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London Chronicle. The origin of the Jew's harp, which Birmingham fears it will watch Birmingham fears it will soon cease to produce, is lost in more or less antiquity. Jew's harps have been met with in Tib-et, and Hakluyt shows that Raleigh and his contemporaries used to trade them off upon various natives, who would give hens in exchange. In France and Scotland the instrument's name is "trump," and in England it used to be "Jew's trump," this country being alone in associating the thing with Jews—why, no-body knows. Even "Dr. Mur-ray's Dictionary can only smile approval on the conjecture that it was originally made, sold, or sent to England by Jews, or that "Jew's harp" seemed a taking name for business purposes, suggesting the harps of Scripture. The suggestion that "Jew's"

represents "jaws" or French "jen" (toy) is ridiculed, and the guess

that "Jew's harp" may be a cor-ruption of "gewgaw" is not even

mentioned According to that standard authority, Grove's "Dictionary of Music," the Jew's harp was originally and obviously more correctly called the jew's harp. Nobody now plays the Jew's harp at concerts or variety entertainments, but it is on record that a soldier, after charming Frederick the Great and receiving a handsome present, accumulated a fortune by playing the Jew's harp at concerts. In the early part of last century a performer created a sensation in London by playing sixteen lew's harps and producing extraordi-nary effects.

Cleveland's Fish Story.

Grover Cleveland, who last week completed another year in his march toward the three-score and ten-now only twenty-four months away—has given a n opinion on fish stories which

opinion on fish stories which may well be accepted as expert criticism. "I've told a few, and I've heard a good many, but this is the best of all the lot," he says. "In one of the Maryland towns where I put up on some of my excursions lives a pleasant little man who makes the wherewithal to meet his expenses by selling to meet his expenses by selling bait and tackle, and so to advertise the fact he has set up outside of his combination pole, at the end of whose line dangles an artificial fish. Well, one night be GAZETTE.

was wakened at 12 or 1 by a knock on the door from the street. Leaning out of the window he could make out a neigh-bor, but all he could get from the man was an urgent request to come down at once and (above

Watterson on Cambling. Monte Carlo Letter to Louisville Courier-

All gambling is vulgar. Call it what you will, assign for it whatever you please, it is an irrational, an ignoble struggle for money.

Money got for nothing on the turning of a card or the revolu-tion of a wheel bringeth good to tion of a wheel bringeth good to no man, not even to him who wins it. And to him that loseth? Sometimes perdition, often, very often, that sinking sensation, that tired feeling—even where the valued loss is immaterial—which follows futile effort and says as plain as whisper in the ear, "The world's against you."

There is a postal-card picture

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which shows us the facade on the Casino at Monte Carlo, with a drove of sheep, fat and wool going in and the same drove, nude and skinny, coming out and up friendly voice to cry; "May Heaven temper the wind to the shorn lamb!"

Gambling, like everything else, is relative. The sin lies in the overplay, with its collaterial vices, chief among them improvidence. The reigning sovereign who has only his money to lose and plenty of that, is not so classed with the banker or the banker's confidential clerk or secretary who has everything at stake, character included, though each plays for the same end—that is, the diversion and excitement. Asked what was the greatest pleasure in life, Pox said. "Winning at cards." There was a gambler for the love of it, and yet Fox played never for high stakes after he was forty, if he played at all.

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THE STORY OF OYAMA.

Japan's Mighty Soldier, Big Silent, Wise and Brave-He is the Brain of the Army-Created it on Modern Lines-Taught it How to Fight and Never to Suffer Defeat-file Religion a Secret.

New York, March 18-"Marshall Iwawa Oyama has been a soldier all his life," said Baron Kaneko, the eminent Japanese statesman, who is now in the city. "I know him well, having city. "I know him well, having been his colleague for several years in the Cabinet. He comes of fighting stock, being of the Satsuma clan and the descendant of centuries of Samurai. Tradition gave him the instincts of the soldier and his education developed them. The Japanese army to-day is largely his creation." creation.

Baron Kaneko made this statement in his apartment in the Hotel Leonori, the adornnent of which bore witness to his exquisite Japanese taste. Between the windows stood a large basket of ferus, in a corner was a bronze jar holding sprays of pink and white almond blossoms arranged with that careless grace of which only an Oriental is capable, while on the mantelpiece were photographs of Japanese men and women, evidently some of the loved evidently some of the loved ones the Baron had left at home when he came here on his mission for the Emperor. The nature of this mission has never been authoritatively announced, but it is generally believed that it has to do largely with raising the sinews of war, for the Baron has been

Baron Kaneko is a small man, with the slender, graceful hands that betray aristocratic blood, whether the skin beneath which it pulses be white or yellow. That Marshal Oyama is to him a hero as well as a friend is quite evident, for he loves to talk of

Marshal Oyama's exploits in this war have made the whole world ring with his name, and the apparent imminence of a capture by him of the greater part of the Russian army, if not of the commander himself, have so amazed the military experts that they are comparing him with Hausibal, Washington, Na-poleon and Caesar. Now, what sort of a man is this military genius before whose onslaughts the giant fabric of Russian glory built up by centuries of Czars has crumbled like a boy's sand castle before the rush of the tide? Let Baron Kaneko in the wisdom of his long association, official and personal, answer.

tipsy and smelled tipsier, but but what he said was tipsiest of all. 'Ssh!' he whispered. 'Ssh!' He is tall, broad-shouldered, deep-chested and inclined to stoutness. He is, in his official relations, a man of few words. but in society most genial and charming, fond of wit, with a delicious sarcasm and a great fund of humor. In his home or at an entertainment he is always the centre of a group of bright men, officers of the army, for-eign diplomats and men of learn-ing. These are the men whom he attracts and holds by his de-

lightful personality. "He is a man of tremendous foresight—alwas looking ahead and seeing what will be necessary to do almost as if he had prophetic vision. He is, I think, 61 years old. So he was about 24 in 1868, when he took part in the war of the restoration of the homesor. After that Emperor. After that was he rose steadily is military rank and travelled a great deal in foreign countries. In the year between 1880 and 1889 he was in the Cabinet much of the time. While he was minister of war with Count Katsura, the present premier, as vice minister, they between them organized the Japanese army on a modern basis-organized it as it is to-day. When the first Parliament met When the first Parliament met in 1860 it was necessary to lay before it the complete army scheme, in all its details, in order that the representatives of the people might know what it was to cost. This stupendous task he and Count Katsura finished before the time, which illustrates what a capacity for organization he had.

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"There are many great sol-diers who are splendid organizers, but not much use as actual aghters. Marshal Oyama is not of these. He is a fine, practical fighter, as his campaigns against China and Russia show, a magnificant of the contract of th nificent and during strategist and a man of great personal bravery. He has the valuable faculty of gathering about him men of high character and abil-ity, of inspiring them and getting

them to work together without friction. His personal staff in the present war is the best illustration of this. Nogi, Kuroki, Nodsu and the others were all his personal selection, and no finer staff could have been gathered. This quality of choosing his subordinates in order that the right man may be always in the right place extends down through the whole army. Oyama knows his officers and knows how to place them where they can do the most effective work. Thus, under him, the army is like a perfect pyramid, with Marshal Oyama at the top, the generals under him, the officers and non-commissioned officers in their several grades, and lastly, the base of the common soldier.

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"Really." said the Reven. SECRET OF THEIR DISCIPLING.

"He, like every other man in the army, has before his eyes the seven precepts which his Majesty the Emperor laid down in his edict of January 4, 1882. You know, the Japanese army has the Rmperor as its generalin-chief, and the royal family,
including the Rupress, only below him. So his edicts are the
army's law. In the edict I have
mentioned the Emperor directed
that on the walls of the barracks
and on the sides of the tents, at
the foot of every soldier's cot. a and on the sides of the tents, at the foot of every soldier's cot, a printed copy of the moral prin-ciples should be hung, in order that the last thing the soldier sees on retiring for the night and the very first thing that greets him on awakening may be these precepts. Rvery morn-ing after roll call the captain of each company, or, it may be each company, or, it may be, only a corporal, reads these precepts aloud to his men. He then makes the men recite them in a body, and afterward calls upon the soldiers individually to recite

them. "In the barracks the officers not only drill their men in the knowledge of these precepts, but they explain them in detail, illustrating their explanations with examples drawn from history. Deeds of Washington, Alexander, Caesar, Napoleon, Grant and the other men whose valor has made them famous are told to the men in order that they may know the precepts in their practical application as well as in theory.

PRECEPTS OF THE MIKADO. "President Eliot, of Harvard University, asked me recently to explain to him the real reason for the personal valor of our soldiers. I told him it was due to the practice of these seven

precepts. Here they are, as I have translated them from the edict for President Eliot:

"1. To be sincere and loyal and guard against untruthful-

ence.3. To obey the command nature, and never to resist or

nature, and never to resist or d sregard it.

"4. To prize bravery and courage and be diligent in the performance of duties and guard against cowardice and timidity.

"5. To boast not of brutal courage, and neither quarrel with nor insult others, which will incite general hatred.

"6. To cultivate virtue and practice frugality. and guard

"Is the Marquis Oyama a rich man?"

"Not what you would 'call rich in this country, but he is quite comfortably well off as things go in Japan."

"Do you know what Oyama's religion is, whether it is Christain, Buddhist, Shintoist, or what?"

"Really," said the Baron Kaneko, with a deprecating smile. "I never asked him; you know, we do not ask such personal questions in Japan. A man's religious belief concerns no one but himself after all."

YORK AND YORKVILLE

What's Boing With Our Neighbor Just Acress The Line.

Mr. C. W. Carroll, who has been under treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, for the past two months, returned home Saturday. It will be gratifying to his friends to know that he is much improved in

health.

From such information as The Ruquirer has been able to gather the proposed location of the B. O. Jenkins distillery, referred to in the Gaffney Ledger recently, is to be within a short distance of K i ng 's Mountain battle-ground; but whether on the York or Cherokee cide of the line our information is not clear. The distillery will begin operations about April 1, it is understood.

Last Saturday was the average date for the last killing frost of the spring in this locality. Killing frosts have occurred at later dates, on April 10 in 1892 and again in 1866; but on the other hand, March 15 is not unusual. Believers in the moon unusual. Believers in the moon dread the first full moon in April; but as that does not occur until the 16th this year, it may be assumed that there is very little danger.

The approaching spring term of the court will probably last three weeks. At least three juries will be drawn. Two petitions were sent to the presiding judge on the subject, one for one extra venire, and the other for two extra venires. The order was signed for only one extra venire. There is a considerable amount of jury business to be disposed of.

Major James F. Hart, who has of superiors, irrespective of its weeks past as the result of an attack of grip, and succeeding complications, went over to Charlotte last Friday to secure the benefit of treatment by specialists in the Presbyterian hospital. He is froubled with a stomach disorder, that has not been yielding readily to the usual remedies; but the latest information gives hopes of some improvement.

practice frugality, and guard against extravagance and effeminacy.

"7. To prize reputation and honor, and guard against vulgarity and greed.

"It is," said the Baron, "the practice of these that makes our soldiers what they are, from the common infantryman up to the great Field Marshal Oyama.

"The Satsuma clan, of which improvement.

Congressman Finley has been officially advised that a new fural delivery route to be known as Smyrma No. 2, will go into operation on May 1.

The proposed route will cover territory that is just beyond the reach of Yorkville No. 1, Pilbert No. 1, and Hickory No. 2.

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we have inunched in this county and for the
frequent manifestations of so unwavering a
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J. Matthews, James Biggers and others. An examination for carrier was held a few days ago, but the name of the successful applicant has not yet been published.

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The Greenwood chief of police has in custody a negro whom he supposes to be Will Watson, wanted in York county for the murder of his wife at Rock Hill some few years ago. Sheriff Brown has been advised of the fact by a letter from the Greenwood officer. The letter contained a photograph of the prisoner. The sheriff sent the photograph to Constable Wingste who showed it to a sumber of negroes. Some said it was Will Watson and others said it was Will Watson and others said it was then sent to Magistrate Mo-Elhaney at Port Mill; but the magistrate has not been able to definitely identify it. Sheriff Brown has not been able to get a great deal of satisfactory information about the murder, and does not know whether or not he can now find witnesses to establish it. He is investigating the matter carsially,

however, and will do what seems best in the premises.

At a town council meeting a sewly Sedged magistrate, is thanking his colleagues for the bonor they had conferred to him, instead of saying he would temper justice with mercy if the petty sensious court, senare them that he would do his best to "famper with justice an mercy."

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all) very quietly.

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