

stance to say circulation is large and rapidly increasing. This game, if played boldly and not disputed, may bring a few advertisers. Why not humbug the public if money can be made thereby? 'The end justifies the means,' so say the advocates of the system."

**ARSON TRIAL.**—The trial of Ada Mordaunt, for arson, progresses slowly in the County Court. The principal witness, Lizzie Phillips, (negress) was examined yesterday. She testified that the defendant offered to give her \$4,000—half of the insurance—to burn the house. Witness agreed to this proposition, and saturated the bed clothing and wetted the walls with kerosene. The defendant went to San Jose, and told her when the firemen came, to tell them that a party had been there in company with a large man in gray clothing, who had a spite against the defendant, and that he had set fire to the house and escaped by the back door. Witness went down stairs and laid on the sofa. An officer knocked at the door and told her the house was on fire. The engines soon arrived, and the fire was extinguished, but not before the upper part of the building had been burned.

### Amusements.

**ALHAMBRA THEATRE.**—"Barbe Bleue" is destined to have a long run; being received nightly