

H. W. STEVENSON

The anecdotes of a cuist.



Photo: Chas. J. Kirk.

In the world of billiards to-day the centre of the stage is undeniably held by Mr. H. W. Stevenson. Brilliant as he has always been during recent years, he has never displayed such form as during the present season. Enormous breaks are mere child's play to him; indeed, he has made over 500 off the table many times on other players.

Somehow from the very onset the game had an enormous fascination for me, and I soon acquired much skill that my father quite gave up the idea of putting me into business, and to work in the office of a solicitor. I remember the first time I played a game on the billiard table, it was in the billiard room in London, where I occasionally used to spend my leisure time.

Under these conditions my game soon began to improve very rapidly, and towards the end of my first year I was frequently handicapped. I was not to score any break under a hundred. As I was not to be beaten by any other player, I was practicing alone in the billiard room, an elderly man, who was a member of the same club, and who would give me thirty in a game if I could make a game with him. He was quite a good player, and I was not to be beaten by any other player.

Now it happened that this evening I was playing a game with a friend, and I was not to be beaten by any other player. I was practicing alone in the billiard room, an elderly man, who was a member of the same club, and who would give me thirty in a game if I could make a game with him.

MURDER OF A POLICEMAN.

The Dublin Express, discussing the murder of a policeman in County Galway, bitterly criticises Mr. Birrell's "sympathetic" policy, which has allowed a man to be imprisoned for a crime which he is not to be held liable for.

A HANDKERCHIEF TRICK.

Some remarkable evidence was given at Liverpool Police-court yesterday, when Hermann Casseler, a well-known foreigner, was charged with having obtained 100 dollars from George Henry Jackson, of Lincoln, by means of a trick.

THE ITALIAN FUND.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Total: £1,904 15s. 6d.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

A representative of the Petit Parisien has had an interview with the Chief Burgomaster of Berlin on the forthcoming visit of the British Sovereign to Germany.

LOST HIS FARE.

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THE ALPINE DISASTER.

An Advertiser telegram says: The disaster on the Furka Pass occurred shortly before seven yesterday, and was the result of a collision between a train of the Furka Pass and a train of the Furka Pass.

DRUNKEN TRAIN DRIVER.

The Board of Trade report was issued to-day concerning the inquiry into the cause of the collision in December between a passenger train and an engine on the Furka Pass.

EX CHIEF CONSTABLE OF NOTTINGHAM.

Mr. Samuel Stevens, of West Bridgford, an ex-Chief Constable of Nottingham, who retired in 1895, has been appointed to the post of Chief Constable of Nottingham.

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STRIKERS' VIOLENCE.

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MRS. ATHERTON IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

The Stirling divorce case was resumed in Edinburgh on the 22nd inst. Mrs. Atherton was called in the witness-box by her counsel.

HER ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE STIRLINGS.

At the outset of the application was made by Mrs. Stirling's counsel for a further award of interim expenses for legal proceedings.

A RAPID FRIENDSHIP.

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ROBBING AN EMPTY HOUSE.

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