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## American Quiff.

### TROTTING AT GOVERNOUR, N. Y.

Gouverneur, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Purse \$—, for four-year-old colts; mile heats.

Cobin's b f Athens, by Scythian..... 1 1  
 William's b c —, by Hamlet..... 2 2  
 Abbott's b c —, by Phil Sheridan.. dr

No time.

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### THE CHAMPION TECUMSEHS.

The International Association of Base Ball Players met at Buffalo on the 20th ult. Representatives were present from the leading clubs of Canada and the United States. In the absence of the President and vice President, E. H. Underhill, of Auburn club, was elected President, *pro tem.*, and J. A. Williams, Columbus, O., Secretary.

The championship pennant was awarded to the Tecumsehs of London by the following:

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Games Lost	4	5	7	10	12	8	46	

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## Checkers.

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A challenge match between the President and Vice-President was played on the 22nd ult., by 24 members of the Toronto Draughts Club, with the following result:—

President.		Vice-President	
1. John Drynan...	2	L. Dean.....	2
2. J. McDonald....	3	George Fletcher..	4
3. J. Clarke.....	2	R. Jeffrey.....	1
4. C. A. Colman....	2	A. McDonnell....	2
5. D. Prentice....	8	James Hamilton..	3
6. James Bonnie..	2	W. Alexander.....	3
7. W. Isaacs.....	1	Michael Malcolm..	4
8. W. R. Orr.....	2	Joshua Conn.....	1
9. S. F. Burgess...	0	James Pringle....	6
10. J. Rutherford...	3	J. D. Tripp.....	0
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The special commissioner of the Sporting Life speaks as follows concerning the American horses now in England: "The old maxim that a green Christmas brings a fat churchyard will appear applicable, not only to mankind, but also to horses, for in addition to the unusual amount of mortality, especially in turf circles which has recently been put on record, ravages of epidemic have played sad havoc among the inmates of our chief training homes. But happily the stables at Newmarket are now tolerably free from a disease which many skilled veterinary lore have failed to classify, and may after all be an aggravated form of influenza, the deleterious results have too frequently been behind. None of the Americans have as yet perished, but Brown Prince's illness will be feared, under his traveling a long time."

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Prof. Williams, a good authority, says the majority of the cases of lameness occur from ignorance and mismanagement.

The injudicious use of the drawing-knife is to be interdicted and discountenanced, for, though Mr. Youatt favors its being freely employed, we concur with the former opinion—namely that, the less it is used the better.

Calks and toe-pieces, unless where absolutely necessary, should not be used, as they afford an uneven foundation to stand on, thereby having a tendency to wrench or strain the joints, ligaments, tendons, etc. The one, or single calk, unless where the gait is unnatural, is particularly objectionable. Calkings and toe-pieces are, we are aware, sometimes necessary, that is where work is heavy and slow. The rule is strictly correct in theory, and generally so in practice, but it is not applicable to horses travelling on well-paved streets.

The flat shoe is the one which should be generally used. The advantages of such a shoe must be obvious, as in cases where calks are used the animal, instead of having the full surface of the shoe to rest on, should have a full, broad, and level bearing.

The heel of the shoe should be permitted to project backwards beyond the heel of the hoof, only sufficiently to allow for the forward growth of hoof until it is again shod, which should be every three or four weeks. The external margin of the shoe and foot should correspond, unless at the heel, where the shoe should be slightly wider, especially on the outer side; this increase of width should take place from quarter to heel.

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The English sporting press give rather meagre accounts of this occurrence. The London Field is silent. Land and Water says:

"On Tuesday last, just before eleven p.m., Smythe, the 'American Postman,' finished his long tramp at the Rotunda Rink, Dublin. Smythe was fired by an ambition to beat Gale's feat over here, inasmuch as O'Leary, the Irishman, had beaten the crack Yankee, Weston, so was Smythe, the Irishman, to beat W. Gale, the Welshman. Gale, it will be remembered, walked 1,500 miles in a thousand hours, doing a mile and a half at the beginning of every hour. Smythe's task, though a very arduous one, was very different to this; he engaged to do 2,000 miles within a thousand hours, but he was not bound as to the number of miles which he had to do per day, or as to the times in which he had to start for each mile, as in Gale's case. He started on Dec 25, and finished on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The Irish people have patronized him very well, considering the unexpected difficulties he had to undergo. Owing to religious scruples he has more than once had to change his track, and this in all kinds of weather is not conducive to comfort or health. He looked very ragged at the conclusion of his walk, which doubtless any of us would have done under the same circumstances. He expressed his determination to compete in Sir John Astley's great walk in London in March, so if Gale can only be induced to enter, there will be some good racing, even if Weston does not start."

Bell's Life deals also briefly: "W. H. Smythe, the American postman, is reported as having brought his attempt to walk 2,000 miles in 1,000 hours, walking one mile each hour, and thus remaining 1,000 miles at such periods during the time as might seem most convenient, to a successful close at 10:46 p.m. on Tuesday last, thus winning by 14 minutes. Since our last nothing particular occurred to break the monotony of his task, the only sensational

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**IN THE FACE OF CUSTOM.**

In two instances the Turf Congress trampled on the law which bears the stamp of custom. In the interest of pool buyers it decided that the race should be deemed to start with the word, Go. This will enable a driver to score for a half hour or more, annoy the other horses at the bidding of a confederate, and then to draw out and save the pool money placed on him. If the rule does not tend to the ennoblement of dishonesty we shall confess ourselves mistaken. On the running turf, an institution heavy with age, the start dates from the weighing in of the drivers. The old rule has been put to a practical test, and its value is emphasized by the accumulated experience of years. The new rule is a departure, and being in a measure untried, we are justified in looking upon it with suspicion. Weak judges will allow dishonest men to put it to bad uses. The other departure was in deciding that the conditions of a race can be changed after the word has been given. "In races of mile heats, best three in five, one hundred yards shall be the distance. But if any association or proprietor shall choose, they can provide, in heats of not over one mile, wherein eight or more horses contend, to increase the distance one half, in which case such change shall be stated in the published conditions of the race before entry, but in any heat where the starters shall be reduced to less than eight, the original distance shall be restored." Advantage cannot be taken of this amendment by tricksters. It fits in the face of custom without placing any one at a disadvantage. It was well to make the rule so plain that even the small quibblers can not mistake its meaning. An obscurely worded rule is certain to give rise to controversy.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*

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**CHALLENGE TO SMUGGLER.**

BARYLON, L. I., Feb. 20, 1878.

DEAR SPIRIT:—I have noticed the challenge of Col. H. S. Russell to trot his stallion Smuggler against Rarus, for a certain amount of money and the championship. I do not understand how the question of championship could enter into the contest, as there are two mares living—Goldsmith Maid and Lula—each with better records than either Smuggler or Rarus; but I do comprehend the money part of it, and, therefore, make the following proposition to Col. Russell: I will name at the post a horse to trot against Smuggler, race mile heats, best three in five in harness, and to be trotted at either Buffalo, Rochester, or Utica, as we may determine, during the summer meeting of 1878, at the point selected, for the sum of \$5,000 a side, half forfeit. Or, if Col. Russell does not feel inclined to accept this proposition, I will trot him a series of races, on the first day of the summer meetings at Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Springfield, and Hartford, in 1878, for \$1,000 or \$2,000 a side, these races to be play or pay, and the same horse to trot the entire series of races, I to name my horse at the post; The Spirit of the Times to be stakeholder for any or all of the matches. This challenge to remain open until March 15, 1878. If accepted, I will meet the representative of Smuggler on twenty four hours notice, at the office of The Spirit of the Times, prepared to put up my forfeit or stake money. Yours, CHARLES S. GREEN.

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The special commissioner of the Sporting Life speaks as follows concerning the American horses now in England: "The old maxim that a green Christmas brings a fat churchyard will appear applicable, not only to mankind but also to horses, for in addition to the unusual amount of mortality, especially in turf circles, which has recently been put on record, ravages of epidemic have played and havoc among the inmates of our chief training homes. But happily the stables at Newmarket are now tolerably free from a disease which many skilled veterinary lore have failed to classify, and may afterwards be an aggravated form of influenza, though deleterious results have too frequently been left behind. None of the Americans have notably perished, but Brown Prince's illness will, it is feared, render his traversing a long course impracticable; still, I trust the very promising batch last imported by Mr. Sandford—which, in the way, show a great deal more style than the usual big-boned cattle sent over with Frankness at their head two years ago—will remain sound in wind and limb, and able to carry this plucky owner's dark blue jacket often in the van."

**WHO OWNS GENERAL PHILLIPS?**

The New York World of the 12th ult., in connection with the racing at Charleston, announces that the Texas horse General Phillips had been shipped to New York from Charleston, and that he would run during the coming season under Colonel Bruce's charge. The horse arrived safely, and was at once sent to Mr. J. B. Pryor at Holmdel, N.J., where he will be trained for the coming season. The Galveston News says: "During the spring races at the Oleander Park course, nearly one year ago, the turf reporter of the News predicted that General Phillips would prove the best four-year-old in America. He has won every race, save one, in which he has entered in since at Austin, New Orleans, Savannah and Charleston. At the latter place the agent of Mr. W. B. Astor, of New York, bought him for the sum of \$10,000, and he will in future run in the colors of the Eastern millionaire. The Lorrillards had better keep a sharp lookout or he will get away with Parole and Tom Och's tree."

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# THE Master of the Hounds

CHAPTER XIX.

(CONTINUED.)

It proved of a load of care by these timely and unexpected remittances, Vernon felt more at ease, and next addressed a very important letter to Lord Mervyn, pleading his affection for his daughter as an excuse for his conduct in carrying her off; depicting in glowing colors her incessant care and anxiety about him when at the point of death, and expressing his resolution to lead a new life and devote all his energies to make her happy. He also stated that, to atone for his past conduct, he had made a confession to Lord Malcolm of his participation with Lord Vancourt in the plot to carry off Miss Douglas, without, however, revealing other names, as he had been most inhumanly treated by his lordship, who had conspired against his life, and left him almost dying in Paris without a shilling. On the receipt of this letter from his worthy son-in-law, Lord Mervyn became seriously alarmed, and tearing Vernon's vindictive character, thought he would be safer under his own eye than exposed to that of the opposing party; he therefore enclosed him a handsome sum of money to defray his travelling expenses when able to move, with an invitation to Marston Castle.

CHAPTER XX.

We must now cross the Channel to see what was occurring in the vicinity of Bampton. Thomas Carter, Lord Mervyn's footman, feeling uncomfortable in his situation as a suspected man, gave notice to leave; and Mark Rosier having mentioned this to Lord Malcolm, he was at once engaged by him; Mrs. Gordon willingly agreeing to receive him at the Priory until Malcolm's return to Scotland.

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this produced the desired effect, as both men and hounds perceived their huntsman's determination to admit of no interference.

The fox, never having been pressed, jogged leisurely along, the pack improving in their pace until they reached Hazel Wood, where he had lingered for some time, enabling the hounds to get on better terms, when he broke, going straight for the forest six miles a-head.

'Now, then,' shouted Bob Conyers, as he caught sight of the pack streaming away, 'come on, you thrusting scoundrels—now's your time—let 'em go—no more hold hard to-day; and down rattled the first division of light cavalry, charging their fences with long pent-up impatience. The hounds, however, having got the start, seemed resolved to keep it, and the brook being brim full and over after a heavy night's rain, the casualties which occurred there were rather more numerous than usual, there being *multi*, instead of *rari nantes in gurgite vasto*, few who rode at it escaping without a ducking. The Captain and Coventry took their plunge as usual; some rode at it fast, others walked their horses into the stream, the banks of which could not be discerned; but all landed safely on the other side, and again set to work to catch the hounds, which few were destined to see any more that day. The forest was reached; but the fox, disdainful of its protection, passed through one corner of it, and boldly faced the open, into the neighboring hunt, taking their huntman entirely out of his reckoning, as to the point he contemplated reaching, and everything now depending on the staunchness of the pack.

Will Beauchamp interfered as little as possible in two or three checks which occurred, and five or six miles of new country had now been crossed at a good hunting pace after leaving the forest.

'Where,' exclaimed Conyers, 'can the fox be travelling to, Will? he must be out of his latitude as well as ourselves; although as to longitude, confound him! he still seems holding on straight enough.'

'He has run me out of my geography, Bob; although there is, I believe, a strong covert somewhere in the direction he is now going, belonging to the H— Hunt, which I conclude is his point.'

'Ah! well, this proves what a good fox can do, when he has a fair start and is not hurried over the first five miles. Your bursts of twenty or thirty minutes are all very well sometimes, but give me a good hunting run like this; look, there is a likely covert, just a few fields ahead—please the pigs, we don't change there.'

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By the exertions of all three, Narcissus was at last dragged out, more dead than alive, and lay at full length on the green sward, it appearing to be a matter of perfect indifference to him whether he made any further effort to rise.

'There, Markham,' said Melville, 'we cannot wait any longer, so you and Narcissus must settle the point between you, whether you sleep here or not; my advice is to put the whip into him, and drive him on before you till you get into the turnpike road, which is within half a mile of us.'

The Captain was not the only person employed in this agreeable occupation of trudging along on foot with a beaten horse, when Beauchamp and the pack, with the fortunate few entered on the high road leading to Snowdon.

'Ah, Markham,' asked the master, 'what's the matter—shoe lost?'

Demanded near a horse lost, Beauchamp; regularly done up—worm crusher now—no Lifeguardsmen—demmit! sha'n't get home for a week at this pace.'

'Here then, Markham, let Jack have your horse to lead into the town, and you shall ride his.'

'Thank'ee, Beauchamp, but I don't like taking away your man.'

'Never mind, we don't want his services now, so get up at once.'

Every stable in Snowdon was occupied that night with horses so thoroughly knocked up that they could proceed no further, traps of all kinds being hired to convey their owners home, whilst others remained there until the next morning; the run from point to point being at least twenty miles, and the ground traversed not less than five or six more.

'Well, Will,' inquired Malcolm, 'what do you propose doing?'

'Give the horses a bucket of gruel each, with a mouthful of hay, and then homewards.'

'What, thirty miles more to-night for hounds and horses, after such a run?'

'Just so, Malcolm; they are of the right sort not to give in; but it won't do to let them get stiff by loitering about at a public-house. Quick march, is our motto, and I hope to be home before the supper hour in the servant's hall.'

'Very well, then Bob and I will overtake you on the road, and bring Markham with us.'

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'I ha'n't seed no fox, sur.'

'Then what the devil made you halloo?'

'The old gentleman he self, I do believe; and he'd a made yoh hallo, if you'd seen us, as I did, spring off the out of hay; the hair riz up on my head, like a hog's bristles.'

'What does the fool mean?' asked the huntsman, in a furious passion.

'Why, I do an't know what it manes, but I tell ye, when I put the ladder agin the mow, a long-tailed critter jumped out of the nich of hay, and out away into yonder copse, and the very sight of us was enow to make anybody hoiler; but, dang it! look—there hur sits in thiek big oak.'

And, on the horsemen riding to the wood hedge, a large baboon was seen sitting in the tree, chattering and making faces at his friends below.

'Ha! ha! ha!' shouted Tom Larking, a leading man in the hunt, 'a devilish good joke, Jem, to be halloed on to a monkey! but, hang it, let's have him out. He'll show us a run, now we have lost our fox.'

'My hounds run a monkey, sir!' exclaimed Jem, indignantly. 'They ain't come to that pass yet, any ways.'

'I'll bet five to one they do run him, though, Jem,' persisted Larking; but Jem, fearing mischief, trotted briskly away to find another fox, leaving Jack to be handled by any one else who fancied him.

Whatever may be said of Will Beauchamp's system of hunting, the result was that his pack seldom required, and never expected, assistance from their huntsman; very few foxes being able to escape them.

CHAPTER XXI.

For some days after, the great run from the Barton Woods was the favorite topic among all sportsmen in that locality; but the all-engrossing subject to the ladies was the Grand Union Hunt Ball, under the management of a committee chosen from the members of the four adjoining hunts.

The ball-room at Cherrington being inadequate to contain the company expected on this great occasion, the Town Hall, which stood over the market horse, was put in requisition, and the large space underneath was boarded over and enclosed for a supper-room. The preparations made for this grand re-union of fox-hunters were on a magnificent scale, and the decoration for the rooms costly and appropriate. Being the first thing of the sort attempted in that neighborhood, the committee spared neither trouble nor expense in their arrangements, being determined, in the spirit of true sportsmen, that the thing should be done well—and well it was done. The members of each hunt had the option of appearing in their respective dress coats, but the general company were requested to be in uniform or fancy costume. The highest families for many miles in every direction sought eagerly for cards of admission to this splendid *fete*, which were only obtainable from members of the four hunts; but it was deemed advisable in some cases to depart from this rule, and an additional number was issued for persons of distinction residing within prescribed limits; and more than one fox-killing *pater familias* was fairly run down by wife and daughters all at him at once, and obliged to promise never to destroy another fox.

The gentlemanly conduct of the committee, who did all in their power to accommodate the numerous applicants having any pretensions, from property or influence in the county, to ask for tickets, was the general theme of conversation, and the Grand Union Ball became the subject of great interest in the most fashionable circles for weeks previously.

Beauchamp sent two of his tickets to Mrs. Gordon and Blanche, reserving one for Sir Francis Burnett, who had promised to attend; and Lord Malcolm, to propitiate the Harcourts, enclosed two also for their acceptance. The anxiously expected evening at length arrived, and by ten o'clock the rooms were crowded with as gay and brilliant an assemblage as ever graced a ball-room; the costumes of the ladies being of the most *recherchee* and elegant description.

Blanche and her friend Constance appeared in the simple Scotch costume of white muslin and tartan. Selina Markham assumed the character of a lady of George the Second's reign, figuring away with Bob Con-

for this grand event, with the Marquis of Danby, who was then staying with them, a young nobleman of great promise, now in his twenty fourth year, and who held a commission in the Life Guards. Lord Danby was about the general standard as to height, although slightly formed; aristocratic looking, with handsome features and very pleasing manners; and although his father, the Duke of Delamere, was still in the prime of life, the heir to a dukedom was, of course, eagerly coveted by many mammas in the highest circles, who had daughters to dispose of. Lord Danby was, however, too cautious and sensible to be caught by mere personal beauty, or that greater attraction in the present day—money. He was, moreover, very partial to field sports, and a determined fox-hunter; and having heard from Lord Seaton of the Union Hunt Ball, he came down purposely for the occasion.

Mrs. Harcourt, as may be supposed, rose a hundred per cent in her own estimation, when entering the room that night, leaning on the arm of such a lion as the Marquis of Danby, whom she sought an early opportunity of introducing to Mrs. Gordon and her niece, parading him with an air of dignity and importance, which was considerably diminished when Lord Danby shook hands with Beauchamp in the most friendly manner, who just then approached to claim Blanche for his partner in the opening dance of the night.

Lord Danby, being very much struck at first with Blanche's extreme loveliness (enhanced that evening by her simple, unaffected costume), begged the honor of dancing the next quadrille, which was acceded to. On leading his partner away, she asked Beauchamp the name of the gentleman who had just been introduced by Mr. Harcourt, which she had imperfectly heard.

'The Marquis of Danby, Blanche, son of the Duke of Delamere.'

'You know him, William, I see.'

'Yes, dear girl, I have met him occasionally in the hunting field, and his father and mine are old acquaintances; but I am at a loss to conceive how he can be staying at Throsely—that, however, I will ascertain presently.'

Lord Danby, not seeing much fun in being paraded any longer by Mrs. Harcourt, took the earliest opportunity of consigning her to a seat, and soon after encountered Captain Markham.

'Ah, Danby! 'pon honor—quite astonished to find you here—grand affair, eh! well got up, and all that sort of thing. But where are you staying, old fellow?'

'At the Harcourts, Malcolm, with my friends, the Seaton's, who were invited to Throsely for this ball.'

'Ah! ah! I see. Old Harcourt is well enough in his way—gives good spreads, and keeps a first-rate artist in the culinary; but that match-making, haughty wife of his is my aversion, 'pon honor.'

'Very likely,' replied Danby; 'but I hear you have had splendid sport in this part of the world.'

'Yaas, Danby, first-rate, and no mistake—such a run from our wood—thirty miles at least—every horse beaten—some killed—others can't show—Narcissus regularly flooded.'

'Well, Markham, I feel inclined to send for my horses down here, and have a week or two with you, if I can get good stabling in the neighborhood.'

'That you can, my lord, I will answer for; at Barton Court our stalls are not half filled, and you shall have a stable to yourself, and a right good welcome from my governor.'

'No, no, Markham, I cannot do that,' said Danby.

'And why not, Dandy, eh?—oh, I see—Duke's son—won't condescend—*infra dig*—and all that sort of thing.'

'No, on my honor, Markham, that was not my reason for refusing your friendly offer.'

'Then, demmit, Danby, there can be no other; but here comes Sir Lionel, as game an old cock as ever wore spurs.'

Markham, having introduced his father to Lord Danby, left them together, saying, 'There, governor, Danby wants to see our pack, so hold him by the bottom until he promises to spend a month at Barton Court.'

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The would-be huntsmen looked extremely foolish at this address; but no answer being returned, Beauchamp sat quietly on his horse, as if awaiting their reply.

'Come, come, Beauchamp,' cried Sir Lucius, 'don't mind these confounded fools hallooing; but let us have a run this cold, shivery day.'

'As you please,' Gwynne; but I wish it to be clearly understood that, if I am to be huntsman, the first halloo I hear shall be the last this day, for I will immediately take the hounds home, which are already spoilt so much by this babbling of tongues, that they won't even try to hunt a fox.'

'Quite right,' exclaimed Conyers and Courley, 'it is the only thing you can do to stop all this riot.'

'Very well, gentlemen,' said Beauchamp, 'as you now know the terms, I will also say a few more on terms again with my fox; and, Charles, I will thank you to bear in mind that you are now whippet-in.'

'Yes, sir,' said Courley, touching his cap very respectfully.

'Ah, Mr. Conyers,' exclaimed Farmer Giles, 'that's just what they all wanted, a bit of a lecture from the young squire, things will go on comfortable again after this.'

On holding the hounds round the lower side of the covert, they struck upon the line of a fox which had gone away some ten or twelve minutes in the direction of Hazel Wood, about four miles distant, which Beauchamp, to punish his field as well as sober his hounds, made them hunt inch by inch;

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On gaining the summit of the hill, the pack was seen about a mile ahead on the open ground in a group, dispatching the remains of as gallant a fox as ever broke covert. Beauchamp and Conyers, with Stiles, trotted leisurely down to the spot, which Charley had already reached with Gwynne and Tyler, both light weights on thoroughbred horses.

'By Jove!' shouted Bob, in an ecstasy of delight, 'this is a most glorious wind-up to the very best run I have ever seen in my life. Now, Gwynne, what do you say to Will having a d—d slow coach, in making his hounds hunt out the line for the first three or four miles?'

'I say, Bob, he is a much clearer hand in dealing with a pack of hounds than I am with a pack of cards, and few can beat me at that game. But how are we, Bob, as to the topographical?'

'Not quite at the Land's End yet, but over thirty miles from home; as I saw the town of Snowdon to our right, when were climbing the hill.'

Lord Malcolm and Fred Beauchamp now straggled in, having taken a wrong turn until the last covert; and as this small party, with the hounds, returned to the verge of the hill overlooking the vale, other horsemen were seen still struggling through the heavy fens, some at a slow canter, and others brought to a trot or walk; and to put a stop to their further exertions, Will Beauchamp stood with the hounds a few minutes on the summit, sending forth one loud whoop, which might have been heard at Snowdon.

'Demmit!' exclaimed the Captain to Melville and Coventry, who were all in turn playing at 'catch my horse, can't you?'

'That's Will's yell, for a thousand! They have got him somewhere; but, 'pon honor—eh! aw! Narcissus—demmit all—he's buried in this infernal dyke—help, Melville, quickly, or he'll be smothered!'

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Another part of Will Beauchamp's system was to stick to his hunted fox, whether good, bad, or indifferent. Bob Conyers would sometimes remonstrate when he was hammering away at a dodging brute, ringing round covert.

'Leave him for another day, Will; we want a gallop to warm us this cold morning.'

'Bad habits grow upon foxes as well as men, Bob; and unless I finish this brute off now, he will be much harder to kill the next time we meet him, and I don't want any more of his stock left in the country.'

The common practice of chopping and changing from one scent to another, leaving a half-beaten fox in covert, and taking the hounds off to find a fresh one, is very prejudicial to the pack, causing to lose confidence in themselves, and almost as bad as lifting them to halloas. Hounds often treated in this manner are always on the look-out for assistance when in difficulties, and will never persevere with a bad scent. A pack in the adjoining county to Beauchamp's, with a wild huntsman, were one day at fault, when a loud shouting was heard from a man on a hay-rick. 'Hark holla!' screamed the huntsman, and away went his darlings, best pace up to the hay, now followed by all the field helter-skelter for another start.

'Where's the fox gone?' shouted the huntsman.

was bounded over and enclosed for a supper room. The preparations made for this grand re-union of fox-hunters were on a magnificent scale, and the decoration for the rooms costly and appropriate. Being the first thing of the sort attempted in that neighborhood, the committee spared neither trouble nor expense in their arrangements, being determined, in the spirit of true sportsmen, that the thing should be done well—and well it was done. The members of each hunt had the option of appearing in their respective dress coats, but the general company were requested to be in uniform or fancy costume. The highest families for many miles in every direction sought eagerly for cards of admission to this splendid fete, which were only obtainable from members of the four hunts; but it was deemed advisable in some cases to depart from this rule, and an additional number was issued for persons of distinction residing within prescribed limits; and more than one fox-killing *pater familias* was fairly run down by wife and daughters all at him at once, and obliged to promise never to destroy another fox.

The gentlemanly conduct of the committee, who did all in their power to accommodate the numerous applicants having any pretensions, from property or influence in the county, to ask for tickets, was the general theme of conversation, and the Grand Union Ball became the subject of great interest in the most fashionable circles for weeks previously.

Beauchamp sent two of his tickets to Mrs. Gordon and Blanche, reserving one for Sir Francis Burnett, who had promised to attend; and Lord Malcolm, to propitiate the Harcourts, enclosed two also for their acceptance. The anxiously expected evening at length arrived, and by ten o'clock the rooms were crowded with as gay and brilliant an assemblage as ever graced a ball-room; the costumes of the ladies being of the most recherche and elegant description.

Blanche and her friend Constance appeared in the simple Scotch costume of white muslin and tartan. Selina Markham assumed the character of a lady of George the Second's reign, figuring away with Bob Conyers in a minute, similarly disguised in the attire of a courtier of that period. Her sister Caroline, with the Rollestons and a friend on a visit, represented the seasons of the year, and formed a quadrille, which was much admired; but, beyond these, it were needless to attempt a description of the various costumes and characters, borrowed almost from every age and every clime, which graced and enlivened the festive scene.

Of the gentlemen, the most conspicuous was William Carrington, the master of the S. W. hunt, whose towering height and immense proportions attracted all eyes.

'Ah! Carrington,' exclaimed Beauchamp, shaking him by the hand, 'glad to see you! All ready to trip it on the light fantastic toe, I suppose?'

'I don't come here, Beauchamp, to make a fool of myself by attempting such a feat as that (which suits only herring-made fellows like yourself), but to see my friends—besides, unless there were extra props, a few hops and skips on these rickety boards, from a man of twenty stone, would send you all down to the regions below. There's a clever pack to look at got together here, particularly the B—ladies, I mean—correcting himself—'although they don't match as to color. Handsome, fine-shaped girls, eh, Beauchamp?'

'Yes, I think the B—pack before us (as you call them) such a lot as is rarely seen in one room.'

'Well, Beauchamp, but I want to see the heroine or heiress who so nearly ran you to ground. They say she is a clipper; and I wish you would point her out to me.'

'I will introduce you to her presently, Carrington,' replied Beauchamp; 'but now my hands are full of business.'

Lord and Lady Seaton (acquaintances of the Harcourts, who lived about twenty miles from Cherrington) were invited to Throsby

her to a seat, and soon after encountered Captain Markham.

'Ah, Dauby! 'pon honor—quite astonished to find you here—grand affair, eh!—well got up, and all that sort of thing. But where are you staying, old fellow?'

'At the Harcourts, Malcolm, with my friends, the Seaton's, who were invited to Throsby for this ball.'

'Ah! ah! I see. Old Harcourt is well enough in his way—gives good spreads, and keeps a first rate artist in the culinary; but that match-making, haughty wife of his is my aversion, 'pon honor.'

'Very likely,' replied Danby; 'but I hear you have had splendid sport in this part of the world.'

'Yaas, Danby, first-rate, and no mistake—such a run from our wood—thirty miles at least—every horse beaten—some killed—others can't show—Narcissus regularly floored.'

'Well, Markham, I feel inclined to send for my horses down here, and have a week or two with you, if I can get good stabling in the neighborhood.'

'That you can, my lord, I will answer for; at Barton Court our stalls are not half filled, and you shall have a stable to yourself, and a right good welcome from my governor.'

'No, no, Markham, I cannot do that,' said Danby.

'And why not, Dandy, eh?—oh, I see—Duke's son—won't condescend—*infra dig*—and all that sort of thing.'

'No, on my honor, Markham, that was not my reason for refusing your friendly offer.'

'Then, demmit, Danby, there can be no other; but here comes Sir Lionel, as game as an old cock as ever wore spurs.'

Markham, having introduced his father to Lord Danby, left them together, saying, 'There, governor, Danby wants to see our pack, so hold him by the bottom until he promises to spend a month at Barton Court.'

Lord Danby was so much pleased with the urbanity of the old baronet that he at last accepted the invitation, and stood listening to his account of their great run, until Beauchamp, having finished his dance, was leading Blanche back to her aunt. If Lord Danby was at first so much taken with Blanche's loveliness of person, he was much more captivated with her artless, unaffected manners and cheerful, unsophisticated mien, which made him desire to be more intimately acquainted with her, and at the end of their dance he pleaded for a second, which was not refused, Blanche being much pleased with his quiet gentlemanly demeanor, and thinking, as a friend of Beauchamp's, there could be no impropriety in accepting him a second time for her partner. It unfortunately so happened that Beauchamp had previously engaged Blanche for the sixth quadrille, which not noticing, from a waltz intervening, she had taken to mean the seventh dance, unwittingly accepting both him and Lord Danby for the same set; and as Beauchamp was hurrying through the crowd in search of his partner when the time arrived, he found her with Lord Danby just taking their position in the set then forming, Lord Malcolm and Constance standing near.

'I think,' said Beauchamp, in a low tone to her, 'you are engaged to me for this quadrille.'

'Oh, no, William, you must have made a mistake, as this is the seventh dance.'

'But only the sixth quadrille,' added Beauchamp, 'which you promised me, did you not, Blanche?'

'Yes,' she replied, 'I recollect now that was the case, but as it did not occur to me when I accepted Lord Danby, I do not know how I can well refuse to dance with him, since we have taken our places.'

'Well, then, Blanche, will you dance the next quadrille with me?'

To be Continued.





given; on the contrary, the lots were apparently sold "with all faults." In the end the plaintiff was nonsuited.

On the 21st the case was brought to the notice of the Queen's Bench Division, the plaintiff's counsel contending that the term "harness" implied work, and that the horse would not be bought as a harness horse and harnessed unless he could work; for of what use was a quiet horse that was permanently lame? The Lord Chief Justice, agreeing with the judge below, defined "quiet in harness" to mean quiet in harness and nothing else, and refused the application for a rule. The case would have been very different if the plaintiff had contracted for the sale of a cab horse; for it is a rule of law that, a person selling an article for some specific purpose of which he is informed, impliedly warrants the article he does sell to be reasonably fit for such purpose. Obviously then a lame horse would be no more reasonably fit for the hard work of a cab than would a dray horse be for a light cart.

"Wilson vs Rymill" involved a point never before argued, so far as we know; and the decision of the judges is important to horse owners, as helping them to understand what is the legal meaning of the word "quiet." If a horse is warranted "quiet in all respects," this includes single and double harness. In the case of "Coltherd vs Peachon" (2 D. & R. 10), the warranty was peculiar; the horse was said to be "a good drawer, and to pull quietly in harness." An action brought the defendant attempted to prove that the horse was a good drawer; but the court were of opinion that proof of this fact alone would not satisfy the warranty. It held that "a good drawer" and "quiet in harness" were convertible terms—that if a horse did not pull quietly, he could not be reckoned a good drawer.

Each practical horse owner will know that a horse kicks or plunges once in way, it is not follow that he is unworthy of a character for quietness. Some irregular conduct may proceed from freshness, unskillful handling, or the neglect of some precaution. In the case of "Beckingham vs Reeve" all the parties concerned were horse-dealers. The defendant bought a horse from the plaintiff, and being put into a break it kicked so as to break the pole and damage the vehicle. An action brought the defendant called witnesses to prove the horse's history for the last two years, and invited the jury to see the horse go in Palace-yard, where he was leading during the trial. The jury found that a horse may kick, when put into new harness and attached to a strange carriage, without subjecting the owner to an action for breach of warranty. Mr. Lascelles, in a book on "Horse Warranties," relates circumstances of quiet animals being rendered restive by improper treatment. In the case of a young horse was bought in August, but not used for two months; it was then put into a dogcart, and it kicked. The jury who tried the case said the plaintiff had not employed that caution which was necessary on harnessing a young horse for the first time after a two months' run. The second case was that of a sluggish horse warranted "quiet to ride and drive by a lady." The son of the buyer struck the horse on the neck with a fishing rod, and the horse kicked. An arbitrator to whom the case was referred decided that a whip, and not a fishing rod, was the proper instrument to strike the horse with, and the shoulder or flank the proper place to strike him. In "Geddes vs Pennington" the accident occurred through the bad driving of the plaintiff. He did not himself drive the horse for six months after he bought it; but others did, and it went quietly. When the plaintiff did drive, the horse started at a cart, whereupon the plaintiff whipped and checked him. This was found to be a piece of bad driving, and calculated to make a quiet animal restive.

All the facts tend to show that an absolute breach of warranty has occurred, it is necessary to show a written document. Where the seller said to the buyer in the course of dealing, "You may depend on the horse is perfectly quiet and free

of the same denomination, and one or more cards of the same denomination remain upon the board, he may play one of them on the table, at the same time calling the denomination, and his opponent is thereby debarred from taking it with a card of any other denomination. In calling the denomination, the plural is always used. Thus: "Fours," not "Four." This is termed calling.

**BUILD.**—A card already built up.

**FALSE BUILD.**—A build made without any card in hand to redeem it. (See Law 11.)

**COMBINE.**—To play a card which will take two or more cards of a different denomination, whose aggregate number of pips or spots exactly equals those of the card played. Thus: a Ten will take a Seven, Two, and Ace, the combined spots on those cards being precisely ten.

**LAST CARDS.**—Those cards remaining on the board after the last trick is taken, all of which go to the winner of the last trick.

**ELDEST HAND.**—The player sitting at the left hand of the dealer, so called, because he is the first to play.

**MISDEAL.**—An error in giving out the cards, the penalty for which is the forfeiture of the game, and all depending upon it.

### THE LAWS OF CASSINO.

#### OF CUTTING AND DEALING.

1. The game of Cassino is played by two persons, with a pack of fifty-two cards.

[Three, four or six persons may play Rounce, or Set-Back Cassino with a complete pack. It is also sometimes played by four persons, who divide into sets of partners, as at Whist or Euchre. See note to Law 18.]

2. The deal is determined by cutting, and the player cutting the lowest card must deal. Ties out over. In cutting, Ace is low.

3. At the outset of the game the dealer gives each player four cards, one at a time, commencing with the eldest hand, and either regularly as he deals, or by one, two, three or four at a time, lays four more face upwards upon the board. After the first cards are all played, four others must be dealt to each player, one at a time, until the pack is exhausted; but it is only in the first deal round that any cards are to be turned up.

4. In the case of a misdeal, the dealer forfeits the game and all depending upon it.

[The penalty prescribed for the infraction of the above rule may at first sight seem too severe, but, when we consider the great advantage an unscrupulous player might derive from its open violation, the punishment will not appear disproportionate to the offence committed. Were this rule not to prevail, it is obvious that the dealer might purposely misdeal in anticipation of defeat, and thus, to his adversary's detriment, obtain another chance of winning.]

#### OF PLAYING AND COMBINING.

5. Each person engaged in the game, beginning with the eldest hand, must play one card at a time, with which he may not only take at once every card of the same denomination upon the board, but likewise all that may combine therewith.

[Thus: a Ten takes not only every Ten, but also Nine and Ace, Eight and Two, Seven and Three, Six and Four, or two Fives, and a player may sometimes have the good fortune to sweep all the cards upon the board with a single card and score a point.]

6. When a player cannot, or does not choose to pair, combine, or build up, he must place a card up on the board face upwards.

#### OF CALLING AND BUILDING UP.

7. If a player hold two or three cards of a certain denomination, and one or more cards of the same denomination are upon the board, he may play one of the said cards from his hand, and call the denomination in the plural number, in which event his adversary cannot combine and take it, or any of the cards of that denomination, with a card of a different denomination, neither can he employ them to build upon.

[For instance: A and B are playing Cassino. A deals, and in the first round turns up two Fives upon the table. B holds the other two Fives in his hand, and plays one of them, calling out (not Five, but) Fives. A is debarred from taking any of them with a Ten—because it is a card of another denomination—but B may capture them all with the remaining Five. Again—suppose A and B are playing; and in the course of the game a Three remains upon the board. A holds two Threes, and plays one of them, calling Threes, B having the other Three, plays it, and takes those upon the table. B may not, however, take the Threes with a Six, or employ them to form any combination, by

domination, or call a card (as provided in Law 7), and it subsequently transpire that he holds no card of a similar denomination with which to redeem or take the cards thus called or built up, he forfeits the game.

[The remark following Rule 4, may apply equally in this case. The spirit of all rules, which enforce a penalty, is that a defaulting player be debarred from profiting by his own delinquency; and in most cases, the only penalty that accomplishes this end thoroughly, is one which, leaving this view of the matter out, might appear unnecessarily stringent, but a less severe penalty would be found to fall short of its object, and there is therefore, unfortunately, no alternative.]

12. When a card is played for the purpose of making a build, or call, the player must declare the denomination of the proposed build or call, audibly and distinctly, so that no doubt of his intentions may exist, and failing to comply with this requirement, his opponent may separate the cards, and employ them in any lawful way he may deem to his advantage. No announcement, which may occur in compliance with any of the preceding rules, possesses any value whatever, unless the foregoing condition be strictly observed.

[Thus, the mere act of playing a Five on a Two does not of itself constitute a build, nor prevent the opponent from pairing the Five, or combining the Two with a Seven to be taken with a Nine, or building on either of them, unless the player of the Five says, when he lays the Five on the Two, audibly and distinctly, Seven; or if the play be for the purpose of making a call, he must mark the distinction between a call and a build. For instance: if he play a Five upon a Five on the table to make a call, he must announce his intention by saying, clearly and audibly, Fives. The same is of course, applicable to builds or calls of any other denomination.]

#### OF THE SCORE.

13. The points gained by each party are counted at the end of each deal, and that party which has the greatest number of points wins the game.

[In Europe Cassino is played differently: the game there is eleven points, and a player must achieve that number before he can win. The manner of scoring is as follows: at the conclusion of each deal the points gained by each party are counted, and that party which has the least number of points scores nothing, but his points are deducted from the winning party's, who scores the difference towards game. When three person's play, the two lowest add their points together, and subtract from the highest; but if their two numbers added together amount to or exceed that of the third player, then neither scores. It will be seen that a game played thus might last through several deals. The European game is the favorite with those who play for recreation, and is known as Set-Back or Rounce Cassino.]

14. A tie precludes both parties from counting the points on which they tie.

15. The holder of great Cassino counts 2 pts  
" little Cassino " 1 "  
The four Aces, one point each 4 "  
The majority in Spades 1 "  
The majority of cards 3 "  
A sweep before the end of the game (that is, when any player can match all on the board), counts 1 "

16. Should both players obtain the same number of points, the game must be considered drawn.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

17. The number of tricks must not be examined or counted before all the cards are played; nor may any trick but that last won be looked at, as every mistake must be challenged immediately.

18. After all the pack is dealt out, the player who obtains the last trick sweeps all the cards then remaining unmatched on the table.

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tree. He was covered with blood and his clothing hung in tatters. He was alive, but it was half an hour before he was able to realize where he was and how he got there. He remembered falling off the rocks, starting down the mountain huddled by the bear and crashing into the swamp, and that was all. The bear lay ten or fifteen feet away, covered with blood and dead. Both of Acker's shots had reached vital spots, but there is no doubt that but for the fortunate ride down the mountain the bear would have crushed the hunter before the wounds proved fatal. The bear weighed over two hundred pounds.

Since the above adventure King Society, of South Mountain, with two of his brothers, put up a bear on Mooso Mountain, in Downing. King wounded it, but was attacked by the bear. The three brothers killed it with their hunting axes, Ding being badly wounded by it during the fight. The bear was an enormous one. As the hunters were dragging it to an old wood road near by they heard the dogs making a commotion in the woods. One of the brothers went to the spot, and found two bear cubs in a nest, in the rocks. They were taken out. The cubs began to whine and cry piteously, and in a few minutes their mother came tearing through the woods and sprang out into the opening where the hunters were amusing themselves with the cubs. They dropped the cubs and sprang for their guns. The old bear threw herself in front of the cubs, and rising on her haunches backed towards the woods, keeping the cubs behind her, roaring furiously as she kept her eyes on the hunters. Two rifle balls entered her heart, however, before she gained the thicket, and she fell dead on the snow. The hunters allowed the dogs to tear the cubs to pieces.

### KING TOM DEAD.

Before his departure from England, Glencoe, got by Marpesa (a daughter of Mulay and Clara, by Marmon), the filly Pocahontas, who gave to England three of the best racehorses and most famous stallions ever in the kingdom, Stockwell, Lataplau, and King Tom. The latter was by that great Irish racer Harkaway. This sire yielded the palm of speed to no horse that lived. It was said at the time that Mr. Ferguson availed himself of tricks, such as a gentleman would not be guilty of, to secure incidents brought upon him the severest criticisms of the public, and provoked the action of the stewards of the club. This, however, advertised Harkaway, and his name became as familiar in England as that of the Duke of Wellington. The Iron Duke's chaplet of victories showed but one Waterloo, but Harkaway struck terror into the hearts of a hundred Bonapartes of the turf. Notwithstanding that no horse was the equal of this celebrated flyer, he was only moderately successful in the stud. His greatest son was King Tom, foaled in 1851. He did not win either of the English classical events. In this respect both Lataplau and King Tom were unfortunate, but Stockwell captured the St. Leger and Two Thousand Guineas in 1852. Stockwell was more popular in the stud, and so remarkable was his success that he must be regarded as the best sire ever known in the world. Next to him of the sons of the great dam mentioned was King Tom. His best daughter was the bay mare Hannah, the property of Baron Rothschild. She won, in 1871, the One Thousand Guineas, Oaks, and St. Leger. Kingscraft, who won the Derby for Lord Falmouth in 1870, was a son of King Tom, and the fillies Tormentor and Hippia, Oaks winners of 1866 and 1867, were also by him. The Mentmore stud, at Leighton, has sustained severe losses in the recent deaths of Favonius, Restitution, and Tourmatin, but although King Tom had attained his twenty-seventh year, it is probable that his death is regretted more than his younger companions. Several descendants of King Tom has been brought to America. Perhaps the best was Phaeton, sire of Ten Broeck, who bids fair to take the place of Lexington, and become to this country what Stockwell was to England.

**A RUN-NOT BOWLER.**—According to The Hobart Town (Tasmania) Mercury, there is a terrific young bowler there—a brother of G. H. Bailey, a member of the Australian eleven, who are to visit England via the States. The Mercury says of him: "Young Bailey, like his brother, shines as a trundler. His pitch is good, his delivery easy, his pace terrific; and on Saturday, in the match Orierton vs. Clarence he cut a piece out of Braithwaite's finger, bowled the sole clean out of Quinn's boot, cut Grant's temple, severed the heel of Young's understanding, and blackened both of Rowland's eyes by his terrible shooters."

### A SINGULAR COMBAT.

SPECIAL REPORT BY THE SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.  
DORSEALD, CAP RANGE ROAD, ST FOYNS  
Near Quebec, Jan. 2, '78

On a balmy evening of May 1st, the cry of "Your gun, quick," raised me from an unusually prolonged nap. After a very hasty toilet I found myself, gun in hand, on the kitchen stoop. From the alarmed cry of the person who called, I concluded that I was about to confront some very unusual denizen of the forest—a bear, a loup cervre, or perhaps, the dreaded cat-a-wampus (Felis color), which, it is said, has for some time haunted the outskirts of the settlement at Valcartier. Great was my surprise, indeed, when, instead of any of the above formidable gentry, I beheld a mallard spruce partridge (Tetrao canadensis) engaged in mortal dueno with the Spanish knight errant of our poultry yard. The combatants fought in the manner common to the Gallinacea—eyeing each other with outstretched necks and drooping wings. At each attempt to strike on the part of the rooster, Tetrao, with the rapidity of a flash, would hop, or rather fly, over the head of his unlucky opponent, and passing, would use, as weapons of offence, both wing and claw with astonishing effect. At each onset, this passing was repeated several times without intermission, when, as before, the posture of attack would be resumed.

In this manner the duello was carried on, round after round, but it soon became evident that owing to his activity and strange superior mode of attack, the smaller of the two opponents must evidently become the victor. Feeling his advantage, the little hero's fury knew no bounds. Striking from all sides, he punished the unlucky Chevalier des poules till his crest and wattles were torn to shreds, and, half blind, bleeding and stunned he became utterly demoralized, and took to his heels. Little, however, did his slight avail him. Tetrao, bent on carrying hostilities to the bitter end, followed the fugitive, knocking him down repeatedly by the violence of the blows, till, vanquished beyond hope, lying flat on the sod, hiding his bruised and bleeding head under a tuft of grass, Gallus surrendered at discretion.

Victory complete, our forest hero, after briefly eyeing the prostrate chancier, giving way to the tender emotions of love, flew towards the hens; and in his flight, by a tremulous motion of his wings, produced that singular sound known as drumming. Alighting in the midst of poultry and matronly Brahmas, the commotion was general; yet they manifested none of that *sauvo qui peut*, as when the dreaded hawk attempts a foray. A nervous hop aside, a mistrusting side glance, and cackle expressive of surprise, was all the fear evinced. On reaching the ground, our little grouse paid court with outspread tail and trailing wings, by strutting about, displaying his graceful form and delicately pencilled livery; anon slightly oscillating his body from side to side; then, with a few rapid forward steps, curving his neck, would emit a short, sharp sound, like spiff, spiff. Thus parading and drumming (produced by this species while flying down from a tree), our gallant sought for several days to win favor. All to no purpose, however. Disgusted at the marked want of appreciation on the part of *Mesdames les poules*, our brave inhabitant of the sombre swamps took flight toward its native wilderness, there to seek, find and win a forest bride worthy of his chivalry.—T. N., in *Forest and Stream*.

"I will not learn a trade!" exclaimed the Chicago young man to his father. But this business of learning a trade is only a matter of time, for within a year that young man was studying harness making in the State Prison.

It is reported at Ridgetown that a young man in the 10th Con., Howard, shot a black fox. This is the only animal of the kind that has been killed in these parts for a great number of years.



TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During the past month or two we have sent out the great bulk of our subscription accounts for collection. A large proportion of them have been handled by the different express companies, and from this portion we have returns either in money or unaccepted drafts. We regret to state that the result of these collections has not been up to what we had a right to anticipate. While thankful to those who were kind enough to respond to our appeal, we think we have just right to complain of the manner in which many of our drafts were returned. The most frivolous excuses in many cases were used, while of the whole lot in which there was default not a single one had a reasonable endorsement why it was not paid. The expense to us of the return of these unpaid calls by the Express Co.'s has been great, and we certainly have no disposition to take these negative replies as final answers. Therefore we request all who are indebted to us for subscriptions to remit us the amount due at once. In many cases this default extends over two or three years, and the want of this money hampers us in our business. It is our intention at no distant day to enlarge the SPORTING TIMES to sixteen pages, but if our friends who are so behind hand in their obligations to us do not promptly meet their indebtedness, there is very little inducement to go on with an improvement which will cost such a large sum of money. Thousands of dollars are standing out, in small sums from \$4 to \$12, all over the country, and we have a right to expect that when our subscribers know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

To those we could not reach by the Express companies, we mailed their accounts. Every facility was used for returning the remittance. A printed reply and envelope were enclosed, and no excuse can be had for delay on the part of subscribers. Of the hundreds we sent out this way, tens have not been heard from. Now the payment of this subscription money is insisted upon, and we hope we may not be forced to adopt harsh measures for its recovery.

THE STALLION RACE.

There can be but very little doubt of the fact that the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Races for the past two years have been the turf events of their seasons. Already we have received several enquiries as to our intentions in giving a race for 1878. It may be as well to state here that these races have not been a source of revenue to us, and if the trouble and loss of time they have occasioned were valued at anything like a fair consideration, our deficit would be considerable. This is well known to most of the active participants in the race. That the conditions of the races were extremely generous on our part will, we think, be conceded by every one. As compared with similar stakes given by some of the sporting papers in New York, this liberality will be freely acknowledged. There they simply announce the stake and assume

positions have been submitted. One has been to add a certain sum, say \$25, for each horse that starts; another was to give three medals, one to the first, second, and third horse respectively; and again for us to assume the management of the race, and after striking a balance between the receipts and disbursements, devote so much per cent. of the profits to the purchase of an emblem of victory for the winner. We should be pleased within the next two weeks to have the opinions and ideas of our leading horsemen and turfmen on the subject as a guide to our future action. It has been submitted that a very liberal subscription list might be had for the purpose of adding to the sweepstake, but we do not feel disposed, for the present at least, to make an appeal of this nature. Whether we will have a race or not depends a great deal upon the course the owners of eligible horses take and the declarations they make to us before the 15th instant. Any suggestion will be kindly considered, and each one will have its due weight in coming to a conclusion. We do not consider this a personal matter, as there is nothing in it for us, and viewing it as a public benefit have no hesitation in bringing it before them.

COSTLY LEGISLATION.

When men become imbued with some fanatical idea, they never count the cost of their actions while pursuing their favorite hobby. Messrs. Jerome and Belmont showed the probable direct loss to New York State by the enforcement of the pool legislation in that State before a committee of the Senate the other day, and the figures as published in last week's paper were surprising. In speaking of the consequential or indirect damage it would be a most difficult matter to arrive at even approximate figures of the amount of injury inflicted upon the horse breeders of the State. A correspondent of a prominent New York paper speaks of the results of such fanatical legislation in a sister State as is given in the extract below, and what is true of Pennsylvania and New York, will not be found to be false in Canada. The writer evidently is well acquainted with the subject upon which he professes to treat, and his views from actual experience are valuable, and cannot be too widely read. Hear what he says:—

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To those we could not reach by the Express companies, we mailed their accounts. Every facility was used for returning the remittance. A printed reply and envelope were enclosed, and no excuse can be had for delay on the part of subscribers. Of the hundreds we sent out this way, tens have not been heard from. Now the payment of this subscription money is insisted upon, and we hope we may not be forced to adopt harsh measures for its recovery.

## THE STALLION RACE.

There can be but very little doubt of the fact that the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race for the past two years have been the turn events of their seasons. Already we have received several enquiries as to our intentions in giving a race for 1878. It may be as well to state here that these races have not been a source of revenue to us, and if the trouble and loss of time they have occasioned were valued at anything like a fair consideration, our deficit would be considerable. This is well known to most of the active participants in the race. That the conditions of the races were extremely generous on our part will, we think, be conceded by every one. As compared with similar stakes given by some of the sporting papers in New York, this liberality will be freely acknowledged. There they simply announce the stake and assume the management of the race, but incur no financial responsibility by adding anything to the entry and forfeit moneys. Here we have supplemented the sweepstake with added money, which materially swelled the value of the stake. Had we assumed the same principle in this stake as was adopted by our contemporaries, there might have been a little recompense for our trouble and time, but even then not sufficient to have made it a paying investment. This year the prospects of success are not so favorable as before. The operation of the Pool Bill, as any one at all acquainted with the management of races too well knows, will destroy a leading asset of the usual receipts. The race is a valuable one to the country, and especially so to the leading horses engaged in it. After the experience of the past two years we do not feel much inclined to continue the race on the original basis. While we are at all times willing to do our utmost so far as lays in our power to further the turf and horse interests of Canada, we do not think it is equitable that we should be asked to do more here than is acceptable to horse owners on the other side of the line. Quoting from one letter, the writer of which is a prominent horse owner and well understands our position in this matter, "What about a Stallion Race this season. Why not let the owners of stallions who think they have good ones put up say \$100 each, and see who can win it? We ought to do something of this kind." As before remarked we do not feel like continuing it as in the past two years, however the matter has been canvassed over, and several pro-

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Why is a bankey horse like the captal of Turkey?—Because he is constant in no pull.

There was to have been an ice meeting at Whitby on Thursday and Friday of last week, but Jupiter Pluvius put his veto on it. There were quite a number of good horses on hand to take part in the fun.

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By P. Rooney, Montreal.

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Andy Marshon.....	Curtis's Hambletonian.....	2:25½
Galatea.....	Fearnaught.....	2:26
Katie Jackson.....	Almont.....	2:26
Fearnaught, Jr.....	Fearnaught.....	2:26
Jacks'ville Boy.....	Unknown.....	2:26
The Jewess.....	Mambrino Patchen.....	2:26
St Charles.....	Unknown.....	2:26½
Vivandiere.....	Sentinel.....	2:26½
Starline.....	Andrew's Horse.....	2:26½
Deck Wright.....	Hinsdale Horse.....	2:27
Ed Getchell.....	Winthrop Morrill.....	2:27
Forest King.....	Honest Dan.....	2:27
Queechy Maid.....	Ballard's C M Clay.....	2:27
Dread.....	Jim Monros.....	2:27½
B'le Lawrence.....	Deumark.....	2:28
Elaine.....	Messenger Duroc.....	2:28
Pratt.....	Stridesway.....	2:28
Governor.....	Unknown.....	2:28
Red Jim.....	Abdallah Pilot.....	2:28
Croquette.....	Jack Hawkins.....	2:28
Orange Girl.....	Hambletonian.....	2:28
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Jack Barry.....	Unknown.....	2:29
Lucile.....	Exchequer.....	2:29
Lucy Fleming.....	Peavine.....	2:29
Penelope.....	Son Kemble Jackson.....	2:29
W T Allen.....	Fearsall.....	2:29
Drummer Boy.....	J W Conley.....	2:29
Cottage Girl.....	Mambrino Star.....	2:29
Judge Pollard.....	Tom Crowder.....	2:29
Alice West.....	Almont.....	2:29
George.....	Mambrino Patchen.....	2:29
Lightning.....	Unknown.....	2:29
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Black Frank.....	Wild Wagner.....	2:30
Brigadier.....	Happy Medium.....	2:30
Foxie V.....	King Herod.....	2:30
Lady Dinsmore.....	Unknown.....	2:30
Name.....	John Nelson.....	2:30

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.—Beaucler favorite for this event. The rates are 2 to 1 against him. He must be a wonder to command odds so short at this distance of time in field so large as usually shown at the post in this stake.



his Grasso & July 1879  
Montgomery's Swinger..... dis  
Time—2:40, 2:42, 2:40.

### TROTTING AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—\$209. Match. Ice trotting.  
Mile heats, 5 in 5, to sleighs.  
Ranger, w/ht m White Bird..... 1 1 1  
Roy, b w Wild French Girl..... 2 2 2  
Time—2:37½, 2:37½, 2:39½.

## Correspondence.

### FROM PRESCOTT.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times :

SIR,—Your valuable paper reaches our town promptly and regularly.

The death of Mr. Archie Fisher is much to be regretted by all turfmen and others. During the past few years Mr. Fisher has been with us on several occasions with his fine lot of noble horses, and I must say he left many warm friends behind him. In all his transactions when here he acted the part of a thorough gentleman.

This has been a remarkable winter. We have not had, up to the present time, one week of good sleighing, and our noble St. Lawrence has not, as yet, been sufficiently frozen to allow our 'flyers' to cross and recross to our neighboring city of Ogdensburg. And for that reason we have been prevented from having our usual Winter Races. It is possible we shall yet have them in March. We have plenty of material here and in Ogdensburg for having a two or three days' meeting at almost any time.

The loss of that great and promising horse Hiram Woodruff, owned by Mr. Wiser, and schooled by that expert and shrewd trainer, Mr. H. W. Brown, is much regretted by all turfmen and friends of the above gentlemen, as it was expected he would lower his record the coming season, low down in the 'teens.' Mr. Wiser is about publishing a sale of his blooded stock by catalogue, to take place about the first of May—about seventy in all—when it is expected buyers will be present from all parts of the Dominion and the United States. It is stated by good judges that Mr. Wiser has as fine and promising a lot of young trotting stock as can be found in any breeder's stables in the United States.

Aside from Mr. Wiser's stables we have quite a number of young and promising ones. Dr. McMonagle has some six or eight fine ones which he is breaking this winter, mostly all of them the get of Mr. Wiser's horse, Rysdyk. Also our veteran livery man, Mr. Hollingsworth, is growing a lot of promising ones. His fine chestnut mare Lady Grenville, by Jackson, with no record, can speed a thirty gait, is one of the prettiest of the pretties, without fault or blemish; and our friend Mr. Huntington, of the North American Hotel, must not be forgotten, nor his fine mare Lady Thorn, with her good burst of speed, which will require a Small Hopes or a Rarus to keep company with her.

Our East End neighbor, Mr. Flynn, of the Windsor, has, as usual, several good ones. Mr. H. Ford, late proprietor of the Johnson House (which was burned in November last), has as good a roadster as any gentleman could wish to drive, and his Kentucky mare, Ella Wootten, is wintering fine-

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I remain, yours, &c.,  
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To Editor of Sporting Times :

SIR,—As secretary of the late meeting in this village, I must thank you for your straightforwardness in not allowing an anonymous contribution, condemning the action of our judges, drivers, &c., to be published. If our Picton "friend" will have the manliness to sign his name under the charges he has to make, I shall be most happy to answer his communication.

I should have treated the matter with the contempt that it deserves, and been content with the reproof that you administered were it not that we are anxious to preserve the fair fame that the Campbellford sporting circle has gained for itself. As far as I hear general satisfaction was given and the number of complaint were far below what is usual on such an occasion.

I repeat, sir, if any charges are to be made, let them be made in a manly manner, and in a way that we shall be enabled to meet them on equal ground. Thanking you for your kind indulgence,

I am, yours truly,  
THOMAS BLUNT.

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To the Editor of the Sporting Times :

SIR,—Yesterday the postponed races at the Island came off, and were witnessed by a large number of people from the Island and also from the city. The race was won by Mr. Folger's horse, Miles Standish, and second place was secured by Dr. Horsey's gray gelding Deserter; Mr. Carson's mare Maud third, Horn's Hawk fourth. Farmer Girl was drew after the first heat. The track was rather heavy, and most of the horses were not in proper condition; this accounts for the time not being some seconds faster. The Islanders at first were confident that their horse Hawk had a gift of the race, and made their bets accordingly. They were soon convinced of their error, however, for as soon as the horses scored once it was evident that Hawk would make no show in the race, and after the first heat the most sanguine of the "natives" lost heart and turned their attention to making things in general as unpleasant for the visitors from the city as possible, threatening violence to the drivers and insulting the spectators by their low remarks. I consider it due to the

entrance money.—Brook.

### FROM OGDENSBURG, N.Y.

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SIR,—Sporting items of late, in this vicinity have been very slack, albeit we have had some scrub races in several of the adjoining towns. On the 16th Capt. McCormick's bay gelding won the free-for-all purse at Edwardsville, in three straight heats. No time given. On the 28th inst. and 1st prox. they have racing at Hewelton. First day, race for green horses, and a named race, with two of our horses entered—H. B. and Black Bess. Second day a purse for horses that never beat 2:45, barring Decet and Morley Girl.

Mr. F. E. Tallman of this town, has some very fine colts in his stables, including the following: A black filly 4 years old, 15 hands high, by Legacy, out of a mare brought here from Kentucky, named Cherry—colt named same. Also a bright bay colt, by Royal George, out of a chestnut mare from Canada, named Maggie. This colt is 4 years old and 16½ hands high. A black, 8 years old, sired by Doc. Benton's Sam Wiley, and also out of Maggie. Mr. Tallman sold last fall in Rochester for \$300, another colt out of this same Canadian mare, which is doing splendid work, and is considered very promising.

Belle Legacy, a 8-year-old filly, is very promising. She comes from the old Prince Albert stock. She won the colt race at Edwardsville, in 8 straight heats, trotting against two of Phil Sheridan's colts.

Labossiere's school is increasing in numbers, and quite a good deal of interest is manifested in the art. He intends to make his residence here permanent if possible.

Washington's Birthday passed off very quietly. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church held a public dinner at noon and a "Dickens" entertainment in the evening, which was very well got up. The Pickwick Trial was especially fine.

The Band of Hope had an entertainment on the 26th, when they presented the temperance drama of "The Fatal Glass," concluding with a farce entitled, "The Train to Mauro." Miss Brown's readings here on the 21st and 22nd were something very rare, and she gained many friends. She has given her consent to read here again sometime in May, and will find many admirers anxiously awaiting her. She stands at the head of her profession as a reader, and wins hosts of friends wherever she favors them.—SCRIBBLER.

### HORSE SALES.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, of the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, informs us that he is busily engaged upon the catalogue of his coming sale of trotters, and as soon as compiled will properly advertise it. The sale will take place on May 8, and will be the most prominent event of this class that has ever taken place in Canada. The stock now are all in fine condition, and have been properly wintered. The accumulation of the Farm for the past three or four years will be submitted to competition, and embraces some of the best trotting blood ever seen in this

late in the fall she had not been bred to any horse.

### "THE DANITES."

Joaquin Miller's new play of 'The Danites' will be presented for the first time in Toronto, at the Grand Opera House, on Monday evening next, with Mr. McKee Rankin in the leading part. Mr. Rankin is one of the most attractive stars at present on the American stage, a position he has attained purely through his own talents and versatility. It may not be generally known that Mr. Rankin is a Canuck, having been born in the vicinity of Windsor, Ont. He is a son of Col. Rankin, of the Rankin Lancers, famed in the earlier part of the American rebellion. As a native Mr. R. has claims on the support of the people of Toronto, which will not likely be withheld. We should not be slow to acknowledge "home" talent, and we trust on the conclusion of his engagement Mr. R. will have no cause to regret his visit to the Queen City. The Buffalo Express in speaking of the play says:

"The 'Danites,' was produced this week at the Academy by the McKee Rankin combination and as a good play and a capable and intelligent company are indispensable factors in a satisfactory theatrical performance, the audience had no reason to complain from a lack of either. While the play would be classed generally under the head of sensational, it is free from the objectionable features usual in such plays, in having a plot of absorbing and thrilling interest, a number of carefully drawn characters, and in presenting a picture of noble self-sacrifice and manly honor, with touching true sentiment and pathos. As we have said the company is an unusually good one, and admirably adapted to their various roles. The part of the Parson was made one of great strength and was splendidly played by Mr. Aldrich, and Mr. Parsloe's Chinaman, though we are not in this part of the country familiar enough with that race to form any standard of comparison was *per se* one of the funniest things of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin, in the opposite parts of Sandy and Billy Piper, were at all times fully up to the high reputation which they have attained in other cities. Vining Bowers is always a good comedian, and his talent had full opportunity to assert itself as the Jedge. Miss Goldthwaite's Widder was extremely effective by her quiet and self-possessed manner."

### SALE OF THOROUGHBREDS.

Mr. H. O. Bernard's New York stable of thoroughbreds was broken up on the 21st ult., and hereafter neither the name of Bernard nor that of "Smythe" will be known on the turf of this country. It is understood that Mr. Bernard quits the turf because his regular business prevents his giving it the attention required to warrant success. The stock, which was wintered at Jerome Park, looked well, and although the prices obtained were not as high as expected, the horses went into good hands, and will no doubt be heard from during the coming season. The prices obtained and the buyers were as follows:

Springbok, foaled 1871, by Australian, dam Hester, by Lexington, grandam Heads I say, by Glencoe; T J Megibben, Kentucky, \$2,500.

Wade Hampton, foaled 1875, by Glencoe, dam Item, by Lexington, grandam Katona, by Voucher; Puryear & Co., New Jersey, \$800.

Danicheff, foaled 1875, by Glencoe, dam Salina, by Lexington, grandam Lightsome, by Glencoe; Puryear & Co., New Jersey, \$1,100.

Telephone, foaled 1875, by Asteroid, dam Schottische, by Albion, grandam Dance, by Glencoe; G B Bryson, Massachusetts, \$250.

Dan Sparling, foaled 1876, by Glencoe, dam Item, by Lexington, grandam Katona, by Voucher; Puryear & Co., New Jersey, \$1,400.

adding the best of the Royal Opera House this week to good horses. It is a romantic, weird drama, and contains many striking features. The character of the Unknown is a strange one, and capably rendered by Mr. Stevens, who displays strong dramatic ability. The support by the company is good, though not very strong with one or two exceptions. The regular matinee tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon. Monday next, a lecture by Gen. Thomas F. Bourke, and the Irish drama of Robert Emmet, in which Mr. Brink will appear as the hero, for benefit of Grattan Benevolent Association.

Miss Thursby concertized at Shaftesbury Hall on Wednesday evening, 27th ult.

### GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—At the Academy of Music on Monday evening, the Langards commenced a season of one week, opening their engagement with the drama of Heart and Crown, following it with the Langard Sketches. A series of French dramatic performances under the management of Miss Theresa Newcomb, commenced on Monday evening at the Theatre Royal. The initial piece was Marie Jeanne, with Miss Newcomb in the title role.


OTTAWA.—The company from the Academy of Music, Montreal, commenced a season of three nights at the Grand Opera House, with Miss May Howard as the star, on Monday last. Marguerite, or Stricken Blind, was the opening price.—At the Opera House on Saturday last, Mrs. Lingard fainted in the first act, but recovered sufficiently in a few minutes to proceed with her part.—The students of Ottawa College presented Julius Caesar at the Opera House on the 28th.—The Boone Bros., shootists, and Prof. Gregory, left on Saturday for Carleton Place; they intend to take in the towns in the line of the Canada Central.

HAMILTON.—The Opera House was destroyed by fire on the morning of the 21st ult.—Mechanics' Hall.—Feb. 28, Miss Thursby, grand farowell concert. Feb. 27, benefit to Harry Lindley, East Lynne and Paul Fry being the bill. March 5, the Garrick Club's tenth performance, when Charles II. and the farce of Poor Pillsoddy will be the attractions. Eliza Weatherly and burlesque company March 16. Joe Murphy with the Kerry Gow Combination, April 5.

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Miscellaneous.

John McCoy, aged 103 years and 9 months died at Boston on Saturday.

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"Our butcher," said an old lady, "never has any venison in his shop, but he always has plenty of dear meat."

There is a man in the west ward who is a musical prodigy. He can tell a chord of wood if he strikes it in the dark.

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A Western paper affirms that there is a man in Palmerston, on the Wellington, Grey and Bruce railway, who is now in his 113th year. His wife died recently at the age of 87.

Joseph Faulkner, who just died at Windsor, N.S., at the age of 103 years, was one of the crew of the British frigate Shannon when she fought her celebrated battle with the Chesapeake.

John Heffernan, hotel keeper, Ennotville, Ont., is the father of a baby of wonderful proportions. The child is 10 months old, weighs 42 pounds, is three feet high, measures 25 inches around the waist, can both walk and talk, is very pretty, and his name is John Patrick. Who competes?

A fancy skating carnival was held in Ingersoll last week, the same being patronized by quite a number of swells from London. During the mock encounter between Gen. Custer and the Sioux Indians, Mr. George Ingersoll, of Woodstock, received a blank shot in the face from a pistol. Although badly burned he will not lose his eyesight.

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A PHENOMENAL YOUNG SHOOTER.

Captain Bogardus promises to find a rival for his shooting feats in his own son Eugene, who, although but thirteen years of age, handles the shot-gun with the dexterity of an old sportsman. Eugene is a guileless little country lad, and up to a week ago had never been out of his native village of Elkhart, Ill. He was habituated to the smell of powder from babyhood, and while yet a creeper on all fours would mimic with the fire-poker his father's motions with the gun. At the age of eleven he went into the field, and he can now knock over a prairie chicken or bag a snipe without the least to do. He came east with his father last week, and has been exhibiting his shooting talents at the Tivoli Theatre, New York, in hitting glass balls thrown from a screened trap. Armed with a straight bore Greener gun weighing eight pounds, ten bore, using three drachms of Dittmar powder and one ounce of shot, the little fellow fired at seventy-six single balls at fifteen yards, breaking all but two, and at eight double rises he missed but a single ball, making in all ninety-two shots and three misses—a record which few professional shooters could hope to beat. The balls were of the ordinary 2½ inch size; the gun was held, as per rule, below the elbow, while the trap was hidden from view and the directions of the ball not known to the shooter until sprung. The boy intends to follow shooting as a profession. Captain Bogardus, who is very proud of his son, is anxious to match him against some of the older champions.

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A Comstocker who was down at Glendale a day or two since, is said to have made his mark there as a fisherman. Being told that the trout would not bite, he armed himself with a spear, determined to have a fish or two in spite of any of their little whims and prejudices. A Glendale man who happened along shortly after he began operations, found him in a state of great excitement. Said the Comstocker, "There's a d-d great big one here that I've struck at more than a dozen times and I can't hit him. He always dodges me. Sometimes he comes nearly to the surface of the water, still I can't hit him. D-d great big fellow that looks red about the gills! Hold! There he is now. Come up quietly now and you'll see him. There! look—almost on the surface!" And he made a terrible lunge with his spear. "Gone again, blast him!" And looking around for the Glendale man, who had been peering over his shoulder, he found him rolling on the ground convulsed with laughter, but he presently managed to say, "Why, bless my soul, if you hadn't been spearin' at the collection of that nose of yours!"

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A bill has been introduced in the N. Y. senate, which provides that every person who shall sell or offer for sale any milk from which the cream or any part thereof has been removed, shall mark in letters not less than two inches in length, in a conspicuous place on the outside of every can or package containing such milk, the words "skimmed milk." Every person who shall sell any milk shall also mark on the outside of every can or vessel the name of the county from which the same is produced. A violation of either of the above provisions is made a misdemeanor, and in addition thereto be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars.

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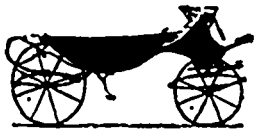
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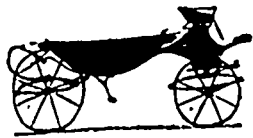
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**DEATH OF WASH BOOTH.**

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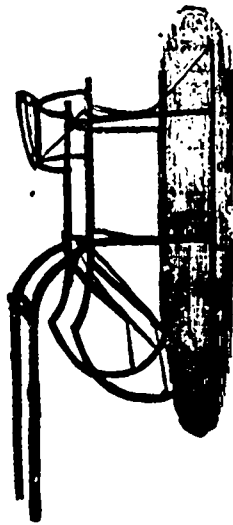
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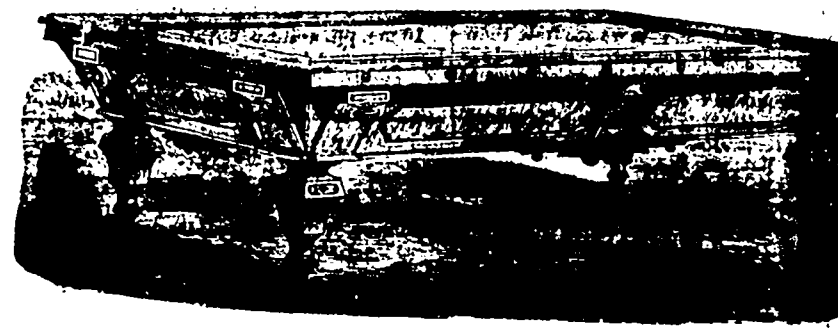
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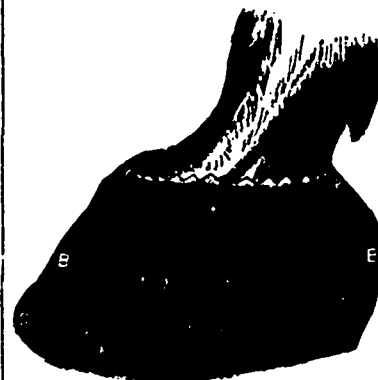
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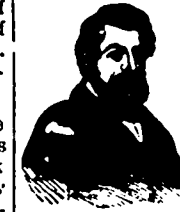
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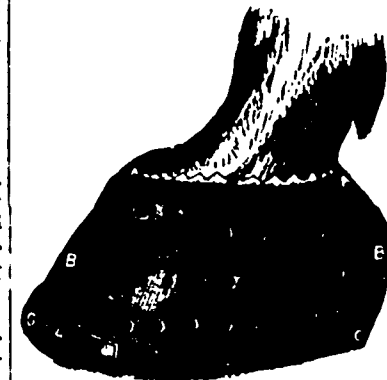
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