

seen, take but very little exercise, so they are generally
sallow and delicate. We have not yet heard of an
"all-round" American lady, one who like numerous
English ladies, could play lawn tennis, ride, row,
swim, or occasionally go in for a little cricket with
her brothers.

The American gentlemen, however, are but little
better; they do not take any more exercise than
possible. All their time is occupied, when not
speeding their splendid trotters, in hasting to collect
the almighty dollar, in order to build a big house
on Fifth Avenue, or to satisfy their wife's cravings
for a diamond to beat her neighbours.

Of course we were slightly "had" for our after-
noon's ride, as everybody else is over horse or cab
hiring in America.

The charges are simply outrageous; two dollars or
more being the smallest sum that you can ride any
distance at all for. One day we saw an empty cab
going up Fifth Avenue, and although the driver had
to pass the Windsor, he asked a dollar and a half (six
shillings) for two for less than a mile. The cab and
jobbing business is a monopoly, and, I am told,
chiefly in Irish hands; the prices are kept up in
order to retain the Irish vote. Politics are in every-
thing, even in the dusty roads, which the lazy work-
man will not trouble himself over. He knows too
well the party in power are unwilling to lose his