

much as possible, against their abuse. The principal one is that of making this noble pastime a trade, or as our 'cute and cunning neighbours in Yankee-town would say, a *speculation*. Jockeyship of all kinds should be discouraged, from the sharp-eyed boy, who, with a knowing leer, will take a bribe on both sides, to the importer and puffer of horses that „ have beat all before them in the Upper Province and in the States." All sales of horses made on the ground should be declared void, and the disgraceful scene that has been practiced here, of an auctioneer selling horses on the spot after the races, utterly prohibited. Let the contest be between gentlemen and gentlemen, to try the speed, mettle, and bottom of their own horses, for an honorary or trifling premium; and let jockeys, horse-dealers, and professed *speculators* be in every possible way discouraged. Gambling too is, I will allow, an evil of gigantic growth that will accompany this species of amusement; nor do I know of any remedy that can be proposed that can remove it. Some consolation may be found in the reflection that in these hard times, as there is little to spend, there is less to sport.

CRITIC, who ought rather to have signed MISOGYNOS, conceiving I want to make all women appear angels, instances Queen Mary, Lot's daughters, Joseph's mistress, Sampson's Dalilah, and Herod's Herodias, as either, in his courtly language, great she-devils, or such at least as played the devil sufficiently in their turn. I never contended there were no bad women, (I do not mean, *bad women* in the sense that mothers and aunts mean when they admonish their sons and nephews, for every body knows there are plenty of them in Montreal, and some of them good creatures too, but I contend that in wo-