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THE GAME OF WHIST.

The Best Players and Their Intellec-tual Powers.

A writer in the London Times says:
"What is rather curious—and I speak with some experience, for I have played with all classes, from the Prince to the gentleman farmer—the best whist players are not, as a rule, those who are the most highly educated or intellectual. Men of letters, for example, (I am speaking, of course, very generally,) are inferior to the doctors and warriors. Both the late Lord Lytton and Charles Lever had, it is true, a considerable Both the late Lord Lytton and Charles Lever had, it is true, a considerable reputation at the whist table, but though they were good players, they were not in the first class; while the author of 'Guy Livingstone,' though devoted to the game, was scarcely to be placed in the second. The best players are, one must confess, what irreverent persons, ignorant of the importance of this noble pursuit, would term 'idlers'—men of mere nominal occupation, or of none, to whom the game has been familiar from their youth, and who have had little else to do than to play it. While some men, as I have said, can never be taught whist, a few are born never be taught whist, a few are born with a genius for the game, and move up 'from higher to higher,' through all

up 'from higher to higher,' through all grades of excellence, with a miraculous rapidity; but, whether good, bad or indifferent, I have not known half a dozen whist players who were not superstitious. Their creduity is, indeed, proverbial but no one that does not mix with them can conceive the extent of it; it reminds one of the African fetish. The country apothecary's wife who puts the ivory 'fish' on the candlestick 'for luck,' and her partner the undertaker, who turns his chair in hopes to realize more 'silver threehopes to realize more silver three-pences, are in no way more ridiculous pences, are in no way more ridiculous than the grave and reverend seigneurs of the clubs who are attracted to the winning seats or the 'winning cards.' The idea of going on because 'run of luck' is in your favor, or leaving off because it has declared itself against you, is logically, of course, unworthy of Cetywayo. The only modicum of reason that underlies it is that the play of some men becomes demoralized by ill-fortune and may, possibly, be improved by success. Yet the belief in this absurdity is universal, and bids fair to be eternal. "If I am not in a draught and my chair is comfortable, you may put me anywhere," is a remark I have heard but once, and the effect of it on the but once, and the effect of it on the company was much the same as if in the house of convocation some reverend

gentleman had announced his accep-tance of the religious programme of M. "With the few exceptions I have mentioned, whist-players not only stop very far short of excellence in the game, but very soon reach their tether. cannot say of any man that he has gone on improving for years; his mark is fixed, and he knows it—though he is exceptionally sagacious if he knows where it is drawn as respects others— and there he stays until he begins to deteriorate. The first warning of de-cadence is the loss of memory, after which it is a question of time (and good sense) when he shall withdraw from the ranks of the fighting men and become a mere spectator of the com-

Sam Houston's Loyalty. The romance of the life of Gen. Sam Houston, ex-Governor, ex-Senator, ex-President of Texas, has often been told. The story has been revived in a letter to the New York Tribune from the Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Samson, former president of Columbian College, Washington, who was Houston's pastor during his senatorship. Dr. Samson fully vouches for the authenticity of the story of Houston's first marriage and his flight to the Cherokee country when he found that his bride was really enamored of another and had wedded him under duress—a piece of such exceptional chivalry that all who heard of it thought Houston was insane. Dr. Samson contributes a new anecdote about PAIN KILLER IS THE BEST remedy Sick-Headache, Pain in the Back or Side, Rhoumatism, and Neuralgia. the old Texan in connection with Lincoln and the outbreak of the civil war.

We give it in his own words:
"When secession and the war following it came, Sam Houston was almost alone in opposing it, in open words and in direct acts. When in varied com-panies the remark was dropped that Lincoln would not be peaceably inaugurated, Houston firmly said; 'The man that attempts to prevent it shall walk over my dead body? True to his word, when on the day of inauguration videttes were at every street corner where the procession was to pass, close up to the left side of the carriage in which Lincoln sat, with Buchanan on his right, the tall form of Houston, mounted and armed, was seen throughout the whole route, pressing so closely up to the wheels that no man could have passed between. Such a record should set aside any suspicion that Houston was not in every relation a model of loyalty. Retiring to the bosom of his family he lived two years in yet another political exile; but adored in his family, and not 'an alien from the Commonwealth of the redeemed."

The Frauds in New York to be Investigated.

NEW YORK, November 14.—A meeting of prominent Democrats was held last night in St. James' Hotel to take action on alleged frauds in the recent election. Col. F. A. Conkling presided, and among those present were General NEW YORK, November 14.-A meetelection. Col. F. A. Conkling presided, and among those present were General Smith, General M. L. McMahon, Sheriff Borne, General Jenes and N. J. Water-bury. It was resolved to appoint committees as follows: On frauds and coercion perpetrated in this city by Republicans, a committee to investigate publicans, a committee to investigate not more than twelve election districts of the page of the peak and at once be restored to health. not more than twelve election districts in order to thoroughly prepare a case for consideration by Congress, and that they include in this investigation the persecution of colored Democrats by golored Republicans; a committee on Federal intimidation to investigate the doings of Davenport and his men; a committee on prevention of frauds in the future; a committee on financa. Resolutions were adopted setting forth that there is good reason to believe that a large fraudulent vote was polled in this city by gangs of repeaters in the pay of the Republicans, and that bribery and coercion were also extensively practiced, and that such wrongs shall be exposed and punished; that the several Democratic organizations of the city and county be requested to po-operate and county be requested to po-operate with the committees to be appointed in carrying out the objects for which they are appointed; and that copies of these proceedings be transmitted to the different county committees throughout the State, with a request that they similarly organize and investigate.

Washington, November 12.—It has been decided by three experts that the letter left at Congressman Springer's house last winter, the authorship of which could not be decided at the time, was written by the same who wrote the Morey letter. The letter received by Mrs. Springer, it will be remembered, played a prominent part in the

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Report of the Fourth Day's Proceed-Raleigh News and Observer. The Synod of North Carolina met ac-

cording to adjournment, and was open-ened with prayer by the moderator. The last day's proceedings are always The last day's proceedings are always interesting though very crowded.

Several animated discussions occurred during the day. The report of Rev. C. M. Payne, agent of evangelistic labor, awakened an earnest debate. Rev. J. Rumple, Rev. Roger Martin, Rev. S. M. Smith, and Rev. Joseph Evans spoke on the subject. On the subject of the evangelization of the colored people, Rev. S. H. Chester made an interesting speech, and on this matter there was speech, and on this matter there was more than usual interest developed. A colored minister was introduced to the synod, and made some remarks with reference to his werk, and was follow-

ed by members of the synod. An event of more than ordinary interest was the reading of a memorial of the distinguished and useful missionary, Rev. Daniel Lindley, D. D., for forty years a missionary in Africa. The synod heard with deep attention the tributes of various brethren, and the paper was adopted by a rising vote, and the synod was led in selemn prayer by Rev. Dr. Robert Hett Chapman.

The statistical report to the general

assembly represented that the synod consists of \$15 ministers and 227 church es, and has under its care 8 licentiates and 16 candidates.

Many of the members left yesterday, but the closing exercises were, as usual, solemn and impressive, and quite a number remained to the close. The singing of the syned in its parting hymns was noticeable, and the voices of many christian men joined in the magnificent doxology.

Mile, Bernhardt at the Union Lea-

Mlle. Sara Bernhardt's private reception took place Saturday evening at the theatre of the Union League Club, New York. The theatre was gayly decorated and crowded. Mile. Bernhardt's twenty works of art in oil, and her works in sculpture, four in marble and two in bronze, were displayed. Mlle. Bernhardt appeared on the stage at 9 o'clock, amid the strains the Marseilles March, and was greeted with an outburst of applause which | We invite the public to come and see facts. lasted for some time. She remained in

the theatre about an hour.

The first week of Mile. Bernhardt's engagement at Booth's Theatre was devoted to performances of "Adrienne Lecouvreur" and "Frou-Frou," each play having been given three times. The attendance was very large, and the financial result is understood to have beed highly satisfactory. Mile. Bernhardt's performance of Frou-Frou evoked a more cordial and popular response than that of Adrienne, and afforded more positive measure of her dramatic powers. This week she will appear in "Camille" and "Hernani." Her embodiment of Donna Sol, in the latter piece, is regarded as one of her best works, and one of the best works that are known to the contemporary stage.

The Ex-President's Pension Fund.

The suggestion of the New York Times to raise a fund of \$250,000 or \$300,000 by voluntary contributions for the purpose of providing a kind of pen-sion in behalf of ex-presidents of the United States, does not seem to have been received with much favor. So far the *Times* acknowledges subscriptions aggregating \$9,100, of which \$5,000 is from ex-Governor Edwin D. Morgan, of New York, not to be binding, howev er, unless \$250,000 shall be subscribed before the first of January next. Hon. John H. Starin, of New York, subscribes \$2,500; Mr. Geo. Jones, of the New York Times, tenders a contribution of \$1,000; Postmaster James one of \$250: the Hon. Anson G. McCook also one of \$250, and ex-Judge A. J. Dittenhoefer, in subscribing \$100, says: "I am mov-ed to do this the more readily because the first beneficiary will be the illustrious general who conquered the rebellion and filled the office of President

for two successive terms." Mexican War Pensions

The surviving soldiers of the Mexican war and their friends will make one

more effort to get their pension bill passed before the expiration of the pre-sent Congress. The Senate bill now stands on the calender of the Senate as a special order, and the House bill stands at the head of the calendar in committee of the whole. All through the last session the Republicans in both houses threw obstacles in the way of the passage of the bill whenever it was taken up for action. The principle objection made to it was that Jefferson Davis would be included in its provisions. Now that the election is over they may not care so much about this, but as Mr. Davis has said that he did not care to be a beneficiary of the bill, the Democrats may suffer him to be excluded, if the point should be again made by the Republicans.

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