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No law shall be passed restraining the free interchange of thought and opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely, on any subject whatever.—Constitution of Indiana.

An Ace in the Hole

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain
The Hoosier State law is peculiar.

YOU remember Bret Harte's heathen Chinnee who had all the aces up his sleeve? He didn't have a thing on the State of Indiana. As several prominent citizens who played poker at the Indianapolis Athletic Club well know, old lady justice may be blind, but that doesn't keep her from having a couple of royal flushes and at least five aces concealed somewhere about her flowing garments.

Under the law as set out by the Marion County prosecutor, if you win you break even and if you lose you get your money back. In other words, you play poker for matches or for fun and a little publicity—unless you win from a single gentleman. Hereafter poker clubs are expected to post notices giving information concerning the marital status of all players. If you play with a married man, you do so at your own peril.

All this has to do with suits filed by the prosecutor in behalf of Mrs. Robert W. Lewis, wife of a real estate man, who insists her husband lost some \$3,429 to ten more or less prominent citizens at the Athletic Club. She is seeking to recover the money. The game at which the money was lost is known as stud poker. Let us explain, for the benefit of the uninitiated reader, if any, that in this game one card is turned face downward and the other four face up. An ace turned down—technically known as an ace in the hole—is a considerable advantage. In this instance, Mrs. Lewis and the State of Indiana seem to have had an ace in the hole. Under the law, if the husband doesn't try to recover his losses within a certain length of time, his wife can have a try at it. That is what Mrs. Lewis is doing.

In other words, in addition to all our other peculiar laws, we have a law that makes gambling a misdemeanor and another law that makes the State, at the expense of the taxpayers, a collection agency whereby the loser in a gambling game can recover.

Lewis, on the face of the suits, must have been a pretty consistent loser. There is no record thus far of any one suing him to recover money he may have won. There is no evidence that he didn't know that he was playing for money or that he didn't try his darest to win some of the other fellow's cash. Anyway, his wife wants the money back. Wives for some reason seem to have a particular aversion to their husbands losing money in poker games.

At any rate, the ten defendants hereafter probably will use considerable caution in choosing those with whom they deal the cards. Single men are safer, they are telling the world.

Was Moses Right?

THIRTY-SIX of your servants in the United States Senate have decided that you do not desire any further information concerning the Aluminum Trust—or, at least, that you are not going to get any. Thirty-three of your servants sought to open up the subject, but in vain. That was the vote, 36 to 33, against the adoption of the majority report of the Senate Judiciary Committee, popularly known as the Walsh report.

This Senate committee, after considerable

MR. FIXIT

Protest Surroundings at Flower Mission of City Hospital.

Let Mr. Fixit present your problem to the Indianapolis Times Washington, D. C., inclosing 2 cents in postage. Medical legal and other questions will receive a personal answer. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

How many members of the United States Senate have church affiliations?

A recent compilation states that 36 profess some church affiliation and 10 do not.

Who was the first American composer?

Although there were a number of composers of metrical Psalms and other songs prior to his time, Francis Hopkins is usually rated as the first.

What is the meaning of the phrase "according to Hoyle"?

DEAR MR. FIXIT: I live at Tremont and Turner Aves. The railroad yards are just across Turner. We have a nice little place, but there are several old automobile bodies along the side of the fence which can be seen on all sides of our place. We would be very glad if they were removed. MRS. THOMAS ALTOPP, 309 N. Tremont Ave.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Our brick alley at the rear of 1200 and 1212 N. New Jersey St. is in bad condition in spots, due to the negligence of the light company, which did not replace the brick correctly.

H. E. THOMAS.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: There is a barrel of broken glass in the alley west of Winthrop Ave., just north of Forty-Second St. This is a constant menace to auto drivers. What can be done about it?

WINTHROP AVE. RESIDENTS. Capt. George Winkler promised Mr. Fixit to send a patrolman to

Churchmen in Senate

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At what temperature does platinum melt?

175 degree centigrade.

What is the address of Luther Burbank?

Santa Rosa, California.

Are the British Isles a part of the European continent?

Geographically they are included in Europe but physically they are not connected with the continent, although lying on the continental shelf.

What was the date of the Knickerbocker Theater disaster in Washington, D. C.?

January 28, 1922.

What is white coal?

Water power energy is often referred to as "white coal" by engineers.

Which of the three States, Oklahoma, California and Texas, produced the most crude petroleum in 1922?

Oklahoma produced 146,631,000 barrels; California 139,671,000 barrels and Texas 116,670,000 barrels in that year.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: The park board will place flower gardens and trees in the grounds near the hospital and transform it into a beautiful spot. R. Walter Jarvis, parks superintendent, told Mr. Fixit. This should correct the condition.

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Dixon Frasier Is a Glorious Prince and Eileen Van Biene a Dear Kathie

By Walter D. Hickman

AM quite sure that no regular theatergoer would care to see "The Student Prince" better presented than as it is at English's this week.

At this late date, it is not necessary to tell of the romance of a Prince with a little waitress at Heidelberg. The score is well known. The beauty of the several scenes are familiar to thousands.

Today you are concerned alone with the worth of the cast which is presenting "The Student Prince" here for a week. Dixon Frasier makes a wonderfully effective Prince Karl in "The Student Prince." A most satisfactory supporting company. A fine male chorus. Principals are fine.

up his bad habits and enters the private life of the good. The daughter begins to use her head and the son keeps on loving his mother. Consider this sketch the best that I have seen during the last twelve months.

It may be burlesque at times, but at other times it is real drama.

The Jarvis Revue, with a company of seven women and six men is a bright, fast and snappy little act of its kind. The comedian is excellent and does much to keep the act on its toes, and speaking of toes there are two excellent toe dancers present. As in the manner of the large production short flashes are given in a comedy vein. They have several short flashes concerning crime and its punishment that are certain to be laugh getters whenever seen.

Tock and Toy are an Oriental couple whose one idea, while out in front of you seems to be to give you the most pleasing and entertaining time that they can. And they succeed admirably. Their act consists of songs by the two and dances alone and together. They have one very neat little song about the learning of the two of them. They sing about the things they are learning. After seeing them you will agree that they have "learnt."

Flagler Brothers and Ruth are all Hoosiers. Need I say more? Enough to say that they have some fine songs, a very excellent violin soloist and a woman pianist who ranks high.

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Murand and Leo, open the bill.

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