

A HERO.

Charles Toman, a gambler, was the hero of the St. Louis fire. He was among the first at the scene of horror, and gallantly rushed to the rescue of the helpless women and children imprisoned by the flames. He rescued several from the fiery death, and rushed on and on again into danger in quest of others. While in the third story of the building the ladder upon which he depended for escape was removed to another window. Forced by the flames, he crept out upon the sill and leaped for the ladder missed it and fell to death! The New Orleans Times celebrates the incident in a poem, of which we give these stanzas:

He lost it all in the desperate chance,
Stung his life on a reckless throw;
It was merely a matter of clock and ball,
He was merely a gambler, you know.

Bury the dead and the name of the man—
He stung his life on a reckless throw;
Neither you nor I would have touched his hand—
He was merely a gambler, you know.

I know he was judged by minds of men—
But he has passed from beneath the rod;
Is the ruling the same in the world above?
I wonder how he was judged by God.

BOGS VETERINARY DIPLOMAS

Robert McClure, calling himself Dr. McClure, was on Saturday, 21st ult., arrested at his office, Fallert street, above Ninth, Philadelphia, on the charge of selling bogus diplomas, purporting to be issued by the Veterinary College of Philadelphia, which now has no existence. The arrest grew out of information that diplomas of the kind described were being sent to persons living in other States and with a view to fix the offense upon Robert McClure, he was written to on the subject, and made an offer to furnish a diploma for \$120. This was assented to, and it was prepared, and the money paid. Immediately after the arrest took place, and the money paid for the diploma was found on McClure. A number of the diplomas not filled up were recovered in his office. He had a hearing before Magistrate Pole on Saturday, and was held for a further hearing. On Tuesday the case was again called. Several witnesses were called, the testimony of whom tended to fix the guilt on the accused. The accused was then held in \$3,000 to answer the charge of false pretences, and two other charges under different sections of the penal code relating to the issuing of bogus diplomas.

VETERINARY CHIPS.

DIAGNOSIS OF PREGNANCY.—In a clinical lecture, delivered by Professor St. Cyr, that eminent veterinarian called the attention of his class to the beatings of the heart of the fetus as a means of recognizing the state of pregnancy in the domestic animals. After mentioning the history of the first discovery of this heart action in women, by Mayor of Geneva in 1818, then the mentioning of the same by Lafosse, and later by Lanzillotti, he described the phenomenon as follows: "Apply your ear upon the abdominal walls on the right side, a little below the flank, and listen attentively. You soon will hear a succession of light repeated noises, perfectly rhythmic, separated by a moment of silence and perfectly repeating the beatings of the heart as uttered in the adult. These noises are very weak, though very distinct, when with attention they are caught by the ear. They resemble much the tic-tac noise of a watch; and truly these are the same noises as heard of the mother, they are transmitted in a manner—nearly double in a given time. The significance of this phenomenon is of great importance, as to the live condition of the fetus; it is claimed that these noises are audible after the 25th week or about the 6th month of gestation, though they may be heard sooner. This is a precious and new sign for the diagnosis of pregnancy, which will be of great advantage to the breeder and practitioner.

THE SOURCE OF WORMS IN ANIMALS.

In a recent lecture on "Parasites in Animals," Professor Lang stated that the source of

FOOD FOR MOCKING BIRDS.

Having resided in the South for years, and had much experience with these birds, I will tell you how I do, and I have success. First, these so-called "prepared foods" are humbugs, gotten up to sell. In state of nature, these birds live on insects that live above ground—spiders, flies, butterflies, grasshoppers, cocoons, etc., with all the fruits in season. I prepare the food each two days in summer and once a week in winter. Reason is, it becomes sour in summer. Boil one egg fifteen minutes, use the yolk only; add to it what salt will lie on a three cent piece, and pure ground Cayenne pepper that will lie on a ten cent piece; thoroughly mix these three together with a spatula; then add a medium sized neatly boiled potato. The whole must be thoroughly mixed, so that no lumps of egg or potato can be seen; put into the cup a piece of this about the size of an English walnut, in the forenoon and about 4 p. m.; keep a section of apple stuck in the wires of the cage to pick at; give him bits of raw beef when convenient. Get meal worms at the flour mills; keep them in a tin pail with layers of meal and old woolen goods; in the cans have large holes for ventilation, or the meal becomes wet and the worms die. During the summer the worms change to black bugs and then lay more eggs to keep up the supply. I feed my birds about 50 worms a week. Dealers sell them for 20 cents per 100, and one can get ten thousand out of any mill in the State, and the miller is glad to be rid of them.

DEATH OF MELBOURNE, JR.

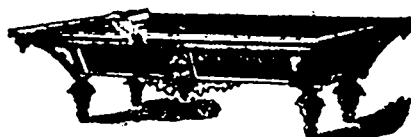
On May 1, at the home of War Dance, Blue Grass Park—Mr. A. Keene Richards', near Georgetown, Ky.—the existence of this highly-bred stallion and successful sire terminated in death, after a short and severe attack of colic. Many were the difficulties that Melbourne had to contend with. Foaled just at the outbreak of the late war, he early passed into the hands of Mr. William Lewis, Scott County, and there for several years much of his value and usefulness became a dead letter to the horse world, as few, if any, thoroughbred mares received his embraces. However, while in this obscurity, the great trotter Jim Irving came to the surface, and brought Melbourne, Jr., conspicuously to the front, and for three or four years following this he appeared as the central figure in the exciting controversy that arose in regard to the paternity of that extraordinary trotter; the pacer, Wilson's Snow Storm, having put in a claim for that honor. The case still remains on the docket, and after weighing all the evidence thus far presented, we believe the son of imp. Knight of St. George and imp. Melrose as having established the clearest title thereto. He was subsequently repurchased by Mr. Richards and returned to the stallion quarters of Blue Grass Park, and here he gave early evidence of his quality by contributing such fine performers as Grit, Marie Michon, Mettle and others; and the first named of the trio, in his two-year-old form, last year, ran the mile route, at Galatin, Tenn., in 1:44, the fastest on record at that age. At Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday, May 1, as the shadows of death were closing around Melbourne, two of his get—Milan, out of Alumina, and Bethune's entry, out of Magnetta—earned away the honors of the day, the former winning the Young America Stakes No. 1, at half a mile, in 1:59, defeating a field of ten starters, and the latter winning the Commercial Hotel Stakes, for three-year-olds, at a mile and a quarter, in 2:14. Melbourne, Jr., bay, was bred at Blue Grass Park, foaled 1860, by imp. Knight of St. George, dam imp. Melrose, by Melbourne; 2nd dam Clarkie, by Mulcy Moloch; 3rd dam Sister to Brighton, by Palmerin, &c., then through Oceana, by Cerberus, to a mare by Diamond, his 15th dam. Melrose was the dam of Target, also imported by Mr. Richards, and she produced Cressmoor, a race-horse of great ability, who also produced Liza Davis, the dam of War Cry, War Cry, War Call, &c.

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