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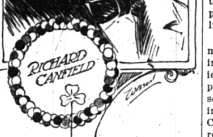
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PASSING OF "CANFIELD"

Interesting Personality of the "Biggest Gambler in the World"—Man Who Provided Palaces and Luxuries for Devotees of the Goddess of Chance—Like Others of Prominence, He Had His Day, and It Is Over.

New York—Soldiers and statesmen of international fame this country has produced in numbers; actors, inventors, lawyers, athletes and—let it not be overlooked—golf players have sprung from this country into world-wide fame with gratifying frequency. But of that class in distinction which have produced only one gambler, Richard A. Canfield, he is passing. Last week the "Salvo" was again mailed upon his Saratoga place, and



the owner has announced that he has "turned his last card." Hearing in mind that the Monte Carlo gambling establishment is conducted by a stock company, it is permissible to say that for the past dozen years Richard A. Canfield has been the biggest gambler in the world, says the New York Times.

It was inevitable that romance should have mixed many the colors in which Canfield has been painted; as a scholar of more than ordinary intellectual ability, as a judge of art who would be a valuable aid to a Paris Salon hanging committee; as a connoisseur of brilliant Paris; as John Oakhurst and Jack Hamlin, dear to readers of Bret Harte. Well, he is not all of that, but he is something of each.

Canfield's Early Career.

Fiction has also been busy with Canfield in the matter of his early career. It may be said that he never did for study for the church, the law, or medicine; nor did he begin a promising career in banking. As a matter of fact, he was a young man when, in 1879, he opened a gambling house in Providence. This he seems to have conducted with much skill in escaping publicity for half a dozen years. In July, 1885, Canfield was arrested in Providence and charged with being a common gambler. Possibly a loser at his game experienced a change of heart, as to the wickedness of playing for gain (and losing) and complained to the authorities. Canfield pleaded guilty to the charge. He has always asserted that he entered the plea on an agreement that he would be sentenced only to pay a fine. But he was sentenced to jail and served six months' imprisonment in the Cranston jail.

After that Canfield came to New York, and within a short time the venturesome began to hear of a safe, quiet place where undivided surplus could be invested at roulette or poker. A suave and responsible man in charge, he preferred to play in New York, but he could be persuaded to raise the limit, or, if one came wanting to part with his surplus, a private game could be arranged, unhampered by any limit whatever. Along these agreeable lines the fame and fortune of "Dick" Canfield grew in Gotham.

During the famous artist, was painting the famous gambler's portrait; select upper Bohemian circles in London and Paris delighted to entertain the modern continuation of John Oakhurst and Jack Hamlin.

LAPPS ON THE DECREASE.

And with Them the Reindeer is Growing Constantly Scarcer.

The Lapps are decreasing in number, says the Philadelphia Record. The most accurate estimate of the numbers is certain, and the decrease in Norway, Sweden and Russian does not place them above 54,000. By some the number is placed far lower on the strength of travel records. In Norway the number of Lapps is 3,900, of whom 2,500 are nomad Lapps, and 500 families have abandoned their wandering habits, have built habitations here and there on the reindeer forest, with more or less success, to imitate the life of the Swedish settler.

That the breed must die out eventually is certain, and its diminution may be very speedy, though its complete extinction may be still far off, since there is no race that can possibly take its place on the reindeer trail. Yet even here we come upon a factor which has, perhaps, hardly

been reckoned with. We mean the decrease of the herds of tame reindeer. This has been going on in the last quarter of a century with striking rapidity. In one district alone in the last twelve years, the reindeer have diminished from an estimated 2,000. This decrease is explained variously. The commonest and most plausible explanation, which carries the authority of men well qualified to judge, is that the demand for reindeer skins which has been brought nearer to the Lapp by the opening of the Bohemian railway, has tempted them to part with the deer at a rate too rapid for their production.

The herd of reindeer, which are taken off the high trail down to their winter quarters, are now with four or five days' stock and there is a good demand for reindeer flesh. It is said that the Lapp, who is no more able to resist a strong drink than any other race, and is supplied freely with brandy, and in that state will part with his reindeer for

ported chef and 182 assistants and waiters. Dominating all was watching, eating, drinking, and smoking. Canfield. There were very brilliant and profitable seasons; seasons so profitable to Canfield that he did not regret the money he had invested in the venture.

Then came the Quebec activity in New York; came questioning by the Saratoga authorities, came appeals to the state legislature; questioning, uneasiness—and a dropping off of power for Canfield.

Something was affecting Canfield's business, though the fountains in his park murmured and sparkled, the moon shone soft on the curves of sculpture and marble, music wafted dreamily over the gambling and dining salons—but there was an oppressive something hurting Canfield's business.

Possibly, being a gambler, he called this something "bad luck." There was bad luck elsewhere. Canfield had made a fortune in Wall street as a member of the so-called Reading pool, but late operations in the street had been unsuccessful. The men who gambled heavily were not going to Saratoga.

It was all outlay, little income. Canfield could well repair his best suit. "I lose more money in Wall street than I can make at my legitimate business."

Canfield the gambler was passing. It was not in his nature to blink at the fact. There was something opposing him he could not fight, could not corrupt, could not call off. Did he know what it was? Possibly it was not in his nature to ask questions as to what directed fate. But one morning recently there was a black and yellow sign nailed on the Saratoga clubhouse, the last gambling place owned by Richard Canfield, and it read:

"This plot of ground and all the buildings thereon FOR SALE."



Canfield's Establishment at Saratoga.

of the new "Saratoga Association for the improvement of the Breed of Horses."

Made Place Beautiful.

Canfield enlarged the clubhouse, redecorated and refurbished it; bought adjoining land until he had a park of 11 acres, where there were paths, bordered by thousands of plants, windbreaks and forests, beautified by statuary and statues. There was promise of all that Monte Carlo offered. Leading off from Canfield's vast gambling salons was a magnificent dining room patronized by those who won to celebrate by those who lost—for consolation. The great park was kept up at a cost of \$25,000. The clubhouse was made attractive by the ministering care of an im-

belights by saving inches of time. All of us cannot hope to become likewise eminent—but we can reasonably and easily make ourselves happy with things wrought in the most agreeable moments which we might unfruitfully leave vacant.—The Delineator.

Nearer Man's Heart.

"Men are so queer. Tell them about the honeymoon that your love is growing cold, and they never glance up from the paper." "No; but tell them the soap is getting cold and they jump about ten feet."

Uncle Allen.

"Take everything as it comes," advised Uncle Allen Spang, who had fallen into half the troubles of this life by trying to dodge the other half.

a trifling sun, or even for a fresh bottle of spirits or two. And he goes back to his fjell stripped of half its herd, and with nothing to show for it.

But there is another cause so alleged, and that by equally good authority. It is said that the Swedish state education is having upon the Lapp the effect which not uncommonly follows the early stages of farming. Every autumn the Swedish and Lapps alike send down their children to the nearest national school, where they remain for the winter months; the Lapps in the case having "seminaries" to themselves. And it is declared that a few years of both races alike, after a few years of this training the younger generation, when it comes to the age of choosing its way of life, shows an unwillingness to return to the hard outdoor life of the homes in the interior.

Arriving at the Truth.

Dark roads and fog will be in the dark; bear both sides and all will be clear.

Uncle Sam's Attractive "Ad." "See the world" is the attractive heading of Uncle Sam's call for sea soldiers. "Men wanted for the United States marine. Duty on sea and shore and our island possessions." The poster shows a strikingly attractive marine in uniform with a suggestion of the island possessions pictured behind him. The wording and coloring of the poster are attractive and suggest pleasant possibilities. Uncle Sam evidently thinks it pays to advertise.

The German army is to be supplied with paper kettles, a Japanese invention. Though made of pliable paper, they can be hung over a fire long enough to bring the water to a boil. One kettle can be used about eight times.

"New York," says Dr. Deridger, "is four times as big as it should be, when the size of the island is taken into consideration." That ought to hold them for a while, but goodness knows it won't, says the Chicago Daily News.

Not Real Music.

"Pop!" "What is a trick pianist?" "A trick pianist, my boy, is one who makes you think he is furnishing music when he is not!"

TROTTLING STOCK FOR SALE.

On account of declining health and advancing age, I have concluded to sell my trotting stock. As may be seen by following, the same is first class and valuable and any one wanting to purchase a royal bred one would not let this opportunity pass.

The following are some of those I have for sale: Mill Rose by Spartacus dam by Swiger. She is the dam of Miss Mark 2:10; Free Silver, Matinee Mark 2:06, Star Bodine 2:18; the grand dam of Donald Wilkes 2:13; and the dam of the following colts that show speed: Fair View Maid, Leona and Geasie Boy, all sired by Time Bell. Also Time Bell sired by Liberty Bell by Bell Boy by Electioneer. Dam Lew Jay by Asgon 2:18, by Nutwood 2:18; Time Bell is a half brother to Tommy Britton 2:04. Here is a grand good opportunity to get a good one.

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See This Ad— Mr. Advertiser?

Think how many would read yours if this were your ad. If you are doing a fairly good business without advertising, you should advertise for more business. If you are doing but little business, you should advertise to create business.

You simply have to advertise these days—if you wish to stay in the procession. The other fellow advertises—keeps his name and wares before the public all the time. What is the result? He gets the business. People learn to know him and what he has to sell.

Get some of that business yourself. If your business is too poor to advertise, advertise it for sale.

Having decided to invest a little money in advertising, the next thing is to select a good medium. THE ECENTRIC covers the field thoroughly, and has the largest circulation in Oakland county. Think of the number of homes it enters every week.

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