THE ENGLISH TURF.—The sporting season has begun in England with its usual popularity so rar as the multitude are concerned; but lamenta tions are uttered over the deterioration in the owners of the race horse. During the whole of the eighteenth and during the first four decades of the nineteenth century, nothing was more common than for prime ministers, ministers of State, and dukes, to be owners of race horses. But since the death of Lord Palmerston and the secession of Lord Derby and General Peel from active participation in turf pursuits, no politician who writes Rt. Hon. before his name seems ambitious to own a Derby favorite. "The impure atmosphere," writes one of the April magazines, "which has long pervaded the turf, and which led the Queen, influenced by her husband, to withdraw her countenance and interest from her people's favorite pastime, warns all aspiring men in public life that the owners of race horses are nowadays diminutio capitis." The same writer professes to have discovered with equal dismay that stoutness in horses and the growth of the century are in the inverse ratio to each other, and that whereas the number of fast and short-running horses and mares have been constantly growing from 1830 downwards, the number of stayers and stout runners rapidly decrease as we recede from 1830. However, he is emphatically of opinion that there are no evils which the Jockey Clubaren of strong enough to grapple with if they gird them honestly to the task and are no respectors of persons.

BIRTHS.

GLOVER At Guelph, on the 25th ult., the wife of James Glover, of a son. Patterson—In Eramosa, on the 2nd inst., the wife of James Patterson, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

NYER—ARDAGH—In Toronto on the 5th instant, at the residence of the bride's by the Rev. John Ferguson German, M. A., of the Wesleyan Church, Paris, 'Ont., assisted by the Rev. Wm Gregg, M. A., of Cooke's Presty-terian Church, Toronto, Peter E. W. Moyer, Esq., M. A., editor and proprietor of the Waterbuo Chronicle, Waterboo, Ont., to Elizabeth H., eldest daughter of Wm Ar tagh, Esq. No cards.

HARRIS-BOWERMAN-In the Township of Whith on the 15th ult., by Elder L. C. Thomas, Joh Harris, of Rockwood, to Mary Ann Zulim Bowerman, of Whitby.

DIED.

McKay—At Georgetown, on the 25th ult., Hugh second son of Walter McKay, aged 8 years and 6 months.

ALEXANDER—At Woodstock, on the 2nd instant, Mary Cecil, the beloved wife of the Hon. Geo

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