

# JOHN HENRY ON POKER PLAYING

BY GEO. V. HOBART, ("HUGH M'WHUGH.")

Dear Bunch: So now you're at Monte Carlo, eh? Good you and Alice must be having the time of your lives hitting over Europe, handing out good money to hotel clerks and bad French to hotel waiters all day long.

Oh, what bliss, what joy to be your portion, Bunch, when you squeeze into one of those French cafes, grab a French menu card, glance over the "ready-to-serve," and in a confidential tone give an order like this to your French waiter: "Avez-vous bonpou pomme de terre. Domescois de l'ean change; je vais me reposer. Avez got a merris on you?"

Then in a French hour and a half your French waiter hurries back and serves you a culinary melodrama.



Handing Out Bad French to Hotel Waiters.

wherein each swallow is a thrill and your stomach gets up and yells at every climax.

I can see you and Alice sitting there, sipping Schmebetary French all over the tablecloth, while the waiter gets a stone bruise on his palate from holding back his Parisian laughter.

Remember that day in Martin's here in Littledeenswork when you ordered lamb chops and a baked potato in French? The waiter, now, says, "Oul, M'aste!" and brought you a bowl of vegetable soup and a morning paper!

That's how good your French is, my lad.

It's almost as bad as Fred Perry's—and that's going some!

I met Fred and Henri Leon at the Ringle club not long ago, and they put it all over me.

With Henri speaking almost-French and Fred gesticulating nearly-French there wasn't anything left for me to do but call the waiter and talk booze. I found out later that Fred knows exactly nine ordinary French words, including n'est pas and avez plaisir, but he has memorized the name of every street in Paris.

So when Fred exhausts his nine ordinary words he rushes all over the city, out to Vaugrand, over to the Bastilles, to Clitchey, by Rues and side streets to the eastern Boulevards Beaumarchais and St. Denis, then across lots to the wondrous Bois de Boulogne, then with a hop, skip and jump, he's in the Place de la Concorde and off into the Champs-Elysees—it's immense!

Fred can sit there and rattle off the names of the streets in Paris so eloquently that the average listener begins to trust him inwardly because he didn't learn French enough to follow the Guy de Maupassant story which he thinks Fred is telling.

A ha to Fred!

I notice in your letter, Bunch, that you met some of your old pals in



Uncle Gregory is the Original Human Safe.

Paris and that you stayed up all night playing poker.

It's a good old whizzo, Bunch, and no doubt Alice believes you when you brought home the nine million francs you won.

Of course she didn't stop to think that nine million francs is only about \$2.40 in real money. But why wake her up?

If you really had to play poker, Bunch, I'm glad you stayed up all night at it. When you first mentioned the word in your letter, I was afraid to read further for fear I'd see that at 12 o'clock you got a link in your first step and quit four dollars winner.

If you play the game, play it like a sport, Bunch, and wear overboots to keep your feet warm.

I hate the poker player who gets

congestion of the ankles every time he wiggles two dollars over his ear.

Poker players are divided into two classes: the Companions of the Cold Feet and the Little Brothers of the Boost.

The Companions of the Cold Feet make the most money, but the Little Brothers of the Boost have all the fun—and this would be a pretty tough old world if we couldn't have a bit of fun with each other, wouldn't it, Bunch?

We're living out in the country all the year round now, and once or twice a week the neighbors drop in of an evening and try to drag money away from us.

Uncle Gregory Grant and Aunt Julia from Kansas City are visiting at Uncle Peter's house and the road.

Uncle Gregory is the original human safe. You can't get money out of him with an ax.

He came to New York on a visit some years ago with a red underhirt and a ten-dollar bill.

He's stayed two weeks and never changed anything.

Uncle Gregory is a charter member in Zero Lodge of the Companions of the Cold Feet.

Uncle Gregory never sat in a game in his life without being prepared to have pneumonia in each heel the moment he sits down.

He plays them close to his appendicitis, and every time he hits a four-high he feels an awful draught on the floor.

He has his feet so well trained that every time their owner takes in a pot with four blue checks in it they give him the footcane signal to cease firing and cash in before the bank expires.

We had a little poker party at our house last Monday night, and for several days after we bought costly shoes to have a knowledge of what determines the market price and value of different grades of feeders in order that he may buy the kind of cattle which are relatively the cheapest at the time of purchase.

The chief aim in producing or in feeding beef cattle is to turn large quantities

of grain and roughage into a more profitable product, to maintain soil fertility and to increase the yield of crops from year to year.

The successful beef cattle producer or feeder must of necessity be a good farmer and, in addition, have the business ability and the knowledge of breeding, feeding and management of livestock to derive two profits, one from growing and the other from feeding them from the farm.

Regardless of the system followed, whether it be the production of feeders or finishing cattle, a knowledge of the factors which control the cost of feeders is of vital importance.

These factors may be arranged into two distinct groups: one inherent in the individual, which causes one grade of cattle to bring a higher price per hundred weight than another; the other, depending on financial or industrial or market conditions and influencing all grades.

The group of factors which influence the prices of various grades of cattle is as follows:

1. Type or conformity; 2. Quality and breeding; 3. Age; 4. Condition; 5. Weight.

A typical beef steer is blocky and compact, has a short deep body, short, thick neck, short straight legs, straight back and underline, an abundance of width from one end to the other, plenty of scale and a "feeder's head and eye."

The skilled feeder buyer pays much more attention to the head than the inexperienced buyer would deem necessary, especially with stock cattle, which are not filled out sufficiently to judge as to their future development and probable form when finished.

He will also realize at first glance whether or not the eye is one that indicates a quiet and contented disposition.

The head should be broad, short, with full forehead, strong jaw, large mouth and nostrils, and free from either coarseness or delicacy. If such a head is found on a steer in feeder condition, it is usually a guarantee that he will make good use of feed and develop into a thick, blocky individual when finished.

A thick, short neck is desirable, not because of its intrinsic value but because it usually indicates a thick carcass.

A short, straight back indicates strong muscular development and a tendency to mature early. Other things being equal, the steer with the broadest and thickest back will be the most valuable as the highest priced cuts of meat are taken from the back and loin.

Capacity for feed is essential in a feeder as the body must be maintained and provided with heat and energy before any of the food is stored in the form of fat.

Short, straight legs, together with a short, deep, broad body, are associated with early maturity, this is desirable from the producer's standpoint, as it enables him to market his cattle as feeders weighing 1,000 pounds at 18 to 20 months instead of keeping them a year longer in order to attain the same weight.

The early maturing steer will also sell for a greater price per pound, as the experienced feeder has learned that they will not only make rapid and economical gains but will finish quicker than cattle which are slower in maturing. Not only is this type more desirable

# MAKE BEEF RAISING PAY YOU A PROFIT

Factors Which Influence the Value and Cost of Feeders—By J. H. Skinner.

The production of cattle which will return a profit both to the producer and the feeder, is a problem which deserves careful attention. It is easily possible to buy cattle which have been produced at a loss and fatten them at a profit, but the aim of the most thoughtful and intelligent man engaged in the beef cattle business is to encourage the production of a grade of cattle which will return a profit when sold as feeders without diminishing the profits in finishing them. In producing such cattle the particular system to be followed should be determined by the size, location and adaptability of the farm. One farm may be especially adapted



High grade Hereford, "Quality" in a feeder is synonymous with capacity. This type can be fed at any age and it pays to make them prime. Fed as a yearling at the station. Daily gain for six months 2.43 pounds.

for the production of feeders, another for the production of yearling beef and still another only for finishing and sale.

It is of vital importance to the producer to be able to appreciate the factors which influence the value of feed-



Steer sired by grade bull, after having been fed for six months. Daily gain, 1.54 lbs.

ers in order to make the maximum profit from the business. It is essential that he recognize good and bad features in order to select, breed and produce what is wanted by the feeder. It is of importance to the feeder to have a knowledge of what determines the market price and value of different grades of feeders in order that he may buy the kind of cattle which are relatively the cheapest at the time of purchase.

The chief aim in producing or in feeding beef cattle is to turn large quantities



Steer sired by pure bred bull, after being fed six months. Daily gain, 3.08 lbs. Notice how much greater the improvement is on the high grade steer while in the feed lot.

of grain and roughage into a more profitable product, to maintain soil fertility and to increase the yield of crops from year to year.

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# AVIATORS IN PERIL

BALLOON ST. LOUIS DESCENDS IN NORTH SEA AT NIGHT.

LIFE BOAT TO THE RESCUE

Capt. McCoy with America II. Lands in Tree (Top Close to the Steep Cliffs of the Baltic.

Berlin.—The second of the three American balloons that started in the race for the international trophy on Sunday from Scherzen-dorf had met with disaster in the North Sea. The Saint Louis, manned by N. H. Arnold of North Adams, Mass., and Harry J. Hewitt, was carried overland by treacherous air currents and later in the haze the aeronauts lost their bearings until suddenly Monday night they saw the guard lights of an unknown coast.

This meant they must descend or risk the danger of being driven far out of the track of vessels. They chose the former course and for an hour they were buffeted by the waves, almost giving up in despair.

Eventually they were rescued by a lifeboat and the first intimation that the accident had occurred to the Saint Louis was conveyed in a wireless message from Arnold saying "Lost every thing in the North sea last night."

Capt. J. C. McCoy, the commander of the American balloon America II, which landed Tuesday, reached Berlin at night. "We flew 150 miles," he said, "and then we were becalmed for three hours. The wind shifted and we returned in the direction of Berlin. We then traveled northward in a thick fog and were unable to read the map. This was accompanied with some difficulty, and we landed in a tree top near Wismar, on the shores of the Baltic. We were within ten yards of the steep cliffs, but we climbed out of our dangerous position with the assistance of fishermen. We were obliged to cut down the trees in order to save the balloon.

The duration of our flight was 32 hours and seven minutes, during which we did not sleep at any time. Although we were obliged to descend, we had sufficient ballast to stay up for another day."

MURDERED BY ROBBERS.

Two Brothers Found Slain in Their Farmhouse.

Oswego, N. Y.—When Charles Ward, surprised at getting no response to his rapping at the house of his neighbors, John and Peter Bohli, at Ingalls Crossing, broke in the door Tuesday he found the two brothers dead. They lay on the floor with several bullet wounds in their bodies and their heads battered in, evidently with an ax, which lay beside them. The rifled pockets of the two farmers, an empty wallet on the table and a ransacked trunk upstairs indicated that robbery had been the motive, but there was every evidence also that it was not accomplished until after a fierce fight.

GOTHAM ASKED TO PAY \$39,000.

Ten-Pound Note of English Colony Presented for Payment.

New York.—A ten-pound note of the English colony of New York, issued February 16, 1771, 137 years ago, and before the Declaration of Independence, has been presented to Comptroller Metz with a request for payment.

He has been staggered by the figuring of his experts, who have informed him that the city is obligated to redeem the note, with compound interest to date, it will have to pay over something like \$39,000.

Chicago Beats Detroit Again.

Detroit, Mich.—Chicago swept one game clear to the world's baseball championship Tuesday by defeating Detroit, 3 to 0. Chicago has now won three games of the series as compared with the one annexed by Detroit at Chicago Monday. "Eddie" Summers, Detroit, and Mordecai Brown, the prize pitcher of the Chicago team, opposed each other.

Noted Educator Dies Suddenly.

Norwich, Conn.—The death of Dr. Daniel Colt Gilman of Baltimore, formerly president of Johns Hopkins university, occurred here suddenly Tuesday afternoon. He had gone to his room to prepare for a drive after dinner, when he was found hanging by the floor by his wife. Dr. Gilman was born here July 6, 1831, and burial will take place here.

Teeth Drawn; Lockjaw Results.

Belvidere, N. J.—Mrs. Arthur, 25 years old, died here Tuesday of lockjaw. Last Saturday she had 14 teeth drawn. The next day she became quite ill and Monday morning showed signs of tetanus developed.

Leaves His Brain to Science.

Newark, N. J.—The brain of Dr. Alexander Wilder, journalist and author of many works on evolution, philosophy, psychology and medicine, was bequeathed to Prof. Burt Green Wilder of Cornell university by the will of Dr. Wilder, which was filed for probate Tuesday.

"Wet" Win in Ohio County.

Columbus, O.—Putnam county Tuesday voted to retain saloons by a majority of 145. This is the third county in the state to vote "wet."

# A SUDDEN GOLD.



Miss Helen Sauerbier, of 215 Main St., St. Joseph, Mich., writes an interesting letter on the subject of catching cold, which cannot fail to be of value to all women who catch cold easily.

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St. Joseph, Mich., Sept. 1, 1901.—Last winter I caught a sudden cold which developed into an unpleasant catarrh of the head and throat, depriving me of my appetite and usual good spirits. A friend who had been cured by Peruna advised me to try it and I sent for a bottle at once, and I am glad to say that in three days the plegm had loosened, and I felt better. My appetite returned and within nine days I was in my usual good health.

—Miss Helen Sauerbier. Peruna is an old and well-tried remedy for colds. No woman should be without it.

NOT THE RIGHT MAN.



The Rejected—And will nothing make you change your mind? She—Yes, another man might.

Ten Years Hence.

Three young men were discussing that awful thing called the future. "I'll be content," said one, "if in ten years from now I have \$1,000,000."

"Fiddlesticks!" exclaimed the second, "you want too much. If I have one hundred thousand ten years from now I'll be happy."

The third was a solemn, slow-mannered youth, seldom aroused to excitement. Now, however, he abandoned his recumbent posture on a bed and sat upright.

"Fellows," he drawled, "will all be lucky in ten years from now, we have the price of a square meal."

Which entirely broke up the serious nature of the discussion.

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