

HE'S QUITE A FAST 'UN

Came Down the Home Stretch
at a Canter Which Sadly
Nonplussed his adversary.

The Dispenser of Invigorators thought
he could print a few but the
Quiet civic servant taught
him otherwise.

It was nearing the uncanny hour of midnight yesterday when several figures, scarcely discernable in the darkness, made their way up the deserted race track at the Fair grounds to the building honored by the name of club house. Upon arrival animated scenes followed. In the flickering brightness of an occasional lighted match men could be seen delving into the interior of substantial sweaters, donning the athletic regalia of long distance runners; going through the preliminaries of "rubbing down and loosening up."

A little later two muffled figures were led to the judges' stand, stripped, finally admonished by their backers and the word given.

"They're off."

And they were.

But it might be well to explain. Just a short hour earlier they had formed a pleasant part of a congenial coterie who were whiling away time in the discussion of athletics.

The road-maker had just completed the story of a famous foot race, but the dispenser of wet goods looked contemptuous.

"Foot?" the latter exclaimed.

"Why, I've done much better than that myself. In fact I'll wager \$5 that I can distance any man in town any age for a mile right now."

The road-maker slowly ran his eye

over the man of the bluff. Then he addressed him.

"Bout what age limit do you cover?"

"I don't expect to see 43 much longer."

The road-maker coughed, then coolly took out a pocket-book from which he produced a crisp five-spot and laid it on the counter.

"Guess I can qualify under the conditions of that bet of yours," was all he said.

The custodian of the refreshment bureau was tickled. It looked like easy money and he beamed and smiled.

An hour later they were on the track.

At the start the wine clerk shot to the front and the road-maker settled into a long, swinging gait behind. At the quarter pole, the positions were unchanged, but as the end of the first half was reached spectators noticed the leader was puffing spasmodically.

The road-maker was not distressed—on the contrary a smile mantled his classic features—and he gradually quickened his loping stride. The distance between the runners rapidly decreased and ere the last quarter was reached the road-maker, shrouded in front and as he turned into the stretch the wine clerk collapsed on the back stretch and was later gathered together in a sad state.

The road-maker did not let up until he crossed the line, a winner. Then he turned to the spectators without turning a hair.

"Well, boys," he said, "come up town and have the cigars."

It is now understood that any customer who talks foot race in a certain bar-room within the precincts of the city is liable to go thirsty.

TO KILL SPAIN'S KING.

Paris, May 30. — A despatch to the Patrie from Barcelona, Spain, says:—The police are keeping a vigilant watch on the frontier and at the ports in order to effect the capture of two Anarchists—a Spaniard and an Italian—who are believed to have landed at Marseilles, and to be making their way to Madrid with the intention of attempting to assassinate the King. The conspiracy was hatched in an Anarchist centre in North America. All vessels from Marseilles and Genoa are thoroughly searched.

Local Budget

See Morton's saws and chisels. If Naylor Rogers, Cleveland, Ohio, is in the city.

Good smart boy wanted. Apply at Wm. Gray & Sons.

The Epworth League of the Park St. Methodist Church will hold a moonlight excursion on the evening of June 14.

Buy your carpenter's tools at Morton's hardware.

C. J. Cunow, who has been visiting his father-in-law, Andrew Wilson, Wood street, left for his home in Akron, Ohio, to-day.

J. F. VanAllen, who has been in the city for the past few weeks, left on Thursday afternoon to take a position on the Leamington News, published by Mr. McKay.

Mrs. Willmot, mother of Mrs. Chas. Williamson, Victoria avenue, left the city on Thursday, 23rd inst., on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Phillips, Portland, Maine, where she will spend the summer months.

Census Commissioner Waugh is rapidly getting his returns despatched to Ottawa. As each municipality is completed the report is forwarded. Already Tilbury township, Tilbury village, Romney township and Raleigh township have been finished and Mr. Waugh is now working on the report for Harwich.

Mr. Hutchinson, who has resigned his position on The Planet on account of ill health, and is going west on the advice of his physician, Dr. Hall, intends to sell the contents of his house by auction on Wednesday next.

Mr. Burk will conduct the sale. Mr. Hutchinson lives on Eighth street, far side of the jail. See advertisement in another column.

"Different people have different ways of paying their poll tax but I guess that I was up against it to-day," said P. C. Tom Groves, as he pulled a paper bag filled with coppers from his pocket. "One young fellow has just paid me in coppers and I feel like I was carrying the white man's burden. However, coppers are money, and money is what we want."

Mr. Metnier, Cross St., is improving.

The child of H. Scott, Queen St., is recovering.

G. S. Taylor, London, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. D. S. Shaw, of Detroit, is visiting in the city.

Jas. Sterling, of Blenheim, was in the city yesterday.

Thomas Hudson, of Ridgetown, was a Maple City visitor yesterday.

Ida Dagneau, who has been ill at St. Joseph's Hospital, is improving.

D. W. Connel, superintendent of Pontiac Buggy Co., was in the city yesterday the guest of Wm. Gray & Sons.

There will be a literary meeting of Victoria Ave. Methodist League to-night. A good program has been arranged.

Sewer connections are being made at the binder twine factory to-day.

J. A. Steery of Waterloo, was in the city yesterday.

Why throw your old carpets away when you can get them made up into beautiful rugs any size you want at the Chatham Rug Factory? E. O. proprietor. See advt. in another column.

Two young lads on Wednesday last caught a dog belong to Mr. H. Kearns living on Joseph street, and gave him a coat of paint. Policeman Groves was notified of the fact and ascertaining the young lads' names, gave them a call, also a lecture, stating if that dog was not cleaned by 9 o'clock on Thursday morning they would be brought up before the magistrate. The boys were up bright and early and with soap, soft water and a rag, finished their task at the time stated, with a few moments to spare.

THEY TOOK POISON.

Big Rapids, Mich., May 30. — Last night Jesse Shattuck was discovered near the school house grounds suffering from poison. Later her companion, Vernice Davis, was found near about 20 yards off, and took poison with suicidal intent. They are in a precarious condition. It is claimed they saw their male companions in the company of other girls and the life had no further charm for them.

UNDERWEAR

For Warm Weather

A timely subject now. Even the sheep, whose natural coat it is likes to get rid of his fleece before June.

If your doctor or your wisdom says "wool all summer" here are appropriate summer wools—thin, porous, elastic, as nearly unshrinkable as wool can be made.

Fancy striped Cotton Shirts and drawers with bound neck, ribbed cuffs and ankles; 36 to 40 inch breast measure, per garment.....	20c
Balbriggan Underwear, French neck, satene bindings, ribbed cuff and ankle, sizes 36 to 40, per garment.....	25c
Double Thread Balbriggan, well finished, with satene bindings, sizes 32 to 42, per garment.....	37 1/2c
Extra Fine Balbriggan, choice of several lines, plain or stripe patterns, satene or cord silk facings, pearl buttons, very finely finished, at 50c and.....	75c
Three lines of Merino, two plain and one striped, fine satene facings, trouser finish drawers, ribbed cuff and ankle, sizes 36 to 40, per garment.....	50c
Fine, soft natural wool, French neck, cashmere facings, ribbed cuff and ankle, drawers have trouser finish. These are absolutely all wool. Sizes 34 to 44, per garment.....	75c
Extra quality of Cashmere, made and finished like the natural wool and all pure woolen, sizes 36 to 46, per garment \$1.00 and.....	\$1.10

We sell the Dr. Deimel Linen Mesh Underwear. The makers of these goods have secured the warm endorsement of many physicians on account of the sanitary properties of the porous linen fabric used. Owing to its cellular texture, this fabric drinks moisture as readily as a huck towel and evaporates it more readily. Perspiration is quickly seized by it and passed into the air without danger of a chill to the wearer. These goods are handsomely trimmed.

Three Dollars a Garment.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS

AN IMPERIAL EDITION.

Berlin, May 30.—The German Minister at Peking, Dr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein, confirms the report that an edict was issued by the Chinese Emperor Monday, May 27, agreeing to pay the indemnity of \$50,000,000, with interest on the principal at four per cent.

DELIRIOUS FROM FEVER.

Winnipeg, May 30.—Wm. L. Jones, delirious from the effects of typhoid fever, got out of his room early this morning, and ran through the streets in his night robe. He was seen in the bush near Fort Rouge, about 8 o'clock this morning, after which all trace of him was lost. Search parties are looking for him.

A Great Tearing Down and Re-building

The contracts have been signed for the remodeling of our entire store. We are going to tear out the entire back wall and put on an addition that will make our store

One-Third Larger

than it is at present. The entire shelving and counters throughout the entire store will be remodeled and when completed we will have for you one of the most modern, complete, up-to-date Dry Goods Store in Canada. In the meantime WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO FOR ROOM? Operations will commence at once and soon we will be in the midst of bricks and mortar. WE MUST REDUCE OUR IMMENSE STOCK and to do so most expeditiously we inaugurate a

Tremendous June Sale to Commence on Saturday June 1st, at 8 o'clock

Every department in the house will contribute its loss towards the success of this great sale. Goods will be so cheap that they will talk to you from the counters. We have been anticipating this great sale all season, planning for it, preparing for it and we are bound to make a success of it. Come in and see us—Lots of lines will be reduced that do not find space in the newspapers.

Black Dress Goods

For our great tearing down June sale we are making havoc amongst our black dress goods. Our stock of black dress goods is tremendous, much too large, and we have got to make room for our cramped conditions while rebuilding the store.

These are a few of the item reductions:

Three pieces 42 in. wide all wool crepons, good, black, reg. price 50c, sale price—

33c.

Six pieces fine, all wool and mohair, figured black dress goods, 42 and 44 in. wide, reg. price 75c, sale price—

48c.

Four pieces fine, figured black dress goods, 44 in. wide, all wool and mohair, regular price \$1 a yard, sale price—

69c.

Three pieces all wool dress goods, 46 in. wide, matchless effects, reg. price \$1.75 a yard, sale price—

90c.

Three pieces grenadine stripes, black dress goods, 44 in. wide, correct for summer wear, reg. 85c and 90c a yard, sale price—

49c.

Silks

Two hundred yards of navy and black ground foulard silks with designs in white, handsome goods and very serviceable for waists or dresses, reg. 50c a yard, special sale price—

25c.

Three hundred yards wash silks, in Japan and English Pongee silks, in neat checks and stripes, worth reg. 50c a yard, sale price—

25c.

Six pieces colored satin with neat self-colored figure, suitable for waists or trimming, in shades of blue, green, navy, yellow, myrtle, electric and coralflower, reg. price 75c a yard, sale price—

48c.

Remember the Sale Begins on Saturday Morning, June 1st.

Colored Dress Goods

In no other department are price reductions more marked than in the colored dress goods. The absolute necessity of reducing this immense stock by at least one-third to make space for attractions makes apparent the reason for such reductions as are here quoted:

Six pieces tweed dress goods, suitable for skirts and for children's dresses, 42 in. wide, regular price 50c a yard, on sale during June for—

25c.

Four pieces French wale serges, all wool, 44 in. wide, in shades of brown, navy, slate, and garnet, reg. \$1.25, sale price—

78c.

Three pieces camel's hair wale serges, 44 in. wide, in shades of brown, navy, slate, excellent goods for separate skirts, reg. price 75c a yard, sale price, special—

48c.

Four pieces knickerbocker tweed serges, 44 in. wide, in good colors of fawn, grey, myrtle and brown, just the correct item for putting skirts or suits, regular \$1 a yard, sale price, special—

67c.

Six pieces handsome plaid dress goods, in elegant color combinations, 42 in. wide, all wool, fine cloth finish, regular 75c a yard, sale price—

49c.

Dress Goods Special

Twenty pieces of fine colored dress goods, consisting of elegant self-colored effects and plain self-colored, in every desirable spring and summer shade, regular prices are 75c to \$1.25 a yard, the entire lot placed on centre table and sold during the great June Sale for per yard—

47c.

Cotton

You do not often have opportunity to buy cotton under regular value. We have just completed a special purchase of unbleached factory cotton below regular value, and to boom this great sale of ours and to make room for our extensive attractions, we are going to sell you during this sale a good weight factory cotton, almost a yard wide, for

4c. a yard.

Shirtings

A tremendous stock of shirtings bought on a low market enables us to make you two extraordinary offerings in good shirtings:—

10 pieces fine Oxford shirtings, in very desirable checks, worth regular 8c a yard, sale price

6 1/2c.

10 pieces heavy Indigo stripe shirtings, good firm, heavy cloth, worth regular 10c a yard, sale price

8c.

We cannot promise that these two lines will last very long at the price, and would recommend immediate purchase of them.

Black Silk Grenadines

3 pieces black silk Grenadines in handsome floral and stripe designs, 46 inches wide, worth regular \$1.00 a yard, sale price special

48c.

Please remember that our great sale begins on Saturday, June 1st, and throughout the month, special items being added from time to time.

Carpets

300 yards in three good designs, English eight wire tapestry carpet, regular price 58c a yard, made and laid during the sale for per yard

56c.

325 yards in three good desirable

designs, English eight wire tapestry carpet, extra value at our regular price 70c a yard, your choice, made and laid during the sale for

58c.

295 yards four frame English Brussels carpets with borders to match in two very excellent designs, suitable for dining room, library or parlor, regular price \$1.00 yard, made and laid at sale price per yard

88c.

1 piece all wool carpet, regular 75c yard, sale price

50c.

2 pieces extra heavy beat union carpet, regular 45c, sale price

39c.

2 pieces beat all wool two ply carpet, regular 85c yard, sale price

72c.

1 piece extra super, wool filled carpet, regular 65c yard, sale price

50c.

Lace Curtains

1-2 yards long, 50 inches wide, corded edges, elegant floral design, regular price \$1.25 a pair, special sale price

98c.

3-12 yards long, 50 inches wide, thread net curtains with handsome Battenburg effect border, regular \$1.50 a pair, special sale price

\$3.50.

Tapestry Curtains

3-14 yards long, 48 inches wide, French tapestry—curtains, figured both ends, in colors brown and green, regular price \$7.50 pair, special sale price

\$5.50.

3-14 yards long, 36 inches wide, Damask curtains, in colors red, green and brown, special sale price

\$2.50.

3-14 yards long, 45 inches wide, in color green only, figured both ends, regular price \$3.50, special sale price

\$3.00.

Millinery

Great chances for money saving in this stock, and the reason; the rear wall of the store will be torn out within two weeks when hundreds of dollars' worth of fine millinery that must be gotten out of the way before they commence. Bricks and mortar are not good for fine chiffons, gauzes, flowers, etc.

And we're going to sell them.

Hats at \$1.00 worth \$2.00. Hats at \$1.50 worth \$3.00. And so on all the way up. These are not old goods, but bright and fresh from our workroom.

Do you want to trim your own hat? Or put additional flowers or chiffon on it? If so, this is your chance. A large table of chiffons, and gauzes—another of flowers.

Some of them at one-quarter off; some at half price. In the millinery show room.

Tailor Made Suits

This is a sale of stupendous proportions—of price, fit, dress, and style perfection, calculated to loosen the purse strings of those who want a good suit at a bargain.

Tailor made suit, sizes 32, 34 and 36, in fawn, brown, light and dark grey; finest linings throughout; made in natural measurements—will fit to suit your taste and judgment. They are made for fashion and for service. Sale prices—

Regular \$18.00 quality for \$9.00. Regular \$15.00 quality for \$7.50. Regular \$17.50 quality for \$8.75. and various other kinds and qualities at reduced prices.

Ready to Wear Skirts

Lots of them, in various colors; the tailor made hand-stitched and pressed so that every seam hangs exactly right. We mention one line.

Ladies' check tweed skirts in browns

and greys, with 12 in. flounce, tucked, perfect fitting, regular price \$5.00, our sale price \$2.50. Every skirt in the store a special bargain during this sale.

A chance of a lifetime.

Mandelburg's waterproofs at 1-4 off. The finest made.

Ladies Under Skirts

These ready-to-wear underskirts are made of the best mercerized satene. Some of them have deep accordion pleated flounce, others have three rows of frills, 4 inches deep, the very latest style in every particular, an extraordinary offering:

Regular \$1.50 quality for \$1.25. Regular \$1.75 quality for \$1.50. Regular \$2.00 quality for \$1.70. Regular \$2.75 quality for \$2.25. Regular \$3.25 quality for \$2.75.

Ladies Spring Jackets and Oapes.

Some beautiful chiffon and jet goods among them. The very latest. Jackets in fawn and black, box back and semi-fitting, also some extra effects, the choicest goods, the chance is yours while the sale lasts at

1-4 off.

Shawls

The finest Scotch goods, at 1-4 off regular prices.

During the sale you will never have such a chance again of procuring a fine shawl so cheap.

....THOMAS STONE & SON....