

and we see the colors of the much-tried hero carried triumphantly past the winning-post. An amusing incident happened on the opening night, when the horse that played the leading part of "Clipstone," the "Derby Winner," got nervous and actually refused to come up to the winning-post. The audience had to "make-believe" very hard, but they were scarcely likely to be too severe at the close of such a stirring play. The character of the "sporting Duchess," who plays a very important part in coming to the rescue of the hero at a critical moment, recalls a well-known figure in English society, the late Dowager Duchess of Montrose, who died a few weeks ago at the age of eighty-one. Her third marriage, a few years since, to a man about fifty years her junior, made somewhat of a sensation at the time.

Those who like music and are admirers of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas, are in luck just now, for they have a double supply to choose from. Gilbert and Sullivan have divided, but the result is not so disastrous as on a former occasion, both of the disunited specimens being excellent. At the Lyric Theatre may be seen "His Excellency," in which Mr. W. S. Gilbert revels in his usual whimsical spirit of topsy-turvydom, admirably set to music by Osmond Carr. The scene is laid in Denmark, at the beginning of this century, when the throne was temporarily occupied by the Prince Regent, Frederick, owing to the illness of the king. The object of this merry little opera is to hold up to fitting contumely the mischievous pranks of a practical joker, and to show how the evil results rebounded on his own head. At the Savoy Theatre we have another bright and entertaining little piece called "The Chieftain," where Sir Arthur Sullivan supplies the music and F. C. Burnand, editor of Punch, the words. Admirers, therefore, have the opportunity of deciding which factor contributed most largely to the success in the combined attractions of the Gilbert and Sullivan alliance.

THISTLE.

STOCK GOSSIP.

Elsewhere, Shore Bros., White Oak, announce the sale by auction on Jan. 17, of their entire herd of Scotch Shorthorns. Write for catalogue.

Mr. Arthur Johnston, of Greenwood, writes of his Indian Chief as follows:—"The old bull is in the very best of form in his ninth year. He is running in the fields with the cows up to this date, Dec. 21st, during the day. He is as alert, active, prompt and sure as his flesh is two-year-old I have ever known. His flesh is as smooth, even, and mellow as the flesh of any two-year-old heifer—not a bare spot on him. His sons are bidding fair to rival him as winners of prize winners. A son of his, Mina Chief, was the sire of the first, second, and third prize heifer calves at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition in 1894, as well as the first prize bull calf at the same exhibition. Besides this, these same granddaughters of Indian Chief were winners of first prize for the four best calves bred and owned by the exhibitor, and these honors were won against an excellent ring of calves—record unequalled. Another son of Indian Chief, Norseman, was the sire of four calves that won third prize in the same competition. Thus eight out of the twelve winners in this capital class were grandsons and daughters of Indian Chief. In 1893 another son of Indian Chief, Nonpareil Chief, was almost as successful at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition. Our young bulls by Indian Chief are growing and promising exceedingly well. We have eight of them now ready for service, and eight more will be fit for service in February. The two white ones are simply beautiful. Come and see them. 'No business, no harm,' is our motto."

Mr. J. P. Phin, "The Grange," Hespeler, writes us as follows respecting his sale which took place on the 20th inst.:—"The day was all that could be desired, and a good attendance was the result. The prices realized were fairly satisfactory, considering the low price of mutton sheep and lambs. The ewes and ewe lambs were all sold and averaged \$10.30 each. I have still 26 imported ewes and ewe lambs, which were not offered for sale, left; also 15 ram lambs. The following is a list of the principal purchases:—John Simpson, Nasagaweya, Ont., 4 shearing ewes; Wm. Moore, Georgetown, Ont., 2 shearing ewes; Robt. Moody, Guelph, Ont., 1 pair shearing ewes and 4 ewe lambs; M. Lorrie, Rockwood, Ont., 1 pair shearing ewes; J. R. Suddaby, Harrison, Ont., 1 pair shearing ewes; Gavan Goodall, Galt, 1 pair shearing ewes and 2 ewe lambs; J. C. Panabaker, Hespeler, 1 pair shearing ewes, pair aged ewes and pair ewe lambs; John Weir, West Flamboro, 1 pair shearing ewes, pair aged ewes and pair ewe lambs, also 1 ram lamb; Robt. Marshall, Elora, 1 pair aged ewes; Alex. Barrie, Galt, 3 pairs aged ewes; Hugh Arthur, Brantford, 1 pair aged ewes; John N. Lesse, Blair, 1 pair aged ewes; Geo. A. Tilt, Blair, 3 pairs aged ewes and three ewe lambs; Wm. Bowman, Mount Forest, 2 pairs aged ewes and 1 pair ewe lambs; James Crane, Guelph, 2 pairs ewe lambs; Harry Cass, Buffalo Hart, Ill., 1 ram lamb; John Scott, Killeen, 3 ram lambs; J. Cowan, Galt, 1 ram lamb; James Hunter, Alma, pair ewe lambs; Alex. Reid, Killeen, pair aged ewes; N. G. Harvie, Kirkwood, pair ewe lambs."

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MINNIE MAY.

DEAR MINNIE MAY,—Seeing your letter of the 15th, asking for communications, I would like to ask for information on a very troubling question. My hair is red, and a very uncompromising red. Please tell me what colors will suit me best. I am so glad we are to have a Social Corner, and will try to write often.

NELLIE K.

[If the women with red hair would only study how to use it becomingly, they would be proud of the distinction of having it, instead of dissatisfied with their fate. There seems to be an impression among women with red hair that almost any shade of blue can be worn by them, because, as a usual thing, they have fair and delicate complexions. But, as a matter of fact, blue is the one color above all others that they ought to avoid. The contrast is too violent, and the combination is not harmonious. The shades most suitable to be worn with red hair are bright, sunny brown, and all autumn leaf tints. After these may be selected pale or very dark green—but never a bright green—pale yellow and black unmixed with any other color. Solid colors are more becoming to red-haired people than mixed, the mixed colors nearly always giving a more or less dowdy appearance. In fact, red hair is usually so brilliant and decided that it must be met on its own ground, and no vague, undecided sort of things should be worn with it.]

DEAR MINNIE MAY,—I have some colored silk embroidery which have become soiled; can you tell me how I may clean without injuring or perhaps totally destroying them?

"ROSEBUD."

[Immerse the articles in gasoline, let stand for a time, then rinse in some clean gasoline; hang outside in shady place till the odor disappears, then press carefully. I have read of one lady who cleaned the trimmings of all kinds and also the straw

of her summer hats in the same manner. The gasoline thus used, if allowed to settle, will pour off clear and be none the worse; it is also considered preferable to benzine for cleaning kid gloves.—M. M.]

DEAR MINNIE MAY,—I will just take a seat in the Corner for a few minutes, and meanwhile will tell of an inexpensive and quaint birthday gift that any one may make. Take four pieces of tan-colored blotting-paper, cut in form of a shoe sole, tie together with ribbon the same color, and paint or gild this inscription on the top sheet: "I send you this birthday offering from the bottom of my soul." Another thing that may be useful to some is a little item I read recently about restoring the whiteness to flannel that has become yellow from washing or age: Dissolve thoroughly one and a-half pounds of Marseilles soap and two-thirds of an ounce of sal-ammoniac in fifty parts water. Put the flannel in the solution and leave for some time, stirring occasionally, then wash in clear water.

RUTH GORDON.

[Ruth is welcome to occupy a seat in our Corner for more than a few minutes, and we hope she will call again.—M. M.]

Answers to December 1st Puzzles.

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