

YOUNG MEN—BUSINESS MEN.—It is as easy to be a good business man as a good one. Half the energy displayed in keeping ahead that is required to catch up when behind will save credit, and add to the profit and reputation of those who work for gain. Be prompt, keep your word, honor your engagements. If you promise to meet a man on Monday, be ready at the appointed time. If you take work to do, do it at once, cheerfully, and therefore, more speedily and correctly. If you go out on business, attend promptly to the matter on hand, then as promptly go about your own business. Do not stop to tell your business hours. If you have a place of business, be found there when you are wanted. No man can get rich by sitting around stores and saloons. Never "loaf" on business matters. Have order, system, regularity, promptness, liberality.

Do not handle with business you know nothing of. Never buy an article you do not need, simply because it is cheap, and the man who sells it will take it out in trade. Trade is money. Strive to avoid harsh words and personalities. Do not kick every stone in the path, more miles can be made in a day by going steadily on than stopping to kick. Pay as you go. A man of honor respects his word as he does his bond. Ask, but never beg. Help others when you can, but never help when you cannot afford to, simply because it is fashionable. Learn to say no. No necessity of snapping it out dog fashion, but say it firmly and respectfully. Have but few confidants, and the fewer the better. Use your own brains rather than those of others. Learn to think and act for yourself. Be vigilant. Keep ahead rather than behind the time. Young men cut this out, and if there be a folly in the argument, let us know. —*Knickerbocker Weekly Herald.*

THE NUMBER 3.—When the world was created, we find land, water and sky, sun, moon and stars; Jonah was three days in the whale's belly; our Saviors passed three days in the tomb; Peter denied his Saviors three times. There were three patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Abraham obtained three angels. Samuel was called three times. Daniel was thrown into the den with three lions for praying three times a day. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were secured from the flames of the furnace. The ten commandments were delivered on the third day. Job had three friends. St. Paul speaks of faith, hope and charity, these three. Those famous dreams of the baker and the tanner were to come to pass in three days. Elijah prostrated himself three times on the dead child. Sampson discovered Delilah three times before she discovered the source of his strength. The three letters on the cross are I. H. S.—"In hoc signo." There are three conditions for man—earth, heaven and hell. There is also the Holy Trinity. In mythology there were three graces: Cerberus with his three heads; Neptune holding his three toothed staff; the oracle of Delphi cherished with veneration the tripod, and the nine muses sprang from the three. In nature we have male, female and the offspring; morning, noon and night; trees group their leaves in threes; there is the three-leaved clover. Every ninth wave is a grand swell. We have fish, flesh and fowl. The majority of mankind die at thirty-three. What could be done in mathematics without the aid of the triangle? Witness the power of the wedge; and in logic three premises are indispensable. It is a common phrase three is a lucky number.

CHINESE GAMBLING IN CALCUTTA.—Very few Americans have probably any conception of the dimensions attained by fraudulent Chinese lotteries in Calcutta; still fewer know anything about the nature of the lottery. The play, as far as it is patent, is as follows: There is a list of thirty-six animals, including birds, beasts, fishes, reptiles, and insects, which appear to be in use without much variation; as all the lotteries are of this description. Pictorial cards of these animals may be obtained by those who desire to be possessed of such a guide to their operations. The party who wishes to invest in the lottery stakes his money on any one of these animals he pleases, the proprietors of the lottery having, in the meantime, pictured a one of them—the name or place of one of them—which is, of course, a secret—in a box which is locked up and suspended in a conspicuous place on the premises. At a certain hour the box is opened and the name of the animal declared, and those who have been lucky enough to stake their money on it receive thirty-fold, the other stakes going to the house. There is, of course, nothing fraudulent in the lottery if it is conducted fairly, though the proportion of profit reaped by the owner, being about sixteen per cent., is somewhat heavy. In most cases, however, the box is opened in an inner room, instead of in the presence of the players, and under these circumstances there can be little doubt the owner will produce the animal upon which the smallest amount is staked; while even if the box is opened in the presence of the players, the Chinese are, it must be remembered, very expert in the manufacture and handling of boxes with false bottoms. We should have mentioned that after locking up the paper the owner of the lottery pretends to give the public a hint as to his selection, in a sentence which, like those of the oracles of old, is at once enigmatical, and which is not understood grossly indelicate. The number of these establishments in Calcutta was, some time since, considerable, and we believe they still flourish and destroy.

A rich American died about a month ago in Paris, of the effects of the abuse of tobacco. He is said to have frequently consumed as many as forty cigars a day. By his will he leaves his children millions, and strictly prohibits them from smoking.

John Bright was lately dining with a citizen of Manchester, who is an enthusiastic admirer of the United States. "I would like," said the host, "to come back fifty years after my death to see what a fine country your America had become." "I believe you would be glad of any excuse to come back," said Mr. Bright, with a grim smile.

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