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MINES ARE WORTHLESS

Cheapest Form of Stock Gambling-If Property Should Prove Valuable the Crook Relocates it-Promoters Strive to Retain a Controlling Interest in their Corporations.

Immediately after the discovery of a new gold camp the mining stock swindlers get the busiest. For a few hundred dollars the shark can buy or locate in the vicinity of the new camp shreds and patches of ground that have no present or prospective value as mines. A mining tion, is formed. A few friends are gotiate a deal whereby all or nearly all of the stock is turned over to the owners of the claim in payment for it. Then whatever stock of the company has been issued is owned by the promoters, while the company has the claims. If the latter cost \$1,000 and the stock issued, 2,000,-000 shares, is sold at an average of five cents the clean up is close to

All of this, however, is not velvet. There must be expensively fitted up offices, a corps of clerks and stencyraphers, advertising expenses and various little details to be covered. All of which cost money. The whole object of the campaign is to get rid of the stock quickly. A year is the usual limit.

There are many legitimate mining brokers but there are harpies in abundance also. It is difficult, save through experience or previous careful inquiries, to distinguish the real mining broker from the sham. The latter is a close imitator. He, too, controls some brokerage or financial company, and he, too, advertises his sole business as the handling of sound stocks of proved value. Ofttimes a group of these sharks will organize a half dozen companies. One is thus able to guarantee to inquirers the solvency or the legitimacy of another, and by freely commending one another's propositions help to aweil the number of suckers.

Many of these mines are located in territory that has been prospected and found to be practically worthless Any one can ride out, put up a notice saying that he has discovered the "Little Monarch," that he claims 130 by 1,500 feet in a northerly direction, that he claims sixty days in which to do the assessment work and thirty days in which to file notice with the County Clerk or Recorder. In a few hours he can stake off half a dozen claims, and within aixty days he can get a hole put in each one for \$25.

If he is imperunious he may go to a friend and tell him that if he will put up enough money for the floating of the corporation he will make him president and give him half of the promotion stock. Half of the capitatlization will be taken as pay for the promotion and the remainder is sold as the treasury stock. Another plan of operation displays

remarkable financial ingenuity. A shark will go into a district and get an option on a piece of worthless ground for a few hundred dollars. He organizes a company, but as a guarantee of solidity announces that it will be incorporated only when the sale of the stock has been assured. As the head of the proposed mining company he makes a contract with the brokerage company, in which he is also interested. by whch the latter gets 60 or 70 per cent. commission for selling the treasury stock. After the work ceases on the unpatented ground, the claim reverts to the Government and is open for relocation by the first comer after January 1 following. If it should happen that one of the claims located by these sharks shows indication of giving good returns in ore assessment work will be abandoned and the claim quietly relocated by the shark himself. Instances have been known also where small dividends have been declared and paid out of the money received for the sale of stock. This of ten proves a good investment for the promoter, since the receipt of a dividend is likely to cause a good de-

Promoters always strive to retain for a time a controlling interest in their corporations. This is done through the retention of the promotion stock, usually half of the amount issued. If the prospect is developed and proves a paying one it is done upon the money furnished by the purchasers of the treasury stock, but the promoters get an equal dividend upon stock that cost them only the preliminary expense. If it proves a failure, the promoter, the man on the inside, has the chance to unload his stock before the public hears of the fizzling out.-Philadelphia Rec-

Map of the Country.

About 100 years more will be required to complete the work of making a topographical map of the country, which was begun by the United States Government in 1882. The work is being carried on in cooperation with the States, New York, for example, having appropriated annually something like \$20,000 as its share.—Boston Globe.

The population of Albany, N. Y., is

IMMIGRANTS' OLD BEDDING.

Said to Be Sold to New York Dealers For Use in Their Trade.

New York dealers say that the luxurious divans of the rich are not infrequently constructed from materials which at one time formed part of the humble couches of immigrants from the region of the Baltic Sea.

A considerable part of the mattress stuffing used by manufacturers in New York consists of sea grass harvested on the shores of Barnegat Bay. Following big storms this variety of eel grass is found uprooted and driven close inshore in large masses. Men come from as far as

Philadelphia to gather it. The grass is spread on the beach, where it is cured very much as hay is, and after being baled is shipped to New York dealers, who sell it to furniture makers. The grass brings an average of \$22 a ton and finds a corporation, with an attractive name market as far west as Denver. and a million or two of capitaliza- About 175 tons is received by the local market in a year and most of called in and a set of officers and di-, the stuff goes to make up the middle rectors is selected. They at once ne- layer of filling in mattresses for beds and divans.

For a long time the American grass had no competitor except from Canada. But of late another source of supply has been found.

A sea grass similar to that found on the coast of New Jersey is produced on the shores of the Baltic Sea and is brought to this country in the complish the desired objects. bedding of the immigrants.

After serving the uses of the steamship companies in the bunks of the steerage the sea grass is sold to small dealers, and resold by them to the large dealers in New York for \$15 a ton.

Many dealers at first refused to carry this sea grass, remembering its strange history and fearing infection, but competition overcame their scruples and they felt themselves obliged to handle the stuff. An average of 150 tons a year is now used by the New York trade and is made up into mattresses and upholstered chairs.

One New York firm which handles the Baltic grass received word recently from a Philadelphia firm that the grass shipped to it contained a very lively colony of fleas. The dealer wrote back that fleas were foreign to the nature of the grass and received the reply that there could be no doubt of that, since the fleas had shows a marked desire to exchange their abiding place for the perso of the buyer.

This incident caused an investigation, which brought to light the origin and history of the Baltic grass. The dealers say that the Baltic grass sold to them is not disinfected, being put in bales as it is taken from the immigrants' bunks and supplied to the trade, with any additions which it may have received on the passage over .- New York Sun.



The Rev. Placide Louis Chapelle. Roman Catholic Archbishop of New Orleans, who refused to leave his exalted morality or genius, Here post of duty when the yellow fever epidemic broke out and died from the treacherous disease after a short

State Without Divorces.

South Carolina; there is incompatibility; there is unhappiness in some families. But I believe the number of such beclouded homes is fewer in color, the perfume, the size, the shape proportion to population than in any that were manumitted in plants will other State. There may be no means have their analogies in the compoof clearly establishing that conten- site, the American of the future, knowledge of many men of wide acnumber of divorces recorded is testimony either of an increase in imincrease of intolerance between husthe petitioners have come with more trivial reasons for severance of the "holy" bonds.

What is the case in South Carolina? The courts of other States are, of course, open to citizens of this commonwealth who desire divorce. Both North Carolina and Georgia are readily accessible and the conditions are not hard. Yet I know not one divorced man or woman in the "society" of Columbia. Charleston or any other town in the State. And if there are, in these quite extensive circles, cases of grave domestic unof the total tin production Great (170) of the total tin production Great (170) of the Oplaton.

Luther Burbank Says Train Them as Fruits or Flowers

ENVIRONMENT A FACTOR

To Perfect the Human Race Begin with the Child-American of the Future to be Morally Beautifuland Intellectually Fit.A Work of Elimination. -

America's greatest naturalist expresses his views regarding childculture when he says:

onment is equally essential with he curs foreign protection from redity. Mind you, I do not say that many abuses which obtain in heredity is of no consequence. It is mercial circles. The real companion onment almost useless. When the onment almost useless. When the colved by a firm and makes at hereditary instincts are indelibly ingrained environment will have a hard battle to effect a change in the child, but that a change can be wrought by the surroundings we all know. The particular subject may be stubborn against the influences of environment, but repeated application to the same modifying forces in succeeding generations will ac-

All animal life is sensitive to environment. You can change the oyster by gradually changing its environment, and you know the oyster is a very low type of life. Take an ox, a horse, a dog, a man, and that which often counts most in the development of each is environment. Of all animate things, the child is the most sensitive. Surroundings set upon it as the outside work actaupon the plate in the camera. Every possible influence acting exteriorly will leave its impress on the child, and the traits which it inherited will be overcome to a certain extent, in many cases almost being even more appara ent than heredity.

There is no doubt that if a child with a vicious temper be placed in an environment of peace and quiet the temper will change. Put a boy born of gentle white parents among ladians and he will grow up like an Indian. Let the child born of criminal parents have a setting of morality and decency, and the chances are that he will not grow into a criminal, but an upright man.

I do not say that heredity will not sometimes assert itself to some oxe tent, of course. When the criminal instinct crops out in an individual it might appear as it environment were levelled to the ground. But higher environment will become fixed.

We in America form a nation with the bloods of half the peoples of the world within our veins. We are more prossed than any other nation in the history of the world. All the necessary crossing has been done, and now comes the work of elimination, the work of refining, until we get an ultimate product that will be the finest human race known. It is no doubt this country which will produce that specimen. Many years will be consumed before the finished work is attained, but it is sure to come. The characteristics of the many peoples that make up this nation will show in the composite with many of the evil characteristics removed, and the finished product will be the race of the future. Sometimes I am appalled when I

us pause, but after all the proper point of view is that of the optimist. The time will come when insanity will be reduced, suicides and murders will be fewer and man will become a being of few ills and bodily troubles. Wherever you have a nation in which there is no variation there is comparatively little insanity of crime of in America, where the variation is greatest, the statistics show a greater percentage of insanity and all other variations. As time goes on in its endless and ceaseless course environ ment will crystallize the American There are domestic tragedies in nation. Its varying elements will become unified, and the weeding out process will probably leave the finest human product ever known. The

tion; it is one of the things on which . In my work with plants and flowneither the census nor the encyclo- ers I introduce color here, shape pedias throw light, but the personal there, size or perfume, according to the products desired. In such proquaintance should be accepted as the cesses the teachings of nature are best evidence of its truth. The di- followed. Its great forces only are vorce courts in other States reveal a employed. All that has been done degree of domestic infelicity there for plants and flowers nature has alexisting; and the increase in the ready accomplished for the American people. By the crossing of bloods strength has in one instance been semorality by which the old scriptural cured, in another intellectuality, in warrant for divorce is given or an still another moral force. Nature alone could do this. The work of band end wife. As the courts have man's head and hand could not be removed the obstacles to separation summoned to prescribe for the development of a race.

German Army Uniform.

The authorities of the German army have decided to alter the colorof the military uniform. The dark blue color is to be discarded as unfit for service in the field, and a clendy gray shade has been chosen. Three battalions are already supplied with the new uniforms.

World's Production of Tin.

The world's tin production in 1902 amounted to 93,093 tons. The

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A higher price is therefore for the goods bought than the with tion warrants, and all the subse transactions in that commodity bused upon a flotitious value which the consumer in due must pay. The comprador of eign bank, for example, had of some to Chinese. Generally responsible to the bank A oams and, at all events, his the is measury for a Chinese tlate a loan, no matter what advantage is often taken of tress of a Ohlmes perfectat reason of his being topogs ntomery within a contain time;
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