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SWEEPSTAKES CONTROVERSY - Under the Lotteries Act of 1823, sweepstakes are illegal in Great Britain - BUT -----

Picture:- Let's look back a bit, and see some of the benefits that have accrued to the community out of funds raised by sweepstakes. XXXX The Royal Hospital of Greenwich held a lottery for the purpose of endowment. XXXXX It wasn't very successful,--

--but the one which financed the building of the first Westminster Bridge, met with a better response. XXXXX Three-hundred-and-twenty-five-thousand pounds were raised, and - (awful thought !) - it was "drawn" at Stationer's Hall! XXXXX And then, of course,--

--comes the British Museum, that great national storehouse of treasures. XXXX It was established out of the proceeds of a lottery. XXXXX I'm sure all this sounds terribly wicked,--

--but I rather wonder if it isn't just as wicked to allow our hospitals to remain on the brink of bankruptcy--

--while millions of people support overseas hospitals through sweepstakes because of the excitement. XXXXX It's a strange world, my masters !