

A Better Game than Poker.

"While I was on the Union Pacific," said the conductor, "I made up my mind to break up card-playing, because it led to so many disputes. The boys used to get the best of me, however, and they always had a substitute for Hoyle's game of chance. The best I ever saw was one time when we were coming East from Ogden. There were four in a party, and one of them had a common cigar box with a hole cut in the center of the top. Within was a cockroach. Each of the party placed a piece of lump sugar on the corner of the box nearest to him, as it was placed in the middle of the quartet. The 'ante' was a dollar, and the game was to see which lump of sugar the roach would tackle first when it came up through the hole. His highness made his appearance soon after the chunks of sweetness were placed in position. The fun then began. The roach would take a survey of the situation and then dart for one corner. Just as the lucky owner would think his sugar was to be seized and the stakes won, the roach would turn suddenly around and go for another lump. This the excitement would be continually on the rise, and the outside bets would commence. Sometimes it would be twenty minutes before the roach would light on a lump, and only those who have seen this game can imagine the interest created. Why, poker is nowhere in comparison, and the night I speak of it caused more confounded trouble on my car than fifty games of cards. The ladies grew wild over the game. I must confess I got interested myself, and came near missing some local fares. The roach game kept up all the way to Cheyenne, and over \$700 had changed hands among the players, to say nothing of outside winnings. I was after ward told that the man who had the box had just come out \$1,500 ahead on the game in 'Trisco, and that there it was all the rage."—Omaha Railway News.

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"You are mistaken, madam; my husband never beats me. We have lived together fifteen years, and he has never beaten me yet," and the woman adjusted her arm in the sling.

"I am so glad to hear that I am mistaken," replied the female philanthropist.

"No," continued the woman, sadly, putting the bandage over the eye, "he has never struck me a blow yet. He has kicked me in a dozen different places forty different times; he has taken me by my two ears and bumped my head on the floor, or on the corner of the mantelpiece; he has poured hot water down my back, pulled out my hair by the handful, and he has stuck pins in me a time or so; he feeds his dog in my new Sunday bonnet, but he has never yet beat me, and until he does I don't think I ought to complain."

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