

Queen Bess was true to her promise; she did "make the best of a hard neces-sity," and offered no further opposition

Queen Bess did not suspect his pres-

eling companion.
"Allow me to give you mine," the young

man gallantly said, as he drew it from his pocket and passed it to her. "I have, unfortunately been confined to my state-room with seasickness until this morn-

Way. This explained, too, why Dr. Ashton had

not been near him during the last two days, a neglect which he had been inclined to resent.

"How have you managed without your escort?" he asked.
"Very well, thank you," Queen Bess re-

plied, quietly; "the stewardess has been very kind, only I have been rather lonely

among so many strangers."

She regretted having admitted that the moment she said it, when she saw his

[To be Continued.]

MURDEROUS ROBBERS

Blow Up a House With Dynamite

Proprietor Instantly Killed.

dynamite by robbers last night. Mr.

Floyd was killed instantly, and Mrs.

Floyd and the servant girl were seri-ously injured. The house was com-

pletely demolished. One thousand dol-

lars which it is said Floyd had in

the house is missing. Soline, Ala., Dec. 24.—A. M. Bass.

foreman of the coal chutes of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, was killed,

and J. F. Jones, agent of the road here,

was wounded last night while sitting

at the supper table of a hotel, the as-

sassins firing through the windows.

There is no clue to the perpetrators.

'BOBBY" AID IN A BURGLARY

Stood Guard While Pals Looted a Chi-

cago Jewelry Store.

Chicago, Dec. 24. - Policeman Patrick

Mahoney was found guilty, and Daniel

verdict of a locally sensational case

The burglary of Hagemann's jewel-

ry store, with which the defendants

were charged, netted the robbers \$10,000, of which \$1,000 was recovered by the

James Clark and an accomplice were

convicted and served terms in the pen-

Upon his release Clark told a s'

to the states attorney which resu d in the arrest of Curran, a saloonkeep-

uniform stood guard while the jewel-ry store was being looted.

Stranded Coal Barge Released.

Dalsy Carlton Acquitted.

in the case of Daisy Cariton, charged with the murder of Mrs. Joseph Leslie.

has rendered a verdict of not guilty, Her plea was self-defense. Mrs. Les-

lie, who was said to be jealous of Miss

Carlton, attempted to horsewhip the

latter, waylaying her on the street.

Miss Cariton, who had been warned, carried a revolver and shot her assailant when attacked.

Vandertilt's Condition.

New York, Dec. 24. — In a bulle-tin issued at the Vanderbilt residence

at 9:30 o'clock the attending physicians

state that Mr. Vanderbilt's temperature

is a little lower and his general con-

Warm Welcome to Exile.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.-Peter Ver-

igin, the Russian exiled Doukhobor,

dition is also slightly improved.

yesterday from his countrymen.

of recovering the bodies.

lows.

in Judge McEwen's court today.

the shoulder.

began to roll high."
"Ah!" said the

"Do not allow a momentary prejudice of together, my Beth," he said, softly.

"You should go as my wife; but now, just as I have become a member of the firm, I cannot possibly leave my busito warp your better judgment, Bessle," he uncle returned, kindly. "An ocean steamer is entirely different from a ness."
Mississippi River steamboat. That explosion was doubtless caused by the enshe d gines being overtaxed in a senseless race.
There will be nothing of the kind to fear
in going abroad, and, truly, my child,
we must do something for you at once,
or your health will be shattered beyond

in going abroad, and, truly, my child, we must do something for you at once, or your health will be shattered beyond repair."
If do not want to go to Europe," Queen Bess replied, with another shiver.
"That is a strange statement, for I know that it has been one of the strongest desires of your heart for a long time. What has changed your views?"
Queen Bess flushed crimson, and both gentlemen knew very well that her chireason was because she did not wish to leave her lover.

"I do not wish to leave here."
"Egbert Reynolds was attacked with in the seasiekness before the content of proposition to for their journey, and in less than a fortnight, instead of the stipulated month. John Ashton was on the broad Atlantic with his heiress, congratulating himself upon the success of his plot and the possession of twenty-five thousand dollars.

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do not wish to leave home, Uncle "I do not wish to leave home, Uncle John," she pleaded; "we have just got settled here again. If you insist that I need change, I will do anything you say for exercise. I will go out every day, ride in the carriage or on horseback, and walk miles, only do not send me away from New York."

three or six months, and I promise you that you will come back an entirely dif-If she could but have known in what way he was planning to make her a

different person!

"Well," he continued, rising, 'I have had my say, you can think it over, and whatever your decision may be. I feel hat I shall have done my duty."

He turned abruptly and left the room He turned abruptly and left the room

s he ceased speaking.

He was keen enough to understand that
he had said enough; he had broken the
ce, and now he felt assured that Kenneth Dr. Ashton's and your name upon it."
"The passenger list! I have not seen it," Queen Bess said, absently. She was anything but pleased with the prospect of having this rejected suitor for a traveling companion

would do the rest. And he did. Her nervousness and lack of celf-control, her pale cheeks and hol-low eyes, all convinced him that Dr. Ashton was right, and it was absolutely rielded to what she believed to be his

ou think I ought to go, I suppose must," she said, with a regretful sign; but somehow, Kenneth, I feel very unhappy about going."
He folded his arms closer about her; the feeling of desolation at his own heart, when he thought of the separation, al-

most unmanned him. most unmanned him.
"Try to look upon the bright side, dear, and think of coming back well and strong," he said, encouragingly.
"There does not seem to be any bright side to it." she answered, with a sigh; "and, Kenneth, I am sure you will think it very strange, but I feel as if I would writer to have almost anyons heside Lingle. refer to have almost anyone beside Uncle

Kenneth looked greatly surprised at this.
"Why, my darling." he said, "I supposed you considered Dr. Ashton your best friend—next to me, of course—and I should suppose that you would choose him in preference to anyone else as your

"I know. It does seem natural that I should, for he is my only relative, as well as my physician, and apparently he is very fond of me; but I have a feeling of late I cannot account for it either of distrust, a singular sense of insecurand shrinking when I am with him it I never experienced when mamma

"Do not allow any such fancy to take ossession of you and make you unhappy."

Lenneth said. "It is singular," he continued, "that only a little while ago I was filled with this same distrust, and there would have going to feared that your uncle was going to make trouble for us; but now I feel inclined to believe that I wronged him. He appears to be deeply interested in your welfare, and seems to be reconciled to our engagement, and so evidently anxious for your happiness that I am ashamed of my former opinions. At all ashamed of my former opinions. At all events, in this matter I second his plant for you most heartily. Go to Europe, my Beth; take a long or a short trip my Beth; take a long or a short trip as you feel disposed, and come back to me well and strong, with the old roses blooming on your cheeks, and I shall feel well repaid for the loneliness I shall experience during your absence."
"You will be lonely, Kenneth." Queen Bess said, looking up at him with wist-

ful tenderness.
"Do not think of that, my darling; you will soon be back again." he returned, smiling; but his lips trembled as he realized how much he should miss her. "What if I should never come back?" she cried, throwing herself upon his breast, with a passionate sob. "What if

preast, with a passionate sob. "What if I should never see you again?" He clasped her to him almost convul-sively, a terrible fear taking possession of him, and for a moment he could not ond to her. last he willed himself to say:

At last he willed himself to say:
"My Beth, this very morbidness on cour part convinces me that it is absoutely necessary for you to go. You will come back—you will see me again, and I shall write to you by every steamer. Fut on a cheerful face, darling; make up your mind that you will do your utmost to ecover both health and spirits, and then you will be able to return all the segmen." ou will be able to return all the sooner.' "I will," she responded, sitting up and peaking resolutely. "I feel that I have been very weak and childish about it; but will try to control myself, and make the nest of what seems to me a very hard necessity. If you could only go with me, Cenneth, I should look forward most joy-ully to the trip."

He touched her forehead fondly with his lips.
"If it were only a year later we would



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Answer Before Dec. 27.

Charge of Stealing Against Kid McCoy Has Been Dropped-General.

HOCKEY.

MONTREAL MAKES NO MOVE. Montreal, Dec. 24.-The Montreal Hocey Club, at last night's meeting, decided to do nothing with regard to the Stanley cup, and the decision of its trustees that the match should be played before the end of the league series. It, therefore, looks as if the Montreal club would play out its schedule and forfeit the cup, as the trustees insist upon an acceptance before the series is finished, and have set Dec. 27 for a definite

ST. JOHN'S A. C. PRACTICE. The St. John's Athletic Club hockey team held a practice last night in the Princess rink The play was fast Egbert Reynolds was attacked with seasickness before the vessel was half an hour from her pier, and for three days he was unable to make his appearance or deck throughout, and the work of the evening promises exceedingly well for the outlook of the club. Among those who look of the club. Among those who turned out with the team were Messrs. Thomas and William Woolley, Fred Adams, Charlie Johns, Basil Sterling, Arthur Mortimer and F. J. McEachren. The practice was held under the direction of Harry Peel. The team will meet again on Friday evening, at the same time and place.

THE FIRST GAME. ence, for her uncle had been careful to keep the passenger list from her, think-ig it w. be time enough for her to ig it w. be time enough for her to learn he to be their traveling companion when she should recover from his disagreeable attack, and was able to

present himself before her.
She was seated on deck one morning reading an interesting book, for Kenneth had taken care to provide her with Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The first game in he new Hockey League was won last hight by the Intermediate Rowing Club team, which has just organized. The game was well attended. everything to make the trip enjoyable, when someone touched her lightly upon

FIRST O. H. A. SCHEDULE. Looking up, she found young Reynolds standing, pale but smiling, beside her.
"Mr. Reynolds!" she exclaimed, starting up in surprise, and flushing vividly, Toronto, Dec. 24.-Group No. 5 of the Ontario Hockey Association was the first to convene and make the schedule for the playing season. Mr. W. H. S. Cane, of "how came you here?"
"I suppose in the same way that you came to be here," he replied, pleasantly.
"I walked quietly on board the vessel last Wednesday morning for the purpose of taking a little run through England, and was most asreably surprised on Newmarket, was the convener, and the neeting was held at the Walker House ast night. The schedule is:

Jan. 5—St. George's at Wellesley.

Jan. 9—Wellesleys at Newmarket.

Jan. 15—Newmarket at St. George's.

Jan. 19—Wellesleys at St. George's. and was most agreeably surprised, on looking over the passenger list, to find

Jan. 19—Wellesleys at St. George's. Jan. 23—St. George's at Newmarket. jan. 29—Newmarket at Wellesleys. Winners play off with Owen Sound, who drew a bye.
Teh referees are: St. George's, H. F.
Birmingham, J. R. Hynes; Newmarket,
Hugh Rose, T. F. Doyle; Wellesleys, W.
H. D!xon, W. A. Hewitt.

UNPROTESTED NOTES. Woodstock, London, the Toronto Marloros and other clubs are to the front with objections to their grouping, but Brantford is quite satisfied, and the Expositor says: "It must be admitted ing, and not been able to pay my respects to you. Have you suffered any inconvenience from the motion of the steamer, that the executive committee has done its Miss Marchment?"
"Not the slightest; but Uncle John was taken very ill yesterday, when the waves work pretty well, taking everything into consideration. There will no doubt be consideration. There will no doubt be some tall kicking from some of the clubs, some tall kicking from some of the clubs, but it is hard to see where the arrangement could have been improved upon taking into account the interests of all the clubs concerned."—Toronto Globe.

London has reasted the O. H. A. sys-"Ah!" said the young man, his face lighting, for he thought he should have a fine opportunity to make himself agreeable to her if her uncle was out of the way. ematically for the last few seasons.

find it is the only association to give them protection when they need it, and inci-dentally protect other teams against whom London may play. Win your district, boys, and when you have landed the championship tell the officials in charge to put you up against something stronger next season.—Galt Reporter. ronger next season.—Galt Reporter. Waterloo will play in Berlin today, and the return game will come off in Water-loo on New Year's Day. These are ex-hibitions, and the W. O. H. A. season will not start till Jan. 5. Varsity will play

not start till Jan. 5. "Varsitv will play an exhibition game in Port Hope today.

The Wiarton bankers have organized their hockey club with the following officers: Honorary president, G. W. Ames: president, J. J. Acres, Bank of Commerce; vice-president, C. E. Watson, Union Bank; secretary-treasurer, C. B. Crawford.

The Frontenacs may go to Pittsburg. but it will be with a team of about Quinte League strength. Good players are not likely to disqualify themselves by violat-ing the O. H. A. regulations. Mannington, W. Va., Dec. 24. - The residence of Robert Floyd, two miles north of here, was blown up with

THE RING. McCOY CASE DROPPED. New York, Dec. 27.-Norman Selby, he pugilist known as "Kid McCov." has been exonerated from the charge of stealing a \$1,000 bill from David Lamar. In withdrawing the charge today, Lamar explained to the police that he had been the victim of a pracof his with whom he was drinking in Selby's saloon.

WILL NOT MEET JEFFRIES. Butte, Mon., Dec. 24 .-- Jack Munroe states that he will not meet Champion James J. Jeffries at present. "My condition is wholly unfit at the present time to fight successfully anyone, let alone Jeffries or Fitzsimmons," "I purpose to devote myself to diligent training, and in a short while anyone who wants to can challenge

CLAIMED A FOUL. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.-The cham-Curran, co-defendant, not guilty, of pionship bantam contest between Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Frank burglary by a jury which returned its Neil, of San Francisco, before the Reliance Club last night ended in an unsatisfactory manner in the seventh round. Neil claimed that he had been nit below the belt and danced against the ropes for a second and then fell to the floor. He was carried to his corner, and while in the ring was examined by the physicians. They stated that they could see no evidence of a foul, but would give a positive decision in an hour. Referee Smith reserved his decision pending the reer, and Mahoney, a policeman, well known and respected among his felport of the club's physicians. public was divided as to whether or not a foul blow was struck. Neil made a brave battle for seven rounds, Clark testified that Mahoney in full and took much punishment. Forbes proved to be a general in the ring, and constantly jolted his opponent. It was only in the rushes and fierce fighting that Neil made a showing. At the Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 24. - The finish Neil claimed to be in great pain, barge Isaac Stevenson, of Ogdensburg, but outside of the alleged injury he showed little punishment. At the end aden with coal, which went ashore at Stoney Point, near Henderson, Dec. 16, was released last night and has startof an hour the physicians decided that tical joke perpetrated by some friends Neil had not been injured by a foul ed for Brockville, Ont. Much wreckage from the missing Hall, which, with her crew of nine, has been given blow. Referee Smith then declared Forbes the winner of the contest. up for lost, is still coming ashore, and the shore is being patrolled in the hope PROBABLY APPEAR IN CHICAGO. Blomington, Ill., Dec. 24. - The jury

Chicago, Dec. 24.-Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, who are now touring the country giving exhibition bouts, will probably appear in Chicago. Charles T. Essig received a letter yesterday from Clark Ball, who is managing the tour, asking him to make arrangements for the appearance of the boxers in Chicago. Essig has not tyet secured a hall for the show, but expects to do so. It is probable a number of preliminary fights will be aranged to and Jeffries if a large enough arena

can be secured. TO BRING HIM TO CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 24.-Jack Monroe, the fighter who gave Jim Jeffries some trouble at Butte, Mont., Saturday night, is known in Chicago. Jack Beauscholte met him in the west while training for a fight, and says the Montana miner is something of a fighter. Several enterprising promoters have received a royal welcome to Yorkton already conceived the idea of bringing Monroe to Chicago. No offer has vet

Trustees Insist Upon a Definite been made, but the managers of the Apollo Athletic Club think it would be a good stroke to got Monroe if they could find a suitable opponent for the man who made a boxing reputation by staying four rounds with the cham-

> TERRY NEARLY DROWNED. Detroit, Dec. 24.-Terry McGovern. the ex-champion, had a narrow escape from drowning while iceboating at Detroit a day or two ago. The boat he was on was traveling at 40 miles an hour when it struck a stretch of open water and went over, throwing the party into the icy drink. In some way Terry was stunned by the boom of the boat and when the others emerged from the water there was considerable difficulty in getting the little fighter to the edge of the thick ice. The party, composed of lierry, Joe Humphreys, Tommy Ramell and Mr. Bateman, were all drenched from tip to toe. They were over two miles from the hotel, and there was nothing to do but to fish out the iceboat and make a run for shelter. When the party arrived at Lakeside their clothes were frozen stiff and all were thoroughly chilled It is not thought that McGovern will suffer any ill effects as a result of the

THE TURF.

TRAINER KILLED. New York, Dec. 24.-Horsemen interested in harness-racing were shocked to learn that the unidentified man accidentally killed by a horse while crossing Breadway at Spring street on Mon-day evening was E. C. Walker, a trainer, driver, starting judge and writer, who was known to followers of trotting all over the country. Mrs. Walker recognized the description of the dead man published in the newspapers and went at once to the morgue, where her fears were confirmed.

BOOKMAKER FRY IS DEAD. London, Dec. 24. - R. H. Fry, the well-known bookmaker, is dead.

MAHER'S GREAT RECORD New York, Dec. 24.—Though Danny Maher only occupies third place in the list of English winning jockeys for 1902, still his percentage is by far the best. Prior to the concluding month of the season, however, Maher was in second place, and going so strongly that it looked any odds on his retaining that position to the end, but he practically abandoned riding at the close of the New-market Houghton meeting, which put him back into third place and enable W. Halsey to take second honors to W. Lane in the total of winning mounts. Still, it is pleasing to be able to present statistics showing that Danny Maher's per-centage is in advance of all other jockeys. In order to epitomize the entire situation. each rider's total of mounts and victories

is given, showing their percentage:
Jockey. Mounts. Wins. Maher 451 Lane 807 annon 396 Martin 529 Dillon McCaull Childs ... 386 36 .0932 Rock Shand, the English colt that

4 to 1. He was recently well backed at that figure. Rock Shand, with his rival, Flotsam, coupled, was quoted at 2 to 1.

CURLING.

BIG PLANS AT THE SOO. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 24. -Preparations for the tenth annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling Association, which will be held in this city during the week commencing Jan. 12, are now practically complete, and forecast the greatest event of its kind ever held in the Northwest. With the completion of the mammoth rink and the additional facilities offered by the rink in the Canadian Soo it will be possible if necessary to put into com-mission 18 rinks with 14 men in action simultaneously. Over 400 curlers will certainly be present and the list of

prizes is a long one. The new rink, which has just been completed, is the largest of its kind in the world. Its dimensions are 280 by 152 feet, and there are available 42,560 square feet of ice. When devoted to curling ten sheets of ice can be utilized. The main portion of the rink houses a huge he key rink, 160 feet long and 80 feet wide. Around this field lies the skating course, which will accommodate hundreds of skaters. In a separate section devoted exclusively to asleep there, we were prodded up with curling are four fine sheets of ice.

Above the skating course, and looking down into the hockey field, with a sitions, please!" seating capacity of 2,500, which may be increased if desired. At the side ing, thinking Christmas. So many peo-of the hockey field is located a spacious ple were entertaining that we were lunch room, with a kitchen fully puzzled to know whom they found to equipped. In the same section are located the ladies' and gentlemen's Semantha and Clara, who together dressing-rooms, the check-room and danced and marched and chorussed dressing-rooms, the check-room and danced and marched and chorussed the ticket office. In the rear the boiler- and stood about in the crowd, exroom is situated, where plenty of hot changed wishful, affectionate glances vater may easily be secured to "pebble" the ice.

The bonspiel has been thrown open to the world, whether they are mem-bers of the association or not, and already acceptances have been received from New York, various eastern Canadian cities, Chicago, Milwaukee, Winnipeg and other cities farther west. A delegation will come from St. Paul and Minneapolis, as the railroads have been giving a return trip ticket to the benspiel of \$10. The local hotelkeepers have also reduced their rates to curlers, and everything possible has been done to make this meeting the greatest of its kind that the world has ever

The American Soo will doubtless enter eight or ten teams, and the Cana-Soo will be represented by at least six teams.

FOOTBALL.

OBJECT TO GLASS. New Haven, Dec. 24, — Edgar T. Glass, Yale's giant left guard, bids fair to be the captain of Old Eli's eleven next season. This is the opinion of all here interested in football. Glass is the choice of the Yale un-dergraduates. The result, however, does

not lie wholly with the New Haven precede the exhibition by Fitzsimmons | contingent, Harvard is being consulted as she protested that Glass was ineligible for the position. In the event of Glass being disqualified, Metcalf will ndoubtedly be chosen captain. In order that the embarrassment of

electing Glass captain and then having him disqualified might be avoided, delight, crying: "I never was in no distress. Again a louder Yale began corresponding with Har- party in my life before!" vard on the subject. The end is not yet, but cannot be far distant. The Yale tie's mother would cook the supper for man at the corner of the alley, has football committee is conducting the us, and that she would provide coffee gone off and get drunk. I suppose." of missiyes under the direc-

tion of Walter Camp. At the meetings of the students in

their restaurants and in the assembly weights whom Tom Jenkins cannot throw halls, talk runs high on the subject. The undergraduates are particularly desirous of having Glass as the 1903 captain and there will be a bitter fight against Harvard's contention that the years in playing football and that he is therefore ineligible for further participation in intercollegiate contests.
Undergraduates say that Yale could lect Glass captain in the face of Harvard's opposition, and play him next year with no opposition from the other colleges, but that the best course has been deemed that already taken.

The matter will now be smoothed out once for all, and whatever the decision may be, Yale expects to have a clear field next year, free from petty bickerings and undesirable insinuations as to the ineligibility of any man on her team.

BASEBALL.

FREEDMAN STILL IN THE GAME! New York, Dec. 24.-Andrew Freedman has declared himself into baseball again. Under the instructions of the real owner of the New York club, John T. Brush issued the statement declaring that Delehanty must play in New York. If the American League insists on Delehanty returning to Washington there will be no peace, as Freedman would shut up the polo grounds before yielding. All the indications point to a pretty fight when the peace committees

By Way of Comment,

Gold Heels, the sensational winner of the Suburban and Brighton handicaps, and also the Brighton cup, will be enter-ed again for the big spring handicaps next season. Gold Heels was recently "fired," season. Gold Heeis was recently "fired," and the veterinary who is in charge of the great horse says that he is colong around nicely and will probably be able to show all of his old form when he gets back to the races. But turimen who are conversant with the injury sustained by Gold Heels do not believe that the son of The Bard will ever race again.
When Gold Heels returned to the paddock after winning the Brighton cup, he was not bleeding from a cut on the leg, as reported, but one of his ankles had simply collapsed. The trouble was so noticeable and as carefully inspected by horsemen and so carefully inspected by horsemen who were on the spot that the impression was immediately formed that Gold Heels was done for. That was why, when he was put up at auction by Gen. F. C. Mc-Lewee and "Diamond Jim" Brady, no-body seemed to want the horse that had body seemed to want the horse that had been seemed to want the horse that had ceived no special preparation. He was ceived no special preparation. He was ceived no special preparation. weight wrestler, must be an exceptionally good man of his weight, for the middle. Deusen.

four times within an hour are few and far between. Bothner has won scores of contests from men in the lightweigh and welterweight division, and he has come victorious in numerous handleap events with men of the heav division. Piening, the "butcher Boy," could do nothing with the "sutcher Boy," could do nothing with Bothner, and on Monday night big Tom Jenkins, the champion of champions, failed to win four falls in the hour. A two-out-of-three fall contest between Ed Amerton and Bothner would be well worth going a distance to see. Atherton is regarded as the best middleweight ever seen in these parts, and New Yorkers have a similar opinion of Bothner. A match between them is in order.

It was noticeable at the recent sale that the youngsters which were entered in the Futurities brought bigger prices than those which were not. That fact is no new thing to breeders, either, but some of them never appear to see the advantage of it. Village Farm, one of the greatest breeding agraphic by present in the world. est breeding establishments in the world, has never made a practice of entering foals in the Futurities, and, consequently, young ters from other establishments, possibly not so well bred, have sold for higher prices simply because of their

Ed Hanlon sensibly remarks: An erro should not be charged against a player except for a dropped throw, a wild throw or a muffed fly. I don't believe in charging ing the player with an error for missing to go to der knees." a ground ball in the infield or outfield. "Don't mind," I who ball field is perfect, and frequently hostess. "She is tree No ball field is perfect, and frequently when a player is properly set for the ball the sphere takes an ugly bound and goes to one side or strikes the player on the chest. The player is in nowise responsible for missing a chance of this kind; still he is charged with an error. In my opinion it would be a good idea to reconstruct the rules so that errors would not be charged against the player except for a wild throw, dropped throw or a muffed a wild throw, dropped throw or a mi fly. The present system of scoring has a tendency to develop so-called record players. If a man knows he is going to be charged with an error if he misses a hard chance, he is not going to put forth his best effort to get in front of the ball, for if he doesn't get his hands on the sphere he cannot be charged with a mis-play. On the other hand, if he knew that he would not damage his record even

Mr. A. E. Perren has bought of E. B. Van Deusen, of Brooklyn, his good trotter True Chimes (2:12½), by Chimes. On the opening day of the Empire City track, Sept. 4, 1899, Mr. Perren drove True Chimes, then a 5-year-old, a half-mile in 1:28%, hooked to a frack was on body seemed to want the horse that had been a public idol only a few months before.

George Bothner, the New York middle-weight wrestler, must be an exceptional-who afterward soid him to Mr. Van

Christmas was in the very air, for one wanted anyone else to guess what

Poor-Actor would have extra work to cans of oysters instead of one large do on the great church and home fes- one, it sounded so opulent-cans! rival, and the spectacular play required much extra rehearsing, much only reach the price, only find a small spangling and embroidering, and going over of marches and dances at night after the play was over—all of which sitting down to celery—oysters and was done cheerfully and willingly, and celery! Heavens, what a Christmas! if some of us ballet girls, quite worn out, sat down for "just a moment" on the rolled-up stage carpet and fell jest and laughter and went blinking sheepishly to our places-our "first po-

malign, vituperative mother- a woman monster-had been born into the world under a rain of oaths; she had been brought up on them and by them; swearing was as natural to her as breathing. Yet the blond Mary, with the shell-

pink cheeks, vascillating, wavering unsteady, who smilingly answered to the name of "Weathercock"-Hattie, the warm-hearted but curt, almost brusque-mannered one-and Clara, the walking interrogation point, the personified "Why?"-were all indebted to poor Semantha for finding of the way that led to the banquet.

"Uf you don't turn up de nose, deres de Dutch-treat way. It's youst like de same as Americans' picnic. Every lady's prings vat she like, und den altogedder put. Vell den can't we bring" (she smiled a brilliant appreciation of the situation) "not youst vat we like, but youst vat we can get, eh, and put all togedder?" Then flushing all over at her presumption in saying "we," she corrected herself hastily, "I

"Why, Semantha," I cried, "you are a jewel of cleverness! Girls, say, can't we have a little spread that way on Christmas Eve, after the perform-

me, too!" and folding her arms about herself she danced and capered with

Swiftly Semantha exclaimed, don't believe it." higher prices simply because of their being go entered. It is now reported, however, that the Hamlins intend to en-ter their foals liberally in the big Futurities next year.

were taken unawares. flushed and excited, awaited information. I looked entreatingly at lifeworn woman who headed the table. With a touch of acerbity she insisted, "He was the very Son of the all powerful God, and He came to save the whole sinning human family. though he missed the chance, he would undoubtedly make every possible effort to get in front of the ball hit into his antha, "why didn't he do it up dere den, or be rich down here? Pool peoples can't save dere ownselves youst, so why shall He come out of heaven at all? Und why shall de beasts on der knees go, youst for seein' a baby borned?" I felt the vexed backward shove of

Und why shall she holler uf no-

body don't hurt her?" asked Semantha.
"She hollers to get in out of the cold

and in her stall and her straw bed,

Mother to quaver a few stanzas. Then

stories followed, of course Bible sto-

ries, old Christmas legends. Mrs.

Mother was a Manx woman, and she

was full of mystic, ancient tales. The blazing eyes of the little Dutch girl

at times seemed ready to jump out

of her head with excitement.
Then Mrs. Mother told the lovely

story of the humble birth of the dear

Saviour of men, with the gentle tired eyes of the oxen and the ass looking

on at the divine mystery, and how in

memory of that precious night, all the

world over, the cattle at midnight of

Christmas Eve reverently kneel as if

"Well, I never!" gasped the narra-

"How dare you?" exclaimed Hattle.

"To speak to an old weman like

"How old is she den?" asked the in-

Why, I don't mean nodings, only dat

was not true. The cows couldn't know

"Don't mind," I whispered to our ostess. "She is treated so cruelly—

she was never taught anything." And

just then Semantha reached her work-

please, don't be mad mit me, but uf

you will tell why He com' down out

of dey sky anyhow, und uf He was Got alretty, why was He com' poor

humble jollity. What a question-we

A startled silence replaced

spoiled hand out, saying:

"Was she mad mit me?

that," said Mary.

instead of rich "

We sang; we even coaxed

replied Hattie.

Mrs. Mother's chair and under the table cover I caught her hard fingers: "Please?" I breathed. "Oh. please! the only Bible she ever saw was the one her mother ridiculed and burned." Then the dread of having our bright playhour end in black salks pricked me forward with a desperate rush. "Semantha," I said, catching at her hands across the table, "Semanthadon't you see! the greatness, the glory of the Almighty God made the poor, suffering, sinning people afraid to approach Him and tell what they had done, and how sorry and sick-hearted they were. They thought they were too little, too common"-

"Ja! I can see dat!" she whispered rapidly. But Mary was moved by a wandering spirit, that mistock her for another, to cry in a loud voice: "Get your guitar, Hattie, and let's try that last chorus again," and the joy of its swing put us all right again.

Then we were expelled by our hostess, who reminded us of tomorrow's double work. We came tumbling out into the bitterly cold glory of a magnificent night, Hattie and her mother accompanying us to the sagging and rope-tied gate. As we were passing-three abreast-

high board fence near the corner there came a sort of sliding fall against it, and a sound that was a sign, a groan, a snort all combined. shrieks broke from three frightened girls. We bounded to the gutter, lutching at one another and shivering. Mary looked like fainting. "Don't!" I whispered, "Oh, don't!" Then Semantha straightened up: "Stay you here, fraulein; I'll see what makes dat noise." "Let me go with you," I quavered. "You stay youst as I tell you; uf anyone com' murder dere I holler and you yell de police

here. Now I climb dat fence-see?" She had no gloves, so she wrapped her fingers in the corners of her shawl, drew back and made a little running jump and caught at the top of the fence. Hung there a moment, scraping her toes wildly up and down in search of some purchase-found it, lifted herself up and peeped over into the inclosure. A strong expulsion of breath reached us at the same moment. Oh, what could it be? And then a cry broke from Semantha's lips-she looked back at us. Under the flood of moonlight her face was marble white, her eyes blazed, her throat worked convulsively. The coral beads sprang through the air and lay a pink adder on the walk. One more glance she gave over there, then hurled herself to the ground caught each of us by a hand and in a thrilling. triumphant voice, cried:
"It's true! It's true! Down to your knees und make de prays! make 'em quick! quick! youst like de cow's mak-

ing dem over dere!" Rushed by the wild power of her command two trembling voices quavered forth on the one side, "Our Father who art in heaven," and on the other "Jesus, Mary, Joseph, save me!" and Semantha bowed her head and exultantly caught at one word and then another. Then, still holding our hands, she raised us and tiptoed softly away. breathing low, "Und I saw it by my own eyes!"

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AN ACTRESS' CHRISTMAS EVE

an early, snowy winter always seems to intensify Christmas enthusiasm.

The city was gayly picturesque in

to have a bough at his door or a few easily. Half frozen, yet perfectly wares. wares.

Every one of us was talking, readentertain-and Hattie and Mary and and then mentally parcelled out her week's five dollars again.

Semantha—poor little beast of burden, true heathen and victim of a

mean for you."

ance—just us four?"
"Oh!" cried Seman cried Semantha, "den dat's

Word came next morning that Hat-

and milk, and bread and butter, and stantly secrecy began to be shown; no | ward."

The city was gayly picturesque in snow and greenery, and he was indeed a glum and surly shopman who failed cut through my thin little cloak so As is usual, Mr. and Mrs. Lo-the- childish enough to take two small star offering was to be-oh, if I might bunch, ever so small, if it were nice and white-think of the triumph of Christmas Eve is the worst night of the whole year for theaters, therefore we had a very short play, then a final

and long rehearsal of marches and dances and scenes. Each girl had arrived with parcels, which she secreted to the best of her ability. At last we were free and on our way to Hattie's house. It was bitter cold and we each had brought an old pair of stockings to draw on over our shoes and so keep the snow out and some semblance of warmth in, and as our hoops tilted, betraying now and then a glimpse of shapeless foot and

leg. bursts of laughter followed.

Then we stood at the low-browed little door. It epened. Tall and thin, Mrs. Mether, as Semantha had named her, bade us enter, and even she had done honor to the occasion, for the breastpin bore heavily upon her chest and she wore a black silk apron. We entered and four great "Ohs!" broke from our cold-b'ued lips. We were in a small, well-lighted, well-warmed, well-cleaned kitchen. A clock tick-tacked rapidly and fussily, after the manner of cheap clocks the world over. A big gray cat dozen on a mat behind the stove and-and the table that had a scanty green wreath in the center and within it a glass dish of plum preserves, that threw evquisite dashes of color about. Five figs and the handful of nuts were in a china saucer: five gingerbread horses, saddled and bridled with white sugar, spelled Semantha unerringly. A big soup tureen loomed up massively, but-where, with sinking heart, I asked myself-where was my star offering-the celery? But the plates were being passed—dear heavens! What has become of the savor of food since then? ate first to appease keen hunger, then for the delight of our astonished palates: and presently Mrs. Mother arose a moment to return bearing the cel-

factress of my chums. Suddenly a long, forlorn sounded from without. Any one who has ever lived on a farm would recognize at once that note of protest. of Mrs. Mother and daughter Hattle looked at each other. "It's that Dutchgone off and get drunk, I suppose." sternly explained the former, pickles and we could do the rest. In- he's left that poor cow out in the

ery, and such a joyous shout welcomed

it that I felt I was indeed the bene-