

have done in his song "How I broke the bank at Monte Carlo." Chauncey M. Depew, your famous *reconteur* and after dinner orator, I have seen play here more than once, but he only makes small bets—five franc pieces usually. He would make an excellent gambler, for, like Vanderbilt, he is an imperturbable loser. It is a saying here at Monte Carlo, "Never play till you are sure you can lose calmly." The Prince of Wales is quite a frequenter of Monte Carlo and one of its luckiest players in a moderate way, for my bold prince is none of your plungers. His winnings at Monte Carlo and other gaming tables have assisted him in no small degree toward keeping the family pot boiling. Some two or three years ago he made a *coup* which enabled him to satisfy the demands of some of his most important creditors. He possesses the gambler's disposition *par excellence*, being neither too timid nor too bold, too trusting nor too incredulous, too pessimistic nor too optimistic. He has none of the common gambler's superstition, and does not believe in any signs, omens, or mascots. The latter is something that all the regular habitués of Monte Carlo religiously pin their faith to. And it is amusing to see the character of the mascots on which they rely. Some of them suggest very strongly the uncanny things which the witches in "Macbeth" drop into their cauldron. Any portion of a corpse is highly esteemed as a mascot, such, for instance, as a little finger bone, or a small piece of a toe joint. One Portuguese player recently aroused much envy by carrying about with him the skeleton hand of one of his countrymen who had been murdered in a quarrel at the card table. If the mascot comes from one who has committed suicide its mascotism is supposed to be doubly powerful. The last time Sarah Bernhardt was here she had for her mascot the head of one of her favorite poll parrots, who had strangled himself by getting that same head between the bars of his cage, though whether accidentally or with suicidal intent no coroners jury ever determined.

And what is to be the end of all this? When the concession expires in 1910 will it be revoked and all this gaudy magnificence, feverish excitement, ruin and suicide be blotted out from Monte Carlo forever? It is a consummation devoutly to be wished. Prince Charles, heir is his son Florestan, who is married to Lady Mary Douglas, sister of the Duke of Hamilton and daughter of the Princess Mary of Baden, Duchess of Hamilton, and grand-daughter of the well known Prince Eugene Beauharnais. This young couple have not always dwelt together in harmony. Lady Mary once took French leave of her husband and went back to her mother. Then she wrote to her brother George, the Duke of Hamilton, who possesses to the fullest extent the fiery temper for which the Douglas family have always been noted. He hastened to Monaco and sent Florestan after Lady Mary in hot haste. Florestan was humble and submissive to his wife and mother-in-law, and the former finally consented to make it up and live with him again. Lady Mary is a sweet, good girl, and I think she is heartily ashamed of the source whence she and her husband derive their living, so I think it quite probable that through her influence there may be no renewal of the gambling concession at its expiration. CLEMENTINE FOUQUET.

THE FAR NORTH.

SWEDEN.

A snow shower in Jemtland brought myriads of small worms along with it and no one seems to know whence they came.

A brewing company just organized at Gothenburg will only turn out beer which does not contain over 2 per cent of alcohol.

An organization called the Society for the Welfare of Sweden is endeavoring to turn the current of emigration to Norrland.

Edward Schmidt, the Swedish-Norwegian consul general at Berlin, has been appointed court banker of the Empress of Germany.

The king has appointed a committee to distribute the \$13,500 appropriated for the support of different artisans who are to attend the World's Fair in Chicago.

"The Blue Cross," a kind of temperance organization, which has had a fair run in Switzerland and certain German localities, has just gained a footing in Gothenburg.

Mr. Modig, of Atwastra, has christened his twelfth son "Charles the Twelfth." In the same neighborhood a peasant called his twelfth daughter "Tolftina" (Twelfthina).

A fire in a store at Roderos, Smaalenene, Norway, gained such headway when discovered, that several men who were present did not dare to enter the building to save the goods. Not so Tilda Bryntesdatter, a Swedish girl from Tagetorp. Having broken the sash of a window by means of a balance-weight, she entered the store and saved goods to the value of \$1,800. Among other objects she took out a desk, which it had taken two men to handle. The brave girl came out of the ordeal unharmed, and she will receive a handsome reward for her performance.

NORWAY.

The annual consumption of intoxicants in Norway is estimated by the *Verdens Gang* to represent a value of about \$7,000,000, of which something like \$2,300,000 is in liquor and \$3,000,000 in beer. To this should be added the wine consumed, not a very large quantity, however, and the cost of handling the goods and the profit on it made by middle men.

The Norwegian herring is being distanced in foreign markets by the Swedish product, the latter being cured and packed with more care and according to the best modern methods, while the Norwegian exporters are slovenly and careless, their barrels in particular being poorly constructed. The matter is of no little importance; the great interior markets on the continent are gradually being lost, and new markets will hardly open as long as no steps are taken to improve the goods and present them in a condition acceptable to the customers.

DENMARK.

The Norwegian painter, Grohwoldt, will spend the winter at Copenhagen.

The sculptor Niels Høgh has sold his statue called "The God of Song" to a rich merchant for \$1,080.

Ludwig Koch, who was the captain of

a steamer on Congo river in Africa for three years, has returned to his home in Denmark to take a rest.

Through passenger trains from Copenhagen to Christiania now cover the distance between those two cities in 20 hours. The cars are of course carried across the sound on ferries.

The barbers of Copenhagen are having a good deal of trouble. A majority of them have agreed to charge from 3 to 4 cents for shaving. But a number of scabs are charging only 2 cents. The union barbers are now discussing the feasibility of freezing out the scabs by opening a few temporary shops, charging only one cent per shave.

NOTES.

Mesa City, A. T., is to have another bank with a capital of \$50,000.

Excitement is still rampant in Beaver over the gold find.

Hog raising has become quite an extensive business in Ephraim.

The next Nevada legislature will continue in session only forty days.

A system of electric street cars will probably be established at Santa Rosa.

THE THOUGHTFUL man may be known these mornings by his possession and employment of ear-muffs.

WE WELCOME to our exchange table the first copy for the season of that ravishingly interesting publication, the *Congressional Record*, of Washington, D. C.

A PAIR of George Washington's old breeches were recently sold in Philadelphia for \$340. Ownership makes quite a difference in the market value of "old clo."

THE HEAVIEST blow yet dealt the interstate commerce law is the recent decision of Judge Gresham to the effect that the commission cannot compel witnesses to testify.

GOVERNOR FLOWER is prouder of no accomplishment during his official career than the marksmanship which recently won a medal for him at a militia shooting tournament.

THE ST. LOUIS clergyman who has lately sought to gain a little notoriety by slandering Emma Abbott showed at least sense enough to wait until she was dead.

JERRY SIMPSON, M. C., of Kansas, may have a reward for socklessness in the political honors conferred, but he misses it in having nothing to hang up when Santa Claus is coming around.

REMEMBERING THE traditional facts that Justice is both blind and lame, one is hardly able to understand the anxiety of the stage ladies to stand as the model for the silver statue at the Fair.

IT MAY be beyond the financial reach of the average woman, but a costly and appropriate Christmas gift for a husband would be a set of shirt studs and cuff buttons made of genuine, solid coal.

THE BLATANT newspapers that cry for the closing of America's doors against immigrants whose only crime is poverty, apparently forget that the Mayflower's passengers came in the steerage.

THE EFFICACY of the rain-making