[illegible] the reverse treatment he will be disappointed if he expects to breed more than one horse in a season. As self-interest is the ruling principle of mankind, we would suppose a man engaged in any business would bend his energies to make it a success; but it seems to be so in breeding the race-horse. If half the attention was given to raising the horse that given to stocks on Wall Street, and half the judgment used that is shown by stock brokers, would make a grand success in a breeding establishment. Unfortunately for these establishments, neglect is the rule, and proper care the exception. Neglected mares cannot thrive, the foals must suffer in some degree, in size, strength, or health; at least, they cannot grow and increase as they would if the mother were properly cared for. This applies to private stables as well as to public establishments, and is more reprehensible in the man who keeps a private establishment, for he has finer mares, and should be able to provide good shelter and good food for them.

The greatest wrong I observe, in most all stations of the country, is with the men who keep mares in horses to board, and neglect them. They advertise that they are amply prepared with stalls and sheds, with a supply of good food, or, or as the season may be, with plenty of sweet grass and running water through all the fields, yet, when you send for your stock, you may find them stunted and half starved. Instead of finding the fields green with sweet grass, they are filled with bitter, overgrown weeds, and the fancy sketch about running water turns out a stagnant pond, half dried up, and covered with a green mantle. Stock kept in a field with grass so short that nothing but a goose can nip it, no water, or that which is impure or unfit to drink, with the sun's rays heating and parching them, is not the treatment calculated to improve the condition of mares and foals.

It is not uncommon, when in pursuit of water, lost perishing from long thirst, that horses venture upon the ice when the ponds are half frozen, slip and fall, and either die or become permanently crippled therefrom. Fanny Fulton, the dam of two distinguished racehorses, Fireleton and Ten Broeck, lost her life in that way, and I heard of others being both injured and killed by falling upon the ice, in pursuit of water. This is all from neglect on the part of owners. Cruelty to animals should should be made an indictable offence in all the States, and neglect is very often cruelty.

In many parts of the country there are societies formed, which are authorized by the Legislature, to prevent cruelty to animals, but I know of no society or act of the Legislature offering premiums for kind and proper treatment of those animals.

Medals, of more or less merit, should be offered for the best fed or the best-conditioned thoroughbred broodmare, or the best weanling, or the best two-year-old, or the best stallion, who is offered for stud purposes; the exhibitor to furnish to the committee of awards a statement of the mode and manner of feeding, the quantity and quality upon which the animal was fed, how often fed per day, and the quantity of food given each. Small premiums in gold, offered to the groom or attendant, who had the stock in charge, to care for his horse, would have great influence in the right direction. By small outlays, and the exertions of humane societies, great results would be reaped, by interesting the owner and the attendants. Kindness begets kindness, and all will learn from precept and example, so that in a short time all animals would be treated kindly, for if a man known to have treated domestic animals cruelly, was once severely punished by law, or public opinion, or outlawed for the same, then horses would not be foaled round, or go blind from training before they were three years old. Corn would not form the greater part of the food, but good timothy hay, bright oats, in sheaf or shelled, sweet bran, carrots, beets, potatoes, or barley would be used freely. I urge everyone who is breeding and running the racehorse, either for the purpose of improving the breed or making money out of them, to see that they have those employed to take care of their stock who are intelligent as well as industrious, and to remember that plenty of help, and help to spare, is absolutely necessary, if you wish success in breeding and raising the racehorse.

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placidly stretched out one great claw, seized his antagonist by the head, drew him up, and applying his other claw to the body, tore his head off with a single pull. Then he proceeded to eat him. A storm of imprecations and shouts of astonishment rent the air, but the sailors were too well armed and too numerous for the Spaniards, and so they got their money and returned aboard ship, laden with more gold than they ever had before, and carrying their champion in triumph.—*New York Sun.*

HYBERNATION OF BIRDS.

A correspondent sends the following to the Rod and Gun, which he correctly characterizes as fishy:—"While studying for the ministry in the city of Toronto I used to go out into the country on Saturday afternoons, spending the Sabbath preaching in destitute places. At one of these out-stations lived an aged German, a most excellent, simple-minded, honest Christian man, at whose house I generally spent a night. On one occasion we got into a conversation in reference to the whereabouts of our birds in winter. "Well," said he, "I think I can tell you. During the war of 1812 I went out on New Year's Day deer hunting. I wounded a deer and followed his track a long distance. At length he came to a springy place over which he leaped,. I though I could leap as far as a wounded deer, but I came short and sank in the mud, and in extricating myself I found I had lost one of my shoes. I rolled up my sleeve and began to search for my shoe. Instead of finding it I felt something soft that frightened me. I feared it might be a muskrat and I should be bitten; but I could not afford to lose my shoe, so I concluded I must venture another effort. I did so, and found the same thing again. This time I felt round it, and finding it to be too small for a rat, I pulled it out, and to my utter surprise I found it to be a swallow. Before finding my shoe," he said, "I pulled out seven. Curiosity led me to put them in my pocket. I carried them home and put them down before the fire. After a while I observed a twitching of the wings. Shortly they got up, cleaned the mud of their feathers, and began to fly about the house." Had I had no corroborative evidence of the old man's statement I could not have doubted his word, he was too good a man to tell a willful lie; besides, I had the testimony of his wife, who saw the birds brought and saw what followed. A number of years after the above conversation with the German, I delivered a lecture at a mechanic's institute, on some of the wonders of nature. Among other things I noticed the fact that some animals and birds were so constituted as to pass the winter months in a torpid state, that a manner ture would soon end in death. Here I mentioned the case of the swallows, the raccoon and the ground hog, the latter of which I know freezes through and through as hard as a bone, and yet they live out in the spring and is all right. I mentioned also the case of these swallows. A day or two after I was in the store of an old Scotch gentleman in town who told me that certain parties were good enough to put me up about the swallows. A young man from the country was standing by, a stranger to me, and who had not had any share, was said, "Little man, hadn't half hay like. This never this was a fact, [illegible] down here in St. Vincent [illegible] places on his farm [illegible] winter months." Here I had another unexpected corroboration. If swallows spend their winters in such a condition [illegible] other birds the same or similar?

[That's so. If swallows can be frozen and thaw out why should [illegible]? In fact why shouldn't [illegible] would save coal and [illegible]]

to bet a good round sum, th[illegible] being that some persons will no doubt repudiate their bets, and as there is no law that such persons will care for, the racing associations will have to keep a careful watch as to who obtain tickets, and keep such persons off their tracks by the adoption of a law similar to the following, which is the rule on all courses ran under the Newmarket and grand national rules in Great Britain."

"Notice is hereby given that no person guilty of malpractices or notoriously in default in respect of stakes, forfeits, or bets lost upon horse-racing, will be admitted within the stands or the inclosures during any race meeting, and any such persons gaining admittance will be expelled, upon his presence being pointed out to the stewards for the time being."

POLO CLUB IN BUFFALO.

A polo club has recently been organized in Buffalo, N.Y, with the following gentlemen as officers and directors: President, Lawrence D. Rumsey; First Vice-President, Willard Way Hodge; Second Vice-President, Edward H. Movius; Secretary, John H. Cowing; Treasurer, Charles H. Williams; Directors, Capt. H. W. Linderman, Clarence A. Blake, Dr. Henry R. Hopkins, Dr. Chas. Cary, and L. D. Rumsey. The following is a list of the active members of the club: Lawrence D. Rumsey, John D. Glenny, Charles J. Hodge, James N. Scatchord, Jr., Willard Way Hodge, Edward H. Movius, Captain H. W. Linderman, Charles H. Williams, Dr. Chas. Cary, Clarence A. Blake, Dr. Henry R. Hopkins, S. Douglass Cornell, George B. Hayes, Samuel S. Spaulding, and Albert J. Barnard. It is intended to limit the active membership to twenty-five. The location of the grounds has not yet been decided on. The Texan and Canadian ponies required in playing the game will soon be procured, and ere long the Buffalo Polo Club will doubtless be "ready for business."

HIS ROYAL ACQUINTANCE.

Two young gentlemen on Fifth Avenue, and expressed languid surprise at the encounter. These cosmopolitans last saw each other on the Rue de Capuchins.

"A, yaw heah?"

"Yes, came last week."

"On the Cunardaw?"

"Yes, the Scythiaw."

"Enjaw yourself in Paris?"

"Tolerable. Had good lettaws, you knaw. Some deuced distinguished people."

"Hunt any of 'em up? Call on 'em?"

"Yes, called on a Marquise and a Countess, and one evening I called on two Duchesses."

"Aw! Pleasant interviaw?"

"Not very. The other fellaw had three things, you know!"

"Aw!"

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[illegible] the breed of setters the highest [illegible] a great many have availed themselves of his liberality, and benefited by breeding better setters in consequence. The deceased wrote a book a few years back on The Setter, which volume will always be useful as a reference, and those who knew the little man at the shows, or more intimately, will agree that there were few better fellows than the originator of the 'Laveracks'."

THE NEW YORK PROHIBITORY BILL.

The following is the text of the Bill passed in New York State in reference to pool selling. It has not yet received the Governor's sanction, but there is no doubt it meets with his concurrence, and will consequently become law. It takes effect immediately upon receiving the gubernatorial signature:

Section 1. Any person who shall keep any room or building, or any part or portion of any room or building, or occupy any place within the State with apparatus, books, or paraphernalia, for the purpose of recording or registering bets or wagers, or of selling pools, and any person who shall record or register bets or wagers, or sell pools upon the result of any trial or contest of skill, speed, or power of endurance of man or beast, or upon the result of any political nomination, appointment, or election, or being the owner, lessee, or occupant of any such room, building, or part or portion thereof, shall knowingly permit the same to be used or occupied for any of the purposes aforesaid, or shall therein keep exhibit, or employ any device or apparatus for the purpose of registering or recording such bets or wagers, or the selling of such pools, or shall become the custodian or depository for hire or reward, of any money property, or thing of value staked, wagered, or pledged, as aforesaid, upon any such result, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by fine not exceeding $2,000, or by both fine and such imprisonment.

BILLIARDS.

The finest billiard match ever played for a money stake took place recently at the Gaiety restaurant, London, between F. Shorter and Tom Taylor, for a stake of £200. On reaching 444 to Taylor's 127, Shorter got on the spot, and ran out a winner by means of a magnificent break of 556, including 181 spot hazards. Shorter thus won the game by no less than 843 points However, being requested to finish his break, he continued on till he had scored 636.

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[illegible] the get the dis[illegible] in the pastures cattle feed, would exterminate them as they go from farm to farm [illegible] have infested a whole county in England in a single week.

UNEXPLAINED POISONS.

Mr Darwin, however, incorrect in some of the deductions he forms from his scientific discoveries, is one of the most profound observers living of nature. In writing on the "Absence of White colour in animals" he mentions a poisonous plant growing in Virginia which kills white hard swine. Ogle says in explanation of this fact that there is no evidence that the black swine eat the plant, and that, as a matter of fact, the white swine because they are not supplied with a certain black pigment necessary to the possession of taste and smell, are deficient in both tastes, and are, therefore unable to discriminate between poisonous and non poisonous plants. They, therefore, eat poisonous plants with the black pigs with better taste refuse to eat. A correspondent of the Scientific American writes to say that he does not know anything about the effect of poisonous plants on the pigs of Virginia, but that there is a poisonous plant in Florida upon which black hogs fatten, while those with white hoofs after eating it become lame and their hoofs drop off. He says that, "if a hog has three black hoofs and one white, the white one will fall off," and leaves to conclude that the black hoofs will stay on. These hog stories have now advanced far enough to make it worth while for some one to make very sure of the facts before undertaking to explain them. But query, are all these writers so very sure of their facts?

Mr. Peter Taylor has again been the successful competitor for the 'Glynn Badge' which was presented by Mr. R. Glynn, gunsmith, for competition among the members of the St. Clair Shooting Club, Pt. Sarnia. By this last victory, the badge becomes the property of Mr. Taylor, who is now the champion shot of the Club. The silver cup, the second prize, was won by Mr. H. F. B[illegible] and the third prize by Mr. M. B. Proctor.

Paul Morphy is still in a New Orleans insane asylum a hopeless maniac. The attending physicians believe that disorder was caused by the mental strain of playing long, close matches at chess. Over ten years ago he suddenly developed a repugnance to the game, the feeling amounting nearly to a mania, and he rarely afterward played it; but the mental disturbance gradually increased, and several months ago became so bad that restraint was necessary.

A splendid specimen trout was exhibited in the window of G. Sparrow's dining rooms, Prince William street, St. John, N. B., on Saturday forenoon, and attracted much attention. It was two feet one inch in length and weighed five pounds five ounces. Probably when taken from the water it would touch six pounds. This trout was sent from the Miramichi by Mr. Fred Ross, to John V. Ellis, Esq.

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