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ONE WAY OF GAMBLING.

Electric Fans Utilized Somewhat After the
Various Gambling Wheels.

Science has been called to the aid of
the wheel of fortune. Even the wind
which electricians call to their aid to
relieve suffering humanity is now utilized
to further the gambling propensities
of the man who would rather match
pennies than keep those he earned. In
Pittsburg there is a gambling resort in
nearly every business house, and rou-
lette is the game.

How does this happen? you may ask.
Well, it is all through the fact that
people suffer from the heat. Some bril-
liant inventor came to the conclusion
that instead of the ordinary revolving
fly frightened that moves so delibera-
tely that the average fly forgets its exis-
tence, if a motor could go around so
quickly as to be invisible to the eye it
might be that with blades to it a mini-
ature cyclone could be produced. The air
engendered by that electrical tornado
would cool a sweltering world where
clerks and even bankers mopped their
collective brows and panted for the
shades of the mountains until they got
so hot that they were ready to engage
any nation upon the face of the earth
in mortal combat. This inventor car-
ried out his philanthropic idea, and the
result was the placing upon the market
of the electrical fan.

Now, this fan contains six blades,
and every one is a hummer. It is so
portable that it can be placed most any-
where so long as the wire connection is
not broken. The fan was introduced
into select circles. It found instant fa-
vor. No more mopping of brows, no
more chasing of flies from heads which
resembled the famous cranium of Uncle
Ned. The electrical fan was willing to
work double turn and blow the face
off the superheated owner if necessary.
The public was correspondingly grate-
ful and rested under the artificial storm
in peace and quiet.

But Pittsburg frowned upon gambling,
officially. It has shut up its poolshops,
it has closed its blind pools, it even re-
stricts the still American game of
draw poker. Still, like the shattering
of the rose vase, the predilection for go-
ing up against any old thing which
may turn some one else and enable the
winner to walk off with the "pile"
clung around many a person who ought
to have known better. The pleasures of
the sportively inclined were restricted
to such infantile sports as matching for
the drinks, shooting craps in blind al-
leys and similar diversions of no par-
ticular standing among the elite. Mem-
ories of faro, roulette and other means
of quickly losing money floated around
the average citizen. His soul revolted
against the "shoe-string" methods to
which unkind fate and the police had
reduced him. It is said that every ne-
cessity finds some remedy. So it has
proved in this case.

If a roulette wheel merely consisted
of red and dark marks, with a little
black marble coursing around, uncer-
tain where to stop and seldom stopping
where it ought, then a swiftly revolving
electrical wheel ought to stop in
some uncertain place when the current
was shut off. Acting upon this scheme,
the inventor of the new form of gam-
bling proceeded to number the blades.
Then each member of the gambling fra-
ternity puts his money upon one blade.

If the suspended animation of the fan
proves that his guess was correct, he
wins the stake. It is all so easy and so
fair unless some one "loads" one of the
blades. It is incidentally such a handy
way of wasting money, that it is filling so
well a long felt want, that in most of
the offices where electric fans are used
there appear upon the blades the num-
bers, "One, two, three, four, five and
six."

To the uninitiated they mean little,
but to the now habitual player on this
newly devised wheel of fortune they
evidence much. He walks into a strange
office, incidentally turns off the current
of the electric fan, and if he sees the
numbers there he immediately remarks,
"I choose six," or whatever may be his
favorite number. Some member of the
firm or a clerk immediately places his
faith upon some other number turning
up, and there it is. In a minute there
is a first class game going full speed. It
is all so simple—turn on the current,
then turn it off, and win or lose, as the
case may be. There are many of these
wheel, or fan, players who work on
systems they think will win. They
make a study of the electric fan in a
certain office. They discover that a
"five" or a "three" may be reasonably
certain to turn up if the current is only
allowed to be turned on for a second or
so; that if the wheel is revolving at its
full gait another figure will appear.
Upon these principles they stake their
coin. The majority of the players, how-
ever, do not figure upon any such deep
laid plans. They arise in the morning
and consider that a certain number will
prove lucky, and they go and play it.
It is really astonishing how the prac-
tice has spread. It is related that in
several large office buildings heavy
sums are wagered, and The Press re-
porter is informed that there are few
buildings in which there are not elec-
trical fans bearing the telltale numbers.
The saloons, of course, do not permit
it, for if such a form of gambling were
discovered it might result in their li-
censes being revoked.—Pittsburg Press.

Scattered Brains.

Scientists again impress upon us that
the ganglia scattered through the
body are little brains. They are com-
posed of the same gray matter as is in
the brain and do a vast amount of
thinking on their own account. Hence
it seems that the ancients were not so
far wrong when they located the affec-
tions and passions in the different or-
gans of the body.

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