

boats at the finish, and the time being best on record. In 1876 he and Landers beat Tom Butler and Frenchy Johnson a three-miler in the same class of boats. He stands 5 ft 6 in in height and weighed 175 lb. seven or eight pounds less than Ten Eyck scaled. A short time before the match with the New Yorker was made Davis challenged Biglin, leaving \$100 on deposit at this time for a fortnight, but Biglin didn't come to the front. The course was one mile and half up stream from Montrose, Lent and Block's dock to a stakeboat near Iona Island, and back to place of starting, stakeboats to be turned from east to west. There was considerable money wagered on the event, Ten Eyck at first having the call, but afterwards the market underwent a change, and odds were offered on the Portlander just before and after the start. When the men took up their stations the tide was running high, and the water was in very good order, though not absolutely smooth. Davis, whose appearance was not greeted with the rousing cheers which welcomed his opponent, won the choice of position, and took the inside. They got off well together, both pulling rapidly; but a few strokes sent the Eastern sculler's shell to the front, and a half mile away there was open water between the boats, to which Davis at one time added a half length or so, but afterwards fell back a little, and in this way they rowed to the upper stake. Ten Eyck lunged to his man well, and made a gallant effort to catch him as they neared the turning boats; but Davis was ready with an answering spurt, which kept Jimmy at a safe distance, the member from Maine going round his stake over a length and a half ahead. On the journey back the New Yorker repeatedly spurted with desperate energy, but all his efforts were unavailing, and the finish saw him more than a length in the rear. The race had been exciting all through, and though their man had suffered defeat, the spectators cheered winner and loser lustily.—Time, 22 min 29 sec.

TOM GRANT, formerly an accomplished horseman, coach and trainer, died recently in England, after a prolonged illness. He was the late Robert Chambers' original coach, and was trainer and coach to the Dublin University Boat Club, who in 1869 and 1870 were victorious in twenty-three races, including the Visitors' Cup at Henley.

PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN FRANCE

According to the results of an action before the civil tribunal of Melun, in the Department of the Seine-et-Marne, it appears that in France a landowner is not entitled to destroy upon his property birds which feed on animals and insects injurious to his neighbors. He is even liable to be assessed for damages for so doing in a way that would seem strange to Americans. We are told that the plaintiff in the case referred to alleged that M. de Segonsac had ordered his game-keeper to place, upon posts not far from his (plaintiff's) land, snares, in which owls, cats, and other night-birds are frequently caught; that in spite of the repeated complaints made the destruction continued, and that in consequence mice and other vermin had increased to such an extent as to spoil his crops. The tribunal, holding that these acts, if proved, would render the defendant liable for damages, have appointed three neighboring farmers as experts to ascertain what damage, if any, has been done to plaintiff's crops, and whether it has been caused by animals whose presence on his land is due to the destruction of birds of prey by the defendant. In the event of their answering these two questions in the affirmative, they are to assess the amount of damage done and report to the tribunal.

Mr. Wm. Chambers, of Centreville, while wrestling last week broke his leg.

time had come to once again arouse the weary and exhausted man. Almost invariably the wiry little fellow appeared up to time. A procession was then formed, consisting of eight of the attendants, carrying a lantern, one of the judges, who were bound to walk with him, and generally two or three visitors, who were "making a night of it." Each lap (four making the mile) was called by the walking judge and duly echoed by the assistant judge in the box, who recorded the same in a book, taking the time of each mile and each mile and a half. And thus the weary hours of day and night passed, one walk apparently being scarcely concluded when it was time to commence the next. Fortunately for Gale, he was enabled to eat well throughout his task, taking, at times, a couple of good-sized mutton chops at one meal, in addition to which he took tea, eggs, beer, in fact, anything he seemed to fancy. As an exhibition of powers of endurance, this walk is undoubtedly the most wonderful feat ever yet accomplished.—*Turf, Field, and Farm.*

A WONDERFUL YEARLING.

After the trot of half-mile heats for the get of Administrator on Wednesday last, the winner, Memento, out of Keepsake by Alexander's Abdallah, her dam by Stockbridge Chief, trotted a mile; the first quarter in 43, the half-mile in 1:27, the mile 2:56. This is the same filly that took the weanling premium last year for the get of Administrator. We took occasion then to say that she was one of the biggest gaited and most wonderful actioned weanlings that we had ever seen. She has lost none of her wonderful action, but rather improved since then, and has a big, slashing, open stride that would do credit to a five-year-old. While we do not approve of trotting yearlings, this filly will not be injured by her trotting, as she is a natural horn one.

Col. R. S. Strader, in whose stable she is, informs us, as did her driver, Mr. Mike Bowerman, that the first time that Memento was trotted, she went a half-mile in 1:34. Mr. Bowerman weighs 165 pounds, and had two large sweat blankets on the sulky. This trial was so satisfactory that she has never been speeded again until Wednesday. Barring accidents Memento will make a most wonderful trotter, and must add still more to the reputation of Administrator as a sire.—*Kentucky Live Stock Record.*

WINNING MOUNTS.

Below will be found a list of the jockeys who have, during the season, won six races and upwards, with the total amount of money won by each, calculated up to Wednesday of last week:

	Won.	Lost.	Total.	Winnings.
Barrett.....	31	69	100	\$29,600
Barbee.....	27	59	86	25,772
Evans.....	24	50	74	14,775
Murphy.....	17	22	39	11,425
Kelso.....	13	31	44	6,180
Hughes.....	14	78	92	6,775
Walker.....	11	14	25	10,725
Sayers.....	10	54	64	10,587
Hayward.....	9	29	38	22,500
Sparling.....	10	51	61	3,825
Allen.....	8	32	40	3,525
Maney.....	7	12	19	4,745
Midgley.....	6	9	15	2,425
Spillman.....	6	44	50	1,850
Swim.....	6	54	60	2,800

CHECKERS.

The New York Clipper publishes a challenge from J. Labadie to "J. M. Dykes (who claims the championship of Canada), to play a match of twenty games for a silver medal, emblematic of the honor of checker champion of Canada, said medal to be given by the Canadian checker club of Chatham."

A BLIND PLAYER.—Mr. Bennett has lately been playing by sense of feeling, at Glasgow, Scotland, the playing squares being mortised below the surface at the board, and one set of pieces being round and the other square.

search of another. The third demurely went till he had got well off, and then flew to the tree, secured the stolen feather, and took it in triumph to her own nest.

This story we are assured is a true one. It certainly shows the power of reasoning by a bird, just as, just as conclusively as any logical process that was ever employed by David Hume or Jay Gould. Whether it also furnishes another argument to sustain the modern theory of the innate superiority of the female sex depends somewhat upon the point of view from which such smart but reprehensible conduct is regarded.

AN AUTOMATIC HORSE.

Mr. J. H. Nolan, who already secured him a high station in the mechanical world has just invented a novel means of locomotion, which is in the form of an automatic or self-produced by the weight which is carried. The "horse" and its appliances are models of mathematical simplicity, and any amount of speed can be secured, in fact can be made to go faster for a mile than the fastest trotting horse of the day. A small "horse capable of carrying a man 10 or 12 miles an hour, can be built at from fifteen to twenty dollars; smaller ones, which can be used by children for recreation, can be built at from three to five dollars. The "horse" can carry considerable weight in addition to the rider. The person sits in position as he would upon the live animal, with the feet in the stirrups and reins in hands, in which position he can govern the speed and guide the "horse" at will. There was an exhibition made with one of these "horses" recently, in a hall in this city, and although the room was small and unfavorable for either speed or ease of locomotion, a boy weighing sixty pounds propelled the "horse" at from six to seven miles an hour with the utmost ease. The experiment thoroughly established the practical value of the invention.—*Boston Traveller.*

AN INTELLIGENT DOG.

We hear much of the intelligence of dogs, and the many wonderful and well vouched instances that are recorded can scarcely cause surprise at any new proof of sagacity. The following from Belgium has been commented upon severely, but there seems no reason for doubting that dogs are capable of all the reasoning faculties here implied:

A certain Monsieur N—, going on foot from Leuze to Lessines, in Belgium, took with him his dog, which he was anxious to get rid of; but he was unwilling either to drown him or to shoot him, he resolved to lose him on the way. The dog, who, instead of kind words and caresses, received nothing but threats, seemed to understand his master's project; he kept quite close to his heels, and would not leave him for a moment. N—, obliged to sleep out for that night in order to finish his business, went to the inn, and said to his four-footed companion, instead of good night, "To-morrow, you rascal, I shall take the train, and you will have to walk about here." He then went up to his room and went to bed.

The next morning, great was N—'s surprise to perceive when he got up that one of his socks and his waistcoat were missing. The landlord, when questioned, maintained that no one could have taken these articles as no other stranger had been lodged in the inn. They were all searching and wondering, when they found in a corner of the house the dog, who had been so threatened the evening before, lying upon the stocking and waistcoat of his master. The poor animal seemed to have wished in this way to prevent his master from starting without him. N—, admiring the sagacity of his dog, no longer tried to get rid of him.

PRETTY STEEP.

The following yarn was related in a road-side ranch up in Montana: "Yes, I was a trapper and scout for thirty years, and during that time I tramped nearly every part of the great Northwest. At the time I was just speaking of, I was guiding a captain of the army to St. Louis from Fort Laramie, in the dead of winter. The captain afterwards became a great general, and is known all over the Union, they say. We had

struggled for three minutes past eight the athletes took hold. For fifteen minutes the wrestling was rather tame, both men appearing unusually cautious and each anxious for the other to begin the battle by some vigorous move. The first approach to a fall was by Bauer, who, tired of the skirmishing, made a desperate dash, and, by a fine exhibition of strength, lifted Miller completely off his feet and deposited him sideways on the padded platform. No fall was of course declared, but the cheering and shouting was scarcely less boisterous than if one had been allowed. Again renewing their hold, more timidity and by-play was indulged in, and for about twenty minutes the match was about even. Occasionally Miller got an excellent hold on his antagonist, but the advantage was each time short-lived, as by dexterity and suppleness Bauer always managed to get clear of his peril. Shortly before nine o'clock Bauer made a second fine display of his skill by lifting Miller in the air, who landed on his hands and feet. After this no little interest was concentrated in a position in which the athletes remained for an unusually long time. Miller had succeeded in getting Bauer on his hands and knees; then kneeling beside him he remained waiting in patience for his opportunity, but none came, although much skirmishing took place. The position was finally broken by a desperate struggle in which neither obtained any advantage. At 9h. 23m. time was called, and an intermission of twenty minutes took place, during which the attendants rubbed down their respective principals.

The battle again began the same tactics were repeated and continued with varying success until 10h 30., when another rest took place. At 10h 50m the men once more began, and it was evident that earnest business was meant. At 11h 04m., Miller secured the first fall. Bauer had raised him in his arms like a baby, and every one thought he would gain the fall, but both fell together, and Bauer was underneath. The referee announced the first fall for Miller.

The cheering which followed Miller's success was vociferous, and during the excitement many left the Garden believing that the match had ended under the rule. The more knowing ones however, held their places and were rewarded by the renewal of the contest after a fifteen minutes' rest. As the two men grappled it was plain to see that the struggle was to be a desperate one. All caution seemed to be abandoned. Miller resorted to an under lock, while Bauer relied mainly on the use of his head in worrying his antagonist about the neck, together with a vice-like grip around Miller's body. Inside of three minutes began a vigorous tussle for supremacy. Bauer forced Miller's head downward with one hand, while with the other he endeavored to make him turn a back summersault, but Miller resisted all efforts to be fixed on his back. At twenty-three minutes past eleven Dan Whitaker called "time," and the men released their holds. "Under the rule," shouted Mr. Whittaker, "the victory is Miller's." The rule in question provided that if only one fall occurred within three hours after the beginning of the match the winner of that fall would be declared the victor. The announcement of Miller's success was received with applause.

A GREAT DEVIL FISH.

The steamer Cortes, which arrived yesterday from St. John's Newfoundland, brought an enormous "devil fish," which was captured at Catalina Harbor, Newfoundland, on the 22nd of last month. It was transported in two immense wooden casks, filled with brine, and is in splendid condition, all of the parts being in a good state of preservation. It will be taken from Pier 10 North River, where it is at present to the Aquarium, at Thirty-fifth street and Broadway, where a tank has been constructed for its exhibition. It is unquestionably the largest of the kind ever captured dead or alive. The creature measures forty feet and six inches by actual measurement between the extremities of its two longest arms. The body is ten feet long and more than seven in circumference. The eyes are the largest of any known animal, being eight inches in diameter. Taxidermists will be set to work upon it to day, and it is expected that by the middle of this week it will be ready for exhibition.—*N. Y. Herald.*

of a package of pills to her on the last mile of her long walk. She is, in the opinion of medical men who have examined her, an usually free from physical defects, notwithstanding her long walks. At the close of her recent walk of three hundred and sixty miles in six days she was carefully examined by six well-known physicians of the city, and they pronounced her lungs in a state of healthy and normal activity. Her respiration was from twenty three to twenty six, and her pulse was only eighty six. When off duty Miss Hillern spends her time in making oil sketches.

A BAD BOY.

A young lad in this city, managed, by great industry and perseverance, to gather together a lot of worn out billiard cue tips. The other day a bright idea struck him, and he got an empty lozenge box, packed the cue tips neatly in it, and palmed them off on his mother's aged female domestic, who was suffering from a cold, as a cough medicine. The unsuspecting woman put one in her mouth, and broke her two last remaining teeth at the first attempt to bite it. The boy was laughing and dancing around with delight, when his mother appeared on the scene, she took in the situation at a glance, and her hopeful continued to dance—but to a different tune. Next day, the old servant had her jaw in a sling, and the bad boy took his breakfast off the mantelpiece.

A HORSE DRIVES COWS TO PASTURE.

Miss Charlotte Thornton, of Woodford, N. Y., has an old black horse which goes straight to the blacksmith shop and deliberately walks in, unattended, every time he loses a shoe. A negro boy usually rides him to drive the cows to and from the pasture. The other day the darkey didn't come to time, and the intelligent horse drove the cows to the pasture, at another time he went to the pasture alone and drove the cows home.

DAKING AND SUCCESSFUL SURGICAL OPERATION.

Our correspondent at Campbellton, New Brunswick, states that on Friday, the 6th instant, a remarkable operation was performed by Dr. Balcom, of Campbellton, assisted by Dr. Vonnor, on the person of Archibald Chatteran, a young man of about twenty-one years of age, belonging to that place. Young Chatteran has been suffering for some time with consumption, his right lung being completely softened and broken down, with the exception of a small portion at the top. His death was hourly expected for several weeks past. Dr. Balcom concluding that he could not, in the course of things, recover, resolved to open his chest, which he did by making a deep incision at the lower end of the shoulder blade, and inserted a silver tube, through which he drew out about two quarts of exceedingly offensive matter, and afterwards washed out the cavity thoroughly with disinfectants. The patient experienced immediate relief, his strength and appetite have returned in a great measure, and he is now able to walk about the house, whereas, before the operation he could not turn himself in bed. From the marked success of the operation, and the fact that the patient's left lung is apparently sound, his friends now entertain strong hopes of his recovery. Dr. Balcom claims that this is the first operation of the kind performed in the Province. It certainly reflects much credit on his skill and courage as a surgeon.—*St. John Paper.*

The Mt. Sterling, Pa., Democrat says: A large rattlesnake was killed in Breathitt county, a few days ago, that proved to be quite a curiosity. It was perfectly formed, save it had two well-developed necks and heads. The prongs of the necks were about four inches long, and the snake used both heads at the same time, striking with both and thrusting out its tongues in a spiteful manner, and had the appearance of two snakes so much so that the parties who killed it did not discover the deformity until his snake-ship was dead. We give Judge E. C. Strong, of Breathitt, as authority for the above, and he says it can be substantiated by a dozen good witnesses.