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Dr. Sparks, 2:12½, is now 6 years old. He has been campaigned every year from a yearling up to date.

The Iowa mare Alice Ensign, 2:23, carried 32 ounces on each forward foot when she made her record.

Heiress, dam of Fokie, 2:28½, and two others in the list produced three pairs of twins during her life.

The Spirit of the Hub thinks that when a class is mixed, trotters should have the benefit of five seconds over pacers.

According to the idea of one western turf journal, few meetings will be held over the mile tracks in the west next year.

The Youngstown (O.) association gave a day's racing in November and turned over the proceeds to the poor of the city. About \$300 was realized.

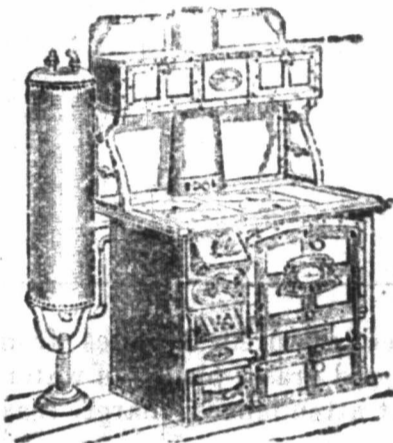
John Spaulding is said to have had the largest income during the past year of any man in Boston—a round million. His net profits from his sugar refinery, coupled with the returns from his interest in the Sugar trust, amounted, it is said, to that sum.

Speaker Crisp, at the close of the last congress, presented the gavel he had used to Miss Savannah Barrett of Augusta, Ga., saying that it had hammered away silver, repealed the federal elections laws, so far as the house was concerned, and excluded the Chinese.

Thomas Staples Martin, the new Democratic senator from Virginia, is rather below medium height, has a large head, is thick set and clean shaven, with light eyes and very little hair. He is now in his forty-sixth year and a native of the county of Albemarle.

Major George M. Proctor, father of the new civil service commissioner, John R. Proctor, is in his eighty-eighth year, but still strong and active. He served in the Confederate army, and his son, although a mere youth when the war broke out, remained by his father's side until the close.

Chauncey Depew, when he was in Rome, called at the Vatican, and the Charleston News wants to know whether he wore a straw hat, adding, "On his visit to Charleston in the dead of winter several years ago Mr. Depew wore a straw hat, which was regarded as a great breach of propriety in one who has a college education."



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