuce of hearts, forcing A troopers and prohibition agents at back in the lead. Z should discard the five of clubs. A must then lead a club on which Y should discard the ace of spades so that Z will now and enforcement officers are scatterwin the balance of the tricks.

If A leads the queen of hearts at the second trick, Y should let him portant intersections of the state old the trick and Z should discard the five of clubs. Now if A goes on with the hearts, Y will win every other trick. If A shifts to a club, Y should discard the ace of spades as before and Z will then win the remainng tricks. It's a clever and tricky little problem.

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## "I Had Terrible Backache From Kidney Disease"



Mrs. M. A. McNeill, Coan Sta., N.B., writes:

"I was troubled for years th terrible backache, resulting from kidney disease. At times in each month I remained in bed. pain was more than I could tand, and to walk was almost sible. I used about \$50.00 only five boxes of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills

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Canada Lures World-famous Stars



That the two-fold attraction of Canada's audiences and Canada's scenic and climatic allurements, especially a Banff, is proving irresistible to many great concert, theatrical and movie stars is well brought out by the sheaf of photographs reproduced above, which represents some of the famous artists who have recently visited Canada. The majority of the originals of these pictures need no introductions to Canadians. Sophie Breslau, that bril-The majority of the originals of these pictures need no introductions to Canadians. Sophie Breslau, that brilliant contralto singer, who is shown about to start her tour of this country from the Canadian Pacific Railway's Windsor Station. Montreal, made a great hit everywhere. Dame Clara Butt retains her place in the hearts of British audiences. Galli Curci's golden voice has enraptured millions. Elsie Janis, internationally known impersonator, and her 'Momma' foregathered with the Mountie at the C. P. R. station at Banff and got a big thrill. Jack Holt, famous movie star, snapped off duty among the Indians at Banff, is lyrical on the subject of Canadian scenery. Jascha Heifets was on his way to the Orient when he bosed for the Canadian Pacific camera-man. The perennial Pavlowa expresses her appreciation of services rendered aboard the 'Empress of France'. Doug and Mary had the time of their young lives holidaying at the Canadian Pacific hotel at Banff, where the picture reproduced was taken.

# ROW IS INCREASING

In Readiness for Christmas Trade.

New, York, Dec. 8 .- The liquor fleet lying outside the 12-mile limit from Atlantic Highlands to Seabright, has nearly quadrupled in size within the last two days, according to reports from points along the New Jersey shore, which tell also of shore. Today there were fifteen.

In the fleet, tossing about on sea too rough for speedboats and other craft engaged in the rum-running trade, were counted 13 schooners and two steamers. The craft are more closely grouped than at any vessels was anchored off New Jersey last Christmas.

the steamers, is about seven miles turned to Kingston after a month's southeast of the Ambrose Lightship. visit with Mrs. Appleby. James The veusel farthest south is about opposite Seabright. They are about 12 to 15 miles from the New Jersey coast line.

Mariners said the sudden arrival of so many boats might be accounted for by stiff breezes, which had enabled them to make better time than usual from the Bahamas.

Rum-running activities have been at a standstill for several days, due not only to heavy seas, but to the points along the coast. The troopers ed along the highways and at imroads in greater numbers than ever

They have thrown such an effective net work over the highways connecting the coastal towns that bootleggers are said to have organized a pool recently to insure against the loss of shipments by capture. Members of the pool are required to transport their liquor as routed by the pool, which sends out scouting automobiles and other agents to ascertain whether the roads are clear.

RENTED A FARM.

The News From the District

Salem, Nov. 5 .- Several from here attended the sale at William Cave's, Mr. Cave has rented his farm and intends moving to Pickering. Several of the young people went to Belleville, on Monday night, to see "Bringing up Father." Stillman Mastin has rented Mrs. M Stapleton's farm on Stinson's Block and will move in the spring. Manager of the Control of the Contro to Bloomfield, on Tuesday, to attend a sale at the farm of the late William Rundle. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kemp were in Belleville on Sat-

was through here yesterday taking, himself very ill, has gone to a Kingsubscriptions for different papers. ston hospital for treatment. Miss C. C. Wannamaker and Robert Katie Glenn, who was on the sick

factory closes on Thursday after a some time. lengthy season.

Among recent visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henesey and Mr. and Mrs. J. Weir at Halton Spencer's: Mr. and Mrs. George Alyea at C. M. Kemp's. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Carnrike, Burrs', died Colds Stopped in

Tidings From Clarendon. Clarendon, Dec. 6 .- Miss

White and Miss Cledgett are ou time since the big fleet of liquor from Kingston for a few days. Miss White's friends are very pleased to see her home again, if only for a The ship farthest north, one of short time. Miss Helen Moss has re-Campbell, Perth, is renewing acquaintances in Clarendon.

> The teacher, Miss Coates, and tain to stop your cold. school children are very busy preparing for a concert in the near future. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rhodes in the oss of their little daughter, three months old. Mr. Rhodes, who is by druggists.

Both the tongue and temper at times need more than ordinary at

# Ten Minutes

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OFF TO MARS!

The Angel of Peace has decided that Europe is no pit -From the Tidens Tegn, Norway.

Cannon are each building a hen list, is improving. R. Burke made a business trip to Sharbot Lake on Ray Ferguson has returned from Monday. George Crain is improving the west. Mrs. G. Spencer and son, his residence by a new verandah. Winnipeg, who have been visiting William Gamble was feeling very her old home here, are visiting rela- poorly but is now, we are pleased tives in Oshawa, Several from here to say, able to be around again. Miss went to Consecon to see the play Barbara Donnelly has returned with which was gotten up by the young her cousin, Miss McLean, to Englepeople of that place. Hyland cheese hart, and expects to be away for

### Former President of Claire, Wis., Company

Is Arrested. Napa, Cal., Dec. 8 .- Three years

after a burned skeleton was found in his summer cottage at Lake Nebagammon, Wisconsin, identified and Composed of medicinal pine essen- buried as his, Edward J. Sailstad, former president of a Eau Claire, Wis., phonograph manufacturing company, was arrested near here at the request of Superior, Wis., authorities on a charge of arson. With ZONE, which is scientific and cer- him was Dorothy Anderson, of Chicago, his stenographer, who was

Sailstad confessed, according to Thomas C. Anglim, distrist attorney, that he had robbed the grave of Allen McFee, placed the body in the cottage, fired the structure, and fled with Miss Anderson. It was to solve financial difficulties which had beset him as head of the phonograph company, as well as to cover his flight with the stenographer, with whom he was in love, Sailstad said, according to Mr. Anglim.

He expected his wife to collect cellent cough mixture yourself why \$62,000 insurance on his life and to pay high prices for the common kind use the money to straighten out the phonograph company's affairs, the district attorney quoted Sailstad.

Sues for Life Insurance. bones found in the ashes of the cottage were those of her husband, began legal action to collect the insurance, and later married Ross Richardson, of Eau Claire. The companies resisted payment, denying the toughest hang-on cough, and all that Sailstad's death had been established, but a federal jury at Superi- (too costly for ordinary cough fire and ordered the companies to pay. An appeal was taken to the poultice, and blessed relief comes at Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago. which heard arguments in the case ast month, and reserved decision.

San Francisco police, who had been rhal deafness. notified to watch for a couple resembling the prisoners.

Salisted asserted his name wen Kingston, which he has borne for the past three years, when he was arrested. Miss Anderson insisted she was Mary Brown, and that she met Suissus in Chrises. Later according to the district

Christmas Suggestions

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torney, in a partial confession, Miss Anderson admitted she had aided Sailstad in his plans. She said they

had been traveling about the country repairing typewriters.

The case nearly parallels that of Alex. Kels, Lodi, Cal., butcher, now under a death sentence in Folsom prison for burning the body of an itinerant laborer, whom he had slain and disappearing to enable his wife to collect large insurance.

The average age to which a spider lives is four years; but some have been known to live for thirteen

The estimated weight of the earth is 6,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

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-that's all there is to it. Then when any member of the Mrs. Sailstad, convinced that the family starts coughing or catches cold in chest or head, or has acute catarrh, you are prepared as you

should be. And the children love to take it. With speed almost beyond belief this home made cough mixture stops because in it there is a substance or held that Sailstad had died in the syrups) that immediately covers the membrane like a soothing, healing

And you should also bear in mind that any remedy that overcomes catarrh, partially or wholly, is bound Sailstad and Miss Anderson were to be of benefit to those who are arrested on information from the troubled with head noises and catar-

Get Parmint and get better.

