

What "Chance" Means.

A common and historically proper use of the word "chance" is to denote the occurrence of some event haphazard or without cause. That events may occur in this way is an old belief. Modern science, however, tells us that in this sense there is no such thing as "chance." Every event, no matter how trivial, is determined by causes, and if we could understand these we could foresee the result. Science, however, though it repudiates the old idea, has retained the word, and uses it, too, for characterizing much the same class of events. What scientific men mean when they talk of "chance" and "the chances" is explained by Prof. T. C. Mendenhall (Science, December 20). We quote a few paragraphs, as follows:

"Popularly the word 'chance' is often used as if to imply the absence of any cause, but this is very unreasonable, if not an unthinkable, condition. Really such words as 'chance,' 'accident' and the like, imply only the absence of any assigned or recognized cause, and the doctrine of chances is a study and development of the laws relating to a series or aggregation of events, concerning the individual components of which we are absolutely ignorant. Thus, if one tosses a coin, it is, in general, impossible to know in advance on which face it will rest. That its behavior in this respect will be governed by the operation of forces and conditions, just as certain and just as definitely compelling a given result as is the behavior of the sun and moon in the matter of an eclipse, will not be denied. If in any particular trial we knew all of the forces and conditions which influence the result we should find that they were never equally balanced between the two possible events, but always predominated in favor of that which actually happened. A complete knowledge of antecedent causes would reveal the fact that each of these (to us at present unknown) forces and conditions subject to other secondary influences which continually change its resultant effect from one side to the other, and so on, in lower degree, to the end that in a very large number of trials the ratio of the number of times the two possible events have occurred becomes very nearly one, to which, indeed, it approximates continuously as the number of trials increases."

"There is one point to which it seems worth while to invite especial attention, namely, the confusion which often exists as to the inherent improbability of certain events. Such events are those which, for reasons entirely independent of the probability of their occurrence, have a particular interest. As an illustration, I may refer the chance of the appearance of a particular hand at whist. Two or three years ago those interested in games with cards were greatly excited by the alleged occurrence of an event in the Boston & Albany railroad station in Boston. It was nothing less than that during the progress of a game of whist played by three railroad conductors and a mail agent, while waiting for the hour of departure of their trains, on taking up the cards after a deal each man found himself in possession of the whole thirteen cards of one suit. The *a priori* probability of such an event is all but infinitely small, and it was thought to be necessary to fortify the account published with affidavits of all the players and also of one or two gentlemen who happened to be watching the game. It probably occurred to a few who read this account that the chances against any other particular distribution of the cards were just as great as against this, and that the result of every deal of the cards is just as remarkable as this and as little likely ever to occur again in the lifetime of the players. Indeed, any event of life, when considered in connection with contemporaneous and related events, in all their ramifications, will be found to have a *a priori* chance so overwhelmingly against it that it seems impossible that it ever should happen."

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Mr. Shipman of Owen Sound, Seven Years' Acute Suffering, Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 6 (Special).—Mr. Shipman tells his story in the hope that he may benefit others, and says:—As the result of a tumble when a boy which injured my back, I have been troubled with weak kidneys all my life. For the past year I have been a great sufferer, growing worse until a friendly druggist advised me to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. Tests of the urine showed Diabetes and I realized my danger. I had found it impossible when tired to stand upright and at such times was drawn down sideways. In all I have used about one dozen boxes and am now hearty and healthy as ever in my life.

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Shot by a Judge.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Justice Jarvis Blume, of the West Chicago avenue police station, was passing underneath the alley "L" structure at Thirteenth street at 1.30 o'clock this morning, in company with his daughter May. Two masked men sprang from the shadow of the structure and attacked the magistrate. One of them threw his arms about Mr. Blume's neck and tried to strangle him. The other made an attempt to find his pocketbook. Justice Blume has had experiences with robbers before and he knew what to do. Making a feint to assist the robbers, he drew his revolver, and fired without an instant's warning. The man uttered a cry of pain, and tried to run. He went a few steps and fell, with blood streaming from a wound in his abdomen. Before the police arrived the man was dead. Seeing the man fall, Justice Blume turned his revolver upon the other man, who was trying to escape and fired several shots after him, none of which took effect as far as known. After the shooting the two went to the Harrison street police station and told what had happened. The patrol wagon was sent out at once and one highwayman was found lying dead where he fell. The dead man was taken to the morgue. No clue was found in his clothing that would lead to his identity. Among papers in his pocketbook was a vaccination certificate made out to John Kelly. Letters were found, which bore different names. Justice Blume was attacked by footpads three years ago. He was then a justice at the Desplaines street police station, and was on his way home from the station about one o'clock in the morning when he was attacked. He was carrying a revolver, and in order to save himself he fired at the footpads. At first it was thought he had shot one of them, but the men escaped, and nothing was ever heard of them.

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"This isn't a menagerie," sharply observed an irascible woman to a man who was trying to force his way through the crowd at the door of a theatre.

"No, I suppose not," returned the man, or they wouldn't leave any of the animals to block up the entrance."

Children Cry for

Canada's National Song.

Away back in the "forties," in one of the humble homes of a Canadian village, there might have been seen one summer day, a kindly Scotch "meenister," holding between his knees a curly-headed youth. The minister was catechising him as to his Sunday school attendance and his knowledge of the Bible, and found him very proficient.

"And he has made a poem, too," said his Sunday-school teacher, the resident minister, who was also present. "He has put it to the music of 'Scots wha hae.'" "Let us hear you sing it, Alexander," said the visiting minister.

And the youthful poet sang it with his boyish simplicity and power, as if touched with Divine inspiration.

The minister put his hands on the boy's curly pate, and spake the prophetic words—

"Ye'll be weel kenn'd yet afore ye dee."

And the mother, after the manner of Scotch folk, treasured the saying in her heart, and encouraged little Alexander in his poetical and musical creations.

That minister was the celebrated Scotch divine, Dr. Norman McLeod, then on a visit to this country, and that youth was afterwards the author of Canada's national song.

In October, 1867, two men were walking in a Toronto garden, a nursery. The dying maple leaves were falling from the trees, to be trodden under foot in spite of all their glory of crimson and gold colouring. A leaf fluttered down to the coat sleeve of one of the men, and was detained by the roughness of the cloth of which the garment was made. He tried to brush it off and thought he had succeeded, but as he was leaving he discovered that it was still hanging there, and its tenacity impressed itself upon his mind.

He remarked the occurrence to his companion, who was bidding him "good afternoon," and the latter said—"You have been writing verses, why not write a song about the maple leaf?"

This was about four o'clock in the day, and in less than two hours afterwards the poem was written that has made the name of Alexander Muir a household word in every part of Canada.

Next day he was playing with his children and repeating the words of the poem aloud. His wife suggested that he set the words to music, so that he might sing them, for he had a pleasant sonorous voice. He thereupon tried several tunes, but could find nothing to suit him.

"I'll have to compose one myself," he said, and in a few hours afterwards the beautiful tune that has gladdened the hearts and refreshed the souls of thousands of Canadian patriots, that has reached the ears of thousands of English-speaking people in the United States and Great Britain, was on paper.—Canadian Magazine.

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If a man is going to play the bully he ought to have good muscles or a clever wit. A little adventure into which one such braggart stumbled is thus narrated by an exchange. He was a "smallish man with a large voice."

He and a companion, who, he said to his credit, seemed ashamed of the company he was in, stood in the hotel rotunda one Saturday night. The little fellow was talking about Ireland, and he said many hard things concerning the country and the people.

A big man stood by listening to the little fellow's vapors. He merely smiled until the little fellow said in a very loud tone: "Show me an Irishman and I'll show you a coward."

Then the big fellow stepped up, and touching the little fellow on the shoulder said in a heavy bass voice: "What's that you said?"

"I said, 'Show me an Irishman and I'll show you a coward,'" said the little fellow, whose knees were shaking under him.

"Well, I'm an Irishman," said the big fellow.

"You are an Irishman? Well," and a smile of joy flitted over the little fellow's countenance as he saw a hole through which he could crawl, "I'm a coward."

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Richibucto, Dec. 31, 1895.

Notes by the Way.

Mr. Chas. Babin has hauled his carriage shop about half mile and placed it on "Courtie's" Corner, where he can be found attending to the wants of his numerous customers. May success attend his efforts to please.

We are glad to note that our enterprising and successful merchant, Peter McCaie, Esq., is recovering from the effects of being thrown by the upsetting of his carriage some days ago, owing to the outrageous manner in which the surveyors of roads perform their duties in the vicinity of Richibucto Village.

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MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—Sheriff Laberge, of Beauharnois, fooled the Valleyfield mob which would like to have got hold of Shortis and lynched him yesterday. In the morning a crowd of Beauharnois people gathered round the jail and broke open one of the doors, but the sheriff addressed them and restored peace by taking them to the hotel and treating them. At the same time he assured them that Shortis was not there. The sheriff expected trouble, however, and thought the best thing he could do was to get Shortis out of the way. A mob from Valleyfield was reported to be due at Beauharnois at 3.20, so he caused the rumor to be set afloat that he had driven the prisoner to St. Martine. The mob on arrival went direct to St. Martine. Shortis, however, was driven to Chateaugay. Here the river was crossed in a row boat. Shortis and the sheriff then walked about three miles and got a C. P. R. train to Montreal. They arrived here about half-past eight, and Shortis was lodged in the jail for safe keeping. The people of Valleyfield are in a most indignant frame of mind over the action of Lord Aberdeen in commuting Shortis's sentence, and have become so incensed over the matter that they have destroyed every picture of the Governor General in the place.

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