

MOLLIE MCCARTHY'S JOCKEY.

A tall, slim boy, calling himself Uriah Wharton, was taken before Justice Otterbourg, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, on Thursday last, on a charge of being a vagrant. The Justice asked him how he came to be a vagrant, and the boy said: 'I got here from California 'bout a month ago. I come here 'cause I thought I might get some work to do. I ain't got any mother or father or any friends, either, anywhere, and I thought my best chances was here. But I'm worse off than ever. I couldn't get any work, and I'd like to be sent somewhere for the Winter, and in the Spring I can find my way back to California. I stole a ride here,' added the boy, hesitatingly, 'and I s'pose I can do the same thing when I want to get back there.'

'Do you belong in California?'

'I don't belong anywhere. My father had a farm in New Jersey and when I was four years old, he sold it and we all went to Oregon. We were there two years and I believe father made a good deal o' money. Then we all went to Australia, but father didn't do so well, and he brought us back to New Jersey. Afterwards he went to Alabama, and he got to drinking and he died; and then mother died. I had an uncle, Uriah, who used to keep the Boulevard Hotel in Hoboken, and he moved to Sacramento and took me with him. There I got knocking around among the men in the racing stables and I got to be a boy-jockey.' At this point the boy brightened up with the remembrance of his exploits. 'I rode Mollie McCarthy,' said he, 'Mollie H., Lizzie Dunbar and Modoc Chief. Last Summer I rode Flying Jack and won \$550. But I wanted to come here, and I began to steal rides on trains coming East. Sometimes I was treated first rate, but oftentimes I was put off the trains. I'd be willing to run the risk of going back the same way only the snow is too deep now and I'd get froze to death.'

'How have you lived since you've been here?'

'The boys around the parks kept me in food.'

'How old are you?'

'Sixteen years.'

'Well,' said Justice Otterbourg, 'I'll send you up for two months, and you can see if that will get you in condition for a return trip.'

A MAD HORSE.

A most remarkable incident occurred on Sunday morning last, about five miles north-west of this city, on the Denton Road. Sebastian Schafer and a young man in his employ, named James Kinerd, had started from home to get a load of wood. Schafer was driving the team and Kinerd was riding an extra horse with harness on. When Schafer had driven about half a mile from home he saw a large bay horse, about twenty steps from the road, biting at one of his hind feet. The horse came out on the road, and was soon followed by a dog that had followed the wagon from home. At the sight of the dog the horse started at full speed down the road in the direction of the wagon. Schafer turned the team off the road, thinking the horse would pass on, but instead it sprang on the wagon, and struck him with his fore feet, knocking him flat on his back, at the same time grabbing him on the right shoulder. The horse stood nearly over him, and rode nearly two hundred yards, biting at him and all the time squealing and kicking. Schafer kicked the infuriated beast and fought it with his fists, but it succeeded in biting him several times. Finally Schafer rolled off the

street when a rustic appearing chap drove up in a rickety rig, patched up harness and banged wagon. Two horses were hitched in and one of them seemed about ready to lay down under a load of years and short grass. This horse the fellow tried to sell. He was very hard up and wanted to dispose of him the worst way. In his recommending he did not forget that the old horse had 'go' in him. But the lookers-on didn't think that plug could go, and some of them were rash enough to bet he couldn't go a mile in four minutes. They put up money on it and kept betting on time clear down to 2:50. The owner then wanted to bet \$500 his horse could make a mile on our track in 2:45. The exceedingly wily horsemen in the crowd got scared about this time and refused to invest any more money, preferring to see how the old nag could go. They all adjourned to the fair grounds where rustics, hitched to an old sulky, drove around a few times to limber up, and then got the word 'go.' Away he went, like the wind in a cloud of dust, by the stand and down the first quarter; past the half mile in 1:22, and never skipped as he came down the home stretch and passed under the wire in 2:50. The boys haven't got so much money as they had, but they found out something.

A STONE FORMED IN THE JAW OF A HORSE.

We take the following account of a singular occurrence from the Virginia City, Nev., Territorial Enterprise of Dec. 12: For a long time a lump has been observable in the side of a jaw of a horse belonging to Superintendent Obiston of the Gould & Curry and Best & Belcher mines. The lump lay in near the jawbone, and could be moved about under the skin. It seemed very hard, and no liniment had power to soften or to drive it away. Yesterday a veterinary surgeon made an incision, and, to his astonishment and that of all present, brought to light a hard and smooth stone, about two inches long and one inch in diameter. The stone was of a yellowish-white color, and apparently as hard as marble. In order to make sure as to the nature of the stone, Mr. Obiston took it to the jewelry store of M. M. Frederick, and had it sawed in two lengthwise. When the stone was thus cut in two there was seen in its centre what had once undoubtedly been a grain of barley, half of which was visible in each piece of the stone, the grain looking as though petrified. Around this nucleus the stone had formed in regular layers or growths, the rings of which were distinctly to be traced. The material of which the stone was formed appeared to be the same as is found in the incrustations on the tubes of boilers. It is thought that the grain of barley pierced the skin of the horse's mouth and imbedded itself in the flesh; that the saliva from the mouth of the animal then flowed in on the barley and deposited upon it limey matter such as sometimes forms upon the teeth of men and animals. A small concretion having thus been formed, it grew to be a nodule of the size mentioned, the channel by which the grain of barley entered having no doubt remained open all the time, thus allowing of an inflow of the salivary matter from which the stone was deposited. None of our veterinary surgeons or horsemen have ever before seen or heard of a case of the kind. The stone is as hard as marble, and the annular markings are very distinct.

MARTIN VS. MACEY.—The case of Martin vs. Macey, removed from Woodford to Fayette County, Ky., was decided on the 14th ult. in favor of Macey. Martin sold to Macey the chestnut mare Maud Macey for \$7,500. Macey sold the mare to Major H. C. McDowell for Mr. Robt. Bonner for \$10,000. Martin claimed the remainder of the \$10,000, and sued for \$2,500; Macey put a counter-claim of \$800 for training, &c. The jury returned a verdict for Macey, allowing him \$175 of his counter-claim.

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