He Submits to Being Swindled on Every Hand-Even Plays the Shell Game, One of the most notorious swindlers in this country once said that New Yorkers were the most provincial people in the world, and that it was easier to separate a Gothamite from his money than to swindle a farmer out of a cent. How true this may be is a question, but one thing is certain, and that is that ten New Yorkers, if not more, fall victims to confidence men to every one out-of-towner. The crowds that frequent a race track are naturally supposed to be composed of very shrewd men, yet there is not a class of people in the country to-day who are victimized so often and so repeatedly, and yet submit without a word, as a lot of race-

the racegoer, and a trip to any of the furnish the best verification in the world of the swindler's statement. In the first place, as soon as a race track opens its meeting all of the railroads which connect with it immediately raise the price of tickets. Where it usually costs but forty cents to go to and from Coney Island it now costs fifty cents for an excursion ticket to Gravesend, which is only about two-thirds of the way down. Coney Island visitors can still get tickets at the old rate, but if a man happens to be going to the race track he must pay extra money. On the little elevated road which runs from Weehawken to the Guttenburg race track the fare all the year round is but five cents. When the race track was open, however, it cost ten cents to get to the track unless you happened to be one of the natives. and then by explaining to the ticket seller just who you were you could obitain passage at the regular rate. Then, again, the admission to a race

track is exorbitant. It has been shown that with free admission the associations can still make a tremendous amount of money, yet they charge one dollar and a half for badges, and without paying that much one cannot get inside the grounds. Once in, everybody takes a turn at the poor speculator. At every pump and water faucet on the grounds or in the buildings there is a man who insists on drawing water for you, and then calls your attention to a eigar box with a slit in it which is suspended near by. In the toilet rooms it get abused like a ruffian, while in the matter of meals the prices are simply fabulous. What money a man has left after running this gauntlet the bookmakers get, nine times out of ten, and all in all the average man is a decidedly disconsolate individual when the last race is run, and in his haste to get home he jumps into a parlor car only be exceedingly shrewd.

Ridge. This trip consumes about half right into a crowd of gamblers, and marvelous success. Every one knows the shells on a little cloth-covered board, which was suspended by a string around his neck, and followed by three or four cappers, who were betting and five minutes before the first victim came to the front. He leaped from his seat as the shell man passed him, and placing his finger on the center shell said: "I'll bet you five dollars it's un-

"Take yer," said the swindler: "get

up yer money." The young man took his hand off the shell for a second to pull a five-dollar bill from a big roll that he had with him, and in that second the shell man, with a lightning-like movement, had changed the position of the shells. Of course the young man lost. He seemed | Liebig. The former scientist, who has surprised and sat down, while the rest | laboriously investigated the perplexing of the people in the cabin burst out Out upon the deck went the swindlers,

the cappers betting and winning, and occasionally an outsider stepping in and losing a dollar or so. Finally, in the half dozen young men of the Jimmy Fresh order, and when one of them stepped up to bet, the swindlers located right there and let the young man win his first bet, which was for one dollar. The next bet was two dollars, and amid shouts of glee from his friends the young man picked out the correct shell. Then he bet five dollars and lost, and square and lost that. Somehow or other e couldn't get the right shell. In the meantime the cappers were betting and winning, and the young man looked on from one to fifteen dollars before the swindlers made up their minds it was

On the boat there were about five hundred people and at least fifty of them bit at the game before the boat reached Bay Ridge. Over half of them were men who have frequented the tracks for years, and to see them deliberately swindled was amusing.

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When the passengers had disembarked the swindlers stayed on board and went back to New York to work the next boat load. For the first four days of the Gravesend meeting these were worked without interference, but the police got at them and refused to permit them to play any longer, much to the indignation of a number of misguided people who were under the impression that they could beat the game and wanted to bet their money where they hadn't a chance on earth of winning .- N. Y. Sun.

THE LIFE GUARDS.

A Body of English Soldiers that Is Famed for Its Fighting Qualities. After the Peninsula, the Life Guards proceeded to the Netherlands, and there took part in the crowning victory of Every one takes a turn at buncoing | Waterloo. The charge of the Housetrack with a crowd of horsemen will First Dragoon Guards-is an event of hold Cavalry-with whom were the history and will be remembered as long as history lasts.

Then ensued a long interval of seventy years, occupied with the peaceful duties of state ceremonials, and the only changes which took place were those of dress and equipment. In 1817 steel helmets superseded the brass ones. which in 1812 had replaced the cockel hats, and in 1821, at the coronation of George IV., these in their turn gave way to bearskin caps, similar to those of the Grenadiers, with a white plume on the left side passing over the crown. For this function, also, steel cuirasses were again issued, and have never since been discarded. The present carbines were adopted at the same time as the helmets, and the long muskets, with bayonets and large horse pistols, were posited in the Tower.

And now we arrive at the last actup to date-in the history of the Life Guards. In 1882 they, in conjunction with the rest of the household troops, were ordered to Egypt, and croakers were found who prophesied that the long interval of peace would have spoiled the efficacy of the Guards, and foretold the failure of the "drawing room soldiers." How entirely wrong these prophets of evil were the results soon showed; and not only by the famous midnight charge at Kassassin, but by their whole record throughout the campaign, the Guards proved that they were, as they had ever been, "first rate fighting men." and that, whenever called upon, they might be relied on to is a case of tip half a dozen people or | do their duty as valiant men and true. -Chambers' Journal.

> ON PIKE'S PEAK. Sensations Caused by a Visit to the Lofty

The view from the peak, once beheld, can never be forgotten. The first sensation is that of complete isolation. The silence is profound. The clouds to find that there is not a seat left | are below us, and noiselessly break in in it, and then is obliged to pay twenty- foaming billows against the faces of five cents for the privilege of standing | the beetling cliffs. Occasionally the siup, where he might have had a seat | lence is broken by the deep roll of and saved the money by taking an or- thunder from the depths beneath, as dinary passage. All of these facts go | though the voice of the Creator, were to show what easy victims men are who uttering a stern edict of destruction. belong to a class which is supposed to The storm rises, the mists envelop us, there is a rush of wind, a rattle of hail. But these swindles are mild com- and we seek refuge in the hotel. Pause pared with the games that are run on a moment before entering and hold up the Bay Ridge ferrybody which carries your hands. You can feel the sharp the racing crowd from the foot of tingle of the electric current as it es-Whitehall street to the train at Bay capes from your finger tips. The storm is soon over, and you can see the sunan hour and gives the gang of swin- | beams gilding the upper surface of the dlers who infest the boat ample time | white clouds that sway and swing below in which to hook a few victims. It you, half way down the mountain sides, will be hard for a great many people to and completely hide from view the believe it, but the game worked on this | world beneath. The scenery shifts; boat successfully is the old, thread- like a drawn curtain the clouds part. bare, time-worn shell game. The same and, as from the heights of another old gang of thimbleriggers who used sphere, we look forth upon the majesty 'to catch drunken sailors and soldiers of the mountains and the plains. An fresh young clerks on the Bowery have ocean of inextricably entangled peaks had the temerity to carry their game | sweeps into view. Forests dark and vast seem like vague shadows on disjudging from what a Sun reporter saw | tant mountain sides. A city is dwarfed the other day they are meeting with | into the compass of a single block; watercourses are mere threads of silver the old shell game, yet there seems to laid in graceful curves upon the green be a fascination about it which men | velvet mantle of the endless plains. cannot resist. With the same old cry The red granite rocks beneath our feet of "Come on, gents; pick out the little | are starred with tiny flowers, so minute ball," the principal shell man came that they are almost microscopic, yet walking across the cabin manipulating | tinted with the most delicate and tender colors. The majesty of greatness and the mystery of minuteness are here brought face to face. It is in vain that one strives to describe the scene. Only winning great stacks of bills. It was those who have beheld it can realize its grandeur and magnificence.-Cassier's

ORIGIN OF THE DIAMOND.

Scientific Theories Accounting for the Formation of the Precious Stone. As usual upon disputed points, specalation has been busy about the origin of the diamond, and a large number of theories, all more or less probable, have been propounded to set the matter at rest. The two most reasonable expositions are, perhaps, the explanations put forward by M. Parrot and Baron subject, is of the opinion that the diamond arises from the operation of violent volcanic heat on small particles of carbon contained in the rock, or on a substance composed of a large proportion of carbon and a smaller quantity other cabin the gang struck just the of hodrogen. By this theory, as he consort of a snap they wanted. It was a ceives, we are best able to account for the cracks and flaws so often noticed

rence of included particles of black car-Baron Liebig, on the other hand, claims the credit of offering a simple explanation of the probable process which actually takes place in the formation of the diamond. His contention in his excitement bet ten dellars to get | is that science can point to no process capable of uccounting for the brigin and production of diamonds, except the powers of decay. If we suppose decay to proceed in a liquid containing caras though he couldn't quite understand | bon and hydrogen, then a compound it all. One by one the other young men | with still more carbon must be formed: stepped up, and each one of them lost and if the compound thus formed were itself to undergo further decay, the final result, says this eminent authority, must be the separation of carbon in a crystalline form. -Gentleman's Maga-

in the gem, and the frequent occur-

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NEW HEBRIDES ISLANDERS. Why the Children of Potynesia Always

Seem So Happy. If you glance over a good map of the Pacific ocean, south of the equator, it will look to you like a white paper dotted with specks like pepper. These specks represent islands or groups of islands, like Hawaii, the Navigator's islands, the Friendly islands, Fiji, and so on through a vast number of groups, many of which the man who compile geographies take no note of. One class of these islands is very low, and is formed by the coral insect, which turns into limestone when it dies; and the other class is called "volcanic," and is formed by the internal fires of the earth sending their great chimneys above the waves. As a consequence, all the Pacific islands of volcanic origin are mountainous, and you can tell the forces that made them as soon as you

The New Hebrides group extends for four hun ired miles southwest of the line of northern New Guinea, and as its conical forms show, it is of volcanie origin. There are a great many islands in the group, the most important of which is Errumanga. This island is particularly famous because it was here that that great and good man, the Reverend John Williams, was killed by the natives whom he had come out to help. In another way this island is famed for its superior sandal wood, a timber of which you should know something, for it is beautiful, pleasantly scented, and is particularly prized by that skillful and most interesting people, the Jap-

The inhabitants of the New Hebrides dands are almost as dark as the negro. They are tall, very well formed, and many of their habits and traditions are like those of the African tribes across the Indian ocean, and further away from them than even America.

All the men and women wear ear ornaments, and the holes in the ears, by constantly inserting larger pieces, get to be so long that they hang down to their shoulders in loops of dark flesh which it is not pleasant to look at. They also puncture holes in their cheeks and fill them with disks of shell or ivory, but when these things drop out, as they often do, the food exudes through their cheeks in a most disagreeable way. Why, they even bore holes in the nose, and hang therein pieces of shell and bits of colored stone. But is this any worse than cramping the feet in tight shoes, as we do, or than straining the waist in devices called "stays," till the natural form is destroyed and the health ruined? We should see ourselves as other; see us, and as we are, before we flatter ourrior to even the savages of the New

Hebrides islands. Hebrides islands are an exception to the rule. They are beautifully formed. for the men help them in their work and treat them as equals and not as

One of the largest and most populous of this group of islands is called Vate pronounced "Vatey"-and this I had the pleasure of visiting in 1893. The people were uo doubt very fierce and eruel to visitors a few years ago, but that I think was because they were afraid of them. Now they are as gentle and kind as those most amable savages in the world, the people of the Navigator's islands, or "Samoa," as we now

For one week I lived with the people of Vate, sleeping in their conical roofed huts, and eating of their food, and living exactly as they did themselves, and they seemed to like me the better for it. The only English word they know -it was originally a Spanish word-is dollar," and all money, whether a nickel or a gold coin, is to them a dollar. Fish abound along the coasts of these slands, and the pearl fisheries are valuible. The shores are lined with rich chells) and through every month in the year the slopes of the hills are covered with flowers. When the children learned that I was fond of shells and flowers, it delighted them beyond measure, and we became friends at once. With them it was quantity rather than quality, and my little hut was soon packed with

trewn with the loveliest of shells. While the New Hebrides men, to use the expression of an American president, "are now at peace with all the world and the rest of mankind," yet they love to carry their long, cruel spears, with tips of shark's teeth, and their murderous war clubs, and the dolls, and they earry them on their gence of feminine ineptitude. backs, as their mothers do their chil-

On nearly all the islands of Polynesia tattooing is a very common custom, that is, making figures on the skin by means of coloring matter introduced under it, but the people of the New Hebrides islands have another form of what they consider decoration. By means of sharp shells, they make scars in various figures on the face, along the arms and legs, and frequently across the breast. When healed, these sears look white in contrast with their very dark skins and have much the appearance of designs drawn on a black-

One thing impressed mavery strongly among the people of New Hebrides as well as among all the savage tribes I met in these islands, and that is the extreme happiness of the children. This s due to the fact that they do not suffer from cold or hunger. The climate is so warm that they do not need clothing, and nature is so generous on sea and land that food is always abundant and so they never know what hunger is.-N. Y. Advertiser.

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FEMALE WRITERS. BY J. M'ALISTER.

whose hands are in the International man.-Artist Printer. Typographical Union, should not draw the line of literary "slush" somewhere. This means, of course, that the union would have it in its power to step in selves that we are so very much supa- and refuse to be the instruments of and the Post reports a conversation propagating baneful literary productoverheard not long afterwards: tions, where such is plainly the case. | "You had a fight with Murphy, I Usually the women in savage lands That would not be asking too much on hear, Dan." re very much inferior to the men in the part of a union which now dictates looks: this is because they have to do the details of the procedure of most of all the hard work, and the lazy men, the operations leading to publication. except when they go off to fight, which In these days of the boasted advance is their only serious occupation, have of woman's rights into every conceivnothing to do but eat, drink, and scold atle domain; when domestic virtues their wives. The women of the New cu their part are being shoved aside; when it is said she has proved she can do everything that a man is qualified for, except produce a Handel or a Henry Ward Beecher; I say in these days it is amusing to have to say that the great overpowering bulk of the modern projuction of imbecile literature in the field of fiction is written by

If imbecile writings of this kind referred to are not injurious, what is? They are not actually Zolaesque, though some of them tremble on an overhanging verge in that direction from overdrawn, gushing suggestiveness. But, if such were not the case, they are a curse to young or elderly female minds in their unnatural, stupid, untrue, improvable and insane futility. They lead to any amount of ignorant ideas of life and its possibilities; false hopes and anticipations for the coming years, and a strong foundation of helpless impracticability working on 'silly" young females' mind and imaginations. Some of my readers will have seen or perused publications of the kind I am driving at, such, for instance as "Tempted to Leave Her Lover," "Twixt Love and Hate," "the Was a Daisy," "The Fortunes of a Beautiful Factory Cirl," &c. I am not concerned about the literary makeup of such productions at present, it is the trend of this abominable unnatural. ness that is deplorable, though their diction is such as to cause surprise that gorgeous flowers and its earthen floor a market exists for their purchase, These are the writers whose heroes "viream of feeling the raptures of that perfect bosom beating against his own.' Their heroine "swoons away at the touch of his hand in a thrill of exquisite happiness," or, as the case may be for him, "a thrill of longing sweeps o'er h's manly face," while again, "she is a boys use miniature articles of the same | dream of ethereal loveliness" as the sun character for toys. Here, as all the pays with her auburn tresses. These world over, the girls are very fond of are actual quotations from the efful-

"Twixt Love and Hate" in its plot makes a would-be strong-minded woman, in the wealthier walks of life, marry a detective whom she hater from the first, because, forsooth, he served her by hunting up the secret history of her rival in love; and it makes another masculine female marry a man before she has made any inquiry as to the fate of a former husband who was injured, not killed, in a railway collision. He turns up alive afterwards, and plays into the hands of the detective's wife. Of course, it transpires, the railway victim had another wife, so the hunted female rival is again uppermost in an atmosphere of complicated folly and unheard-of social blunders. The story en is with the old-fashioned banishment of the demon, and the unalloyed happiness of beings pictured as abject fools hunted through life by the most impossible of impostors, after the fashionable female kills her detective hus-

band and poisons herself. Lillie Goidie, in one of these effusions, is portrayed as a factory girl, well-looking, of sourse, and is supposed in the course of the story to be an fait with the fineries, the education and the capacities of a fashionable girl in comparatively high life; goes through mock marriage with a man represented as something of a hybrid between a tough and a viscount. She fails to convince herself whether she is married or not, and yet allows a man, Rupert Morgan, whom she likes, to fondle her and to make love to her in profusion Her marriage, such as it was, was accompanied by the peculiar circumstance of two hired bullies being posted at the door where it took place, in her "husband's" mother's house. Morgan and Wallingford, her "husband," hunteach other "to the death" for months, for Wilson, N. C. her, often meet and forget to mete out vengeance through sheer idlocy. And so on, in a wonderful maze of jumbledup, alleged plot full of inconsequent actions, forgotten threads of the story, high falutin talk under unheard-of circumstances, dialogue to be expected from such characters-almost-and an utter absence of any motive in the actors, who run about the world in wildgoose chases, and when they find the person they won't forget to say and do what they announced as their intention. All is disjointed and delirious, and yet some publishers of this "sweetness long drawn out" in our big cities have hired hands who smoke 25-cent cigars and live in gilded splendor. The above are the heroes who "sit a horse" alcohol or tobacco, Wakefulness, Mental Depression, death, Premature Old Age, Barrenness, Loss of Female Weaknesses, Involuntary Losses, Spermator Corrada Caused by over-exertion of brain, Self-acuse, over-Indulgence. A month's treatment, \$1, 85 will send written guarantee to refund if not cured. Sour Stornach, Dyspepsia and Constipation.

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beautiful smile wreatnes his expressive lips;" whose conduct to the heroine "sets her blood tingling to her finger tips;" whose heart is subject to alleged "wild bounds of exultant joy," while at In considering the grade of writers other times "she colors up at the menreferred to in the following comments tion of his name." This is too idiotic I am of the opinion that it is open to to be Zolaesque, and simply lacks nerve question if publishers in the union, and to be as broad-spoken as the French-

Just the Other Way. There was a fight tetween two Irishmen in Washington a week or two ago, 'I had that.'

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OATH TAKING.

The Ancient and Odious Practice of Kissing the Bible. It will require a surgical operation to rid the ordinary magistrate of the notion that the only form of Christian oath is by kissing the Bible, although the particular volume in use is dirty, offensive and made dangerous to health by the miscellaneous handling and moist osculations of the attendants at criminal sessions. The secretary of state for home affairs of Great Britain some time ago notified 'all the magistrates in the United Kingdom that kissing the book is not obligatory, but that witnesses and others taking an oath may do so, if they prefer, by up-

trates carry out the injunction. "A doctor called upon to give evidence in an assault case objected to putting his lips to the greasy cover, whereupon the magistrate suggested as a compromise that he open the volume and kiss one of the leaves. To this the doctor also objected on sanitary grounds and he was finally allowed to swear by holding up his

It is clear, says the Philadelphia Press, with such pressure brought to bear in support of the ancient unwholesome and repulsive practice of kissing a dirty Bible, handled and kissed by the uncleanly and diseased without discrimination, only the persistent and enlightened few will escape the odious exaction. The law of this state allows anyone to swear by uplifted hand, and in the western part of the state no other form of oath is in use. Philadelphia with characteristic conservatism clings to the old form, and risks the propagation of loathsome disease by thus bringing the innocent and debauched into intimate communication. Now and then some enlightened witness demurs to kissing the book at the order of the erier. One such instance, we remember, occurred in the city some five years ago, and Judge Arnold sustained the objection of the witness, directed the oath to be taken by uplifted hand, and condemned the ceremony of kissing the book in emphatic terms. Notwithstanding this, the practice remains, and unless foreibly abolished by inhibitory legislation will probably survive even the cobblestone and the use of Schuylkill water.

Nevertheless, it is anyone's privilege in this state to insist on the more agreeable and sensible form of oath, and no bullying crier or stupid magistrate should deter anyone desiring to do so from claiming his privilege of taking oath by uplifted hand as provided in the act of assembly of Marck

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ville, 6:37 p m: Kinston, 7:35 p m. Returning laves Kinston 7:20 a m; Green-ville 8:22 am; arriving at Halifax 11:00 i m; Weldon 11:20 a m, daily, except Trains on Washington branch leave Washington 700, a m., arrives at Parmele 8 40 a m, Tarboro 9 50 - returning leaves Tarboro 4 40 p m, l'armele 6 to p m, arrives Washington 7 35 p m, daily except Sunday. Connects with trans on Scotland Neck Branch.

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Goldsboro 9:30 a m. Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount 4:30 pm; arrives Nashville 5:05 p m; Springhope, 5:30 p m. Returning leaves Springhope 8.00 am. Nashville, 8:35 a m; arriving at Rocky Mount 9:15 a m, daily, except Sunday Train on Latta Branch Florence R R

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