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American Turf.

HAOING AT SAVANNAH, GA.

Savannah, Ga, Jan 21—Ten Broeck Stakes for three-year-olds; \$25 each, p.p. \$300 added; second to receive \$100 from stakes; eleven subscribers; mile heats.

A Atchison's ch g Ben Hill, by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Melrose, 87 lbs. 1 1
 J H Davis, ch f Alpha, by Pat Malloy, dam Mollie James, 87 lbs. 3 2
 Belmont & Cree's b f Mary Walton, by John Morgan, dam Effie Osham, 87 lbs. 2 3
 Barnes & West's gr c Gabriel 0 0
 W P Burch's b f Eunice 0 0
 Time—1:48, 1:49.

Same Day.—Savannah Cup, for all ages, \$30, p.p. \$300 added; second to receive \$100 from stakes; two miles.

W Lakeland's b h Little Reb, 5 yrs, by Rebel, dam Virginia, 110 lbs. 1
 B A Bray's ch h Judge Hancock, 5 yrs, by Bulletin, dam Two Lauras, 110 lbs. 2
 W T Linck's b f Bergamot, 4 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Juanita, 101 lbs. 3
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 Time—9:39.

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W P Burch's b h Egypt, 7 yrs, by Planet, dam Lady Barry, 115 lbs. 1
 M H Bay's b h Virgilian, 5 yrs, by Virgil, dam La Henderson, 110 lbs. 2
 J J Bevin's ch m Hatlie F, 4 yrs, by imp Leaning Tower, dam Bondje Deon, 112 lbs. 3
 L A Hitchcock's ch c Madstone 0
 Time—1:59.

Jan 25—Bonaventure Stakes, for four-year-olds; mile heats; \$25 each, p.p. \$200 added; second to receive \$75 out of stakes, the third to receive his stake.

W T Linck's b m Bergamot, by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Juanita 1 1
 B A Bray's ch c Capt Rhart, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Weatherman 3 2
 L A Hitchcock's m g Speculation, by Dan'l Hitee, dam Lizzie Stoghill 2 3
 Time—1:48, 1:45.

Same Day.—Purse \$150, for all ages; one mile; 10 per cent entrance added.

W P Burch's ch h Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Lady Barry 1
 G B Morris' ch g Es-Sillah, 6 yrs, by Levar, dam Sally of the Valley 2
 W P Burch's ch h Gov Hampton, 5 yrs, by Planet, dam Merry Wave 3
 Owner's b c Le Roi 0
 Time—1:46.

Same Day.—Purse \$250, for all ages; mile heats.

W Lakeland's b h Little Reb, 8 yrs, by Rebel, dam Virginia 1 1
 J J Bevin's ch m Hatlie F 0 0
 J Davis' ch c Jim Bell 0 0
 W P Burch's ch h Rappahannock 0 0
 Time—1:47, 1:46.

TROTTING IN FRANCE.

"Longchamps," Paris correspondent of the London Field speaks as follows of trotting in

Gun, Gun and Feather.

SHOOTING AT WOODBINE.

On Friday last a little match took place at Woodbine Race Track, "just for the birds," between a couple of well-known gentlemen of this city. They shot at five pigeons each, 18 yards rise, 80 yards boundary, ground traps. One of the principals is quite an adept at handling the gun while the other is considered almost a green-horn. However, in this case fortune smiled on the less experienced one, and he carried off the honors by one bird.

J. Fleming 1 1 1 1 1—5
 J. Conlisk 0 1 1 1 1—4

POPPING AT WOODSTOCK.

A keenly-contested pigeon shooting match took place at Woodstock on the 20th, between Geo. Harwood and Gen. Grant, under the trap and handle rules—15 birds—21 yards. The contestants having killed the same number of birds at the fifteen, it was decided to increase the distance to 26 yards, and shoot off at five birds additional, with the following result, showing Grant to be the winner:

Grant 00100101110111—9 I0101—8
 Harwood 11101111000100—9 10010—2

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A snow-bird shooting match took place on the Brantford flats, on Tuesday of last week, between the following teams. As will be seen below Capt. Ramsay had the winning team. The score is as follows:

T Ramsay 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
 C Ash 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0—5
 J Ash 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1—7
 Wm Baxter 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1—8
 F Westbrook 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1—7

A MATCH AT OAKVILLE.

A pigeon shooting match took place at Oakville on Wednesday of last week, between a team from Cooksville and one from Oakville, for a supper. The Cooksville men came off victorious, as will be seen by the following score:—

COOKSVILLE.

Veterinary.

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

The Medical Society in connection with the above College met Thursday evening, January 23rd, Prof. J. T. Duncan, V. S., in the chair. Sixty members present. Mr. E. H. Cleaver, of Allentown, Penn., read an instructive essay on Tetanus. He said that Tetanus was defined to be a "Spasm of the voluntary muscles," and it was of two varieties—Traumatic, when it is the result of some visible cause, such as punctured foot, neurotomy, castration, etc.; Idiopathic, when it can be assigned to no appreciable cause. Proceeding, he then gave a very accurate and able description of the symptoms and of the course of treatment to be pursued; as regards the latter he was of the opinion that medicinal remedies were only secondary in importance, rest, care, and attention being the first great essentials in the treatment of Tetanus. The medicinal agents advocated were purgatives, Extract of Belladonna, Hydrocyanic acid, &c. At the conclusion of the discussion which followed the reading of this paper, the chairman called on Mr. A. Grant, of Thornyhurst, Ont., who furnished an interesting account of a case of "Sprain of the muscles and tendons of the fore extremity," which he had successfully treated by the aid of a purgative, cold applications, and liniments. This paper was also warmly debated. Prof. Duncan then made a few remarks on Tetanus, giving his own ideas as to the nature of the disease. A resolution awarding a vote of thanks to the chairman was moved, seconded and carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

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 American Jockey Club, Jerome Park, New York, Spring Meeting, May 30 to June 7 inclusive.
 American Jockey Club, Jerome Park, New York, Fall Meeting, Oct. — to — inclusive.
 St. Louis Jockey Club (Mo.), Spring Meeting, June 10 to 14 inclusive.
 Queen City Jockey Club, Cincinnati, O., Spring Meeting, Aug. 23 to Sep. 6 inclusive.
 Chicago Jockey Club, (Ill.) Spring Meeting,

Billiards.

THE NEW YORK TOURNAMENT.

SLOSSON MAKES THE LARGEST RUN ON RECORD.

On the 22nd, Gallagher beat Garner by 600 to 589. In the evening George T. Slosson, of Chicago, and William Sexton, of New York, came together, and it proved a Waterloo defeat for the latter. The N. Y. World gives the following account of this remarkable game:—Every seat in the hall was filled; nine out of ten of the spectators having come with the expectation of seeing Sexton make something like his big run of 417. The game opened at about 8.20, Slosson leading. He missed, however, on the place-shot, and Sexton did no better. Then by some good round-the-table play Slosson ran up 84. Sexton missed. The third inning made 2 for Slosson and 4 for Sexton. Then came a clean miss for Slosson and but 18 for Sexton, and everybody began to say that the game would be a long one. With the fifth inning Slosson's 21 and Sexton's 1 separated the scores still further. The sixth inning concluded, the strings stood Slosson 123, Sexton 25, and the seventh with 1 for Slosson and 0 for Sexton was greeted with something very near a general expression of disgust. It was about 9 o'clock when Slosson opened his eighth inning. The balls were somewhat scattered; but a few shots brought them into the lower left corner and a careful nursing-voyage up the rail brought them to a freeze at the ninety-seventh shot. They were successfully started again and a few dozen shots put them in a bunch at the upper left corner; then came some nursing which for forty minutes kept three thousand pairs of eyes intently on the green cloth. The faint click of the balls could be heard over the whole room. At every added 50 or 100 of the score cheers broke out, however, growing sharper and stronger as the score was piled up past the ordinary into the extraordinary. Beginning at 140 at the upper left corner, the journey of the balls was along that end, then down the right rail and so on around the table. One trip round left 338 points to Slosson's credit. At the lower right corner Slosson had to stop till the referee could announce that Mr. Rudolphe would fill out the evening with some fancy shots. This break seemed to upset the player, who in a few more shots failed to count on an easy carrom, and sat down with a run of 441—the biggest on record—while the 3,000 lookers on broke out in an united shout. As Slosson passed the 417 point he stepped up to Sexton and shook his hand, with the words, "Beat your run." Sexton followed this tremendous run with 27, while Slosson was content with 8. The best of the game was commonplace. At the end of the eleventh inning the string stood 594 to 87, and the twelfth inning for the winner was quickly played, ending at 9.35. The score was as follows:—

TROTTING IN ENGLAND.

Speaking of trotting in England the London Sporting Life remarks as follows. "There is scarcely any branch of sport in this country that has taken such hold of the public as trotting; a fact mainly due to the exertions of the losses of the Alexandra Park, over which now famous track during the last year, more than five hundred conducted meetings have been held, while the prizes, amounting to nearly 1,200,000, have been the cause of bringing together large fields made up of the best horses that could possibly be found. To show how popular the pastime has become, not only with Englishmen, but with Irishmen, Scotchmen, and Americans, some of them, rather than to be outdone by their countrymen, not unfrequently take a trip to 'Yacht Land' to pick up something with a marvellous record, with which they return in high hopes of beating all before them. In this, however, they very often make mistakes, for as surely as they open their mouths to make a match, or endeavor to ring their purchases into a handicap, they invariably 'got done,' for the simple reason that the horses alluded to have not sufficient time to recover from the effects of their journey, and to get acclimatized to asking them to trot up to their American friends, which in this country they have never approached, and until we get a smooth and different track to what we have used, all is good enough in its way—it may be said that they never will. Independent of Alexandra Park, some really grand trotting has been witnessed in many other parts of the country, viz. at Liverpool, over the Aintree race course, and at Derby, whilst exceedingly well managed meetings have been brought off at Abbey Hall, under the auspices of the Manchester Trotting Club, and at Wolverhampton, where, although not a success in a financial point of view, the Scotch horse, Childe Harold (who won the International at Liverpool), Stargazer (winner of the three miles and three quarters race over the Chateau Lafitte track in France), Matty (an Alexandra Park handicap winner), Sheffield Jack, the American Spotted Colt, Defense, and others of less repute made a very close and exciting race, eventually won by Mr. Fletcher's Matty. Since that meeting there have been many fresh importations, and there is little doubt but that something fresh in our mode of trotting will be vented in 1879, viz., flying starts, all off the same mark, and classes for those in harness alone, as it is thought that at the present time there are sufficient trotters in the country to secure capital entries. Trotting has now taken a bold front amongst the sports of the country, and we trust the supporters of the pastime will always behave as well as they have done during the past year."

A DARING EQUINE FEAT.

On the afternoon of January 24, Mr Andrew Wallace, conductor on the Great Western Railway, rode his horse across the ice-bridge at Niagara Falls—a difficult feat in itself—but not satisfied with this, ascended to the summit of the ice-mountain at the base of the American Fall. The eight feet of cliffs on the Canada side which were

Same Day.—Savannah Cup, for all ages, \$30, p p, \$800 added; second to receive \$100 from stakes; two miles.

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 W T Linck's b f Bergamot, 4 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Juanita, 101 lbs..... 3
 Bill Dillon, Rappahannock, Jim Bell, and Es-Sillah, also started.
 Time—3:39.

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 J J Bevin's ch m Hattie F, 5 yrs, by imp Leanington, dam Bonnie Doon, 112 lbs..... 3
 L A Hitchcock's ch c Madstone..... 0
 Time—1:59 1/2.

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 R A Bray's ch c Capt Erhart, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Westheimer..... 3 2
 L A Hitchcock's rn g Speculation, by Dan'l Boone, dam Lizzie Stoghill..... 2 3
 Time—1:48 1/2, 1:45 1/2.

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 Owner's b c Le Roi..... 0
 Time—1:46 1/2.

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TROTTING IN FRANCE.

"Longchamps," Paris correspondent of the London Field, speaks as follows of trotting in France: "I recently remarked at length upon trotting in France, and pointed out that an increase in popularity and prosperity of that sport appeared likely—indeed, inevitable. Subsequent events will, I think, confirm this. At any rate, the Chamber of Deputies has voted a credit of 60,000 francs, which is to be employed to encourage trotting in general in France. Down south, the number of raisers of trotters is considerable, and, of course, they would prove warm patrons of a sport which would be so much to their advantage. Raising good trotters for the public might then become profitable—this is not very probable, however, for the sales of blood stock are too badly attended to admit of much hope on this point. The true Frenchman can never be brought to see the advantages derived from the possession of a superior animal. He is perfectly contented with one of inferior quality, and though he be as rich as Croesus would not depart from this idea. There is one question which must be solved before trotting can become as popular as all sportsman would wish to see a good course on the pattern of those in America. The Maisons-Laffitte track is certainly not sufficient for the purpose. And, although we hear great things of the improvements which are to be effected there before next spring, we very much doubt whether the course will ever answer the necessary requirements. M. Joffe, its manager, has promised us new stands, palatial in appearance, and, what is better, very comfortable as regards accommodation. This is excellent, but unless he can work wonders in the track itself, all his efforts will be useless. It remains to be seen whether the committee proposed for the purpose will spend a portion of the sum allotted in the construction of a suitable course. However, it is certain that the 60,000 francs voted by the Chamber of Deputies will prove of the most service to trotters and trotting in general, and there is matter for astonishment at this manner without any of its anticipated services and incision."

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 O Ash..... 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0—5
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 F Westbrook..... 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 1—7

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 C Page..... 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0—5
 G Goodson..... 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0—8
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 L Gordon..... 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0—4
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 A Walterhouse... 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1—7
 E Harris..... 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0—8
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OAKVILLE.
 W Chisholm..... 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—9
 Dr Sutherland... 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1—8
 Mr Rolson..... 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1—6
 Mr Hewson..... 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0—6
 Mr Breden..... 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0—4
 C Thompson..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1—8
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DEER.—Deer are being killed with sticks in the Township of Monck, Muskoka.

BEAR.—A bear weighing 197 pounds when dressed, was recently shot near Prince Arthur's Landing, and the meat was sold at prices varying from fifteen to twenty cents per pound, which would lead to the belief that "bar meat" was scarce in that locality.

HAWK AVIS.—Last week Mr. Joseph Vance, of East Zorra, shot a very fine specimen of the baldheaded eagle. The bird weighed eleven pounds, and measured seven feet four inches across the wings. The bird is now in the hands of the taxidermist.

MONTREAL.—At a meeting of the Montreal Gun Club, held on Friday evening, the following officers were elected:—W. R. Hamilton, President; James Strachan, Vice-President; A. Rudolph, Secretary; H. Bacon, Treasurer; A. Jackson, Thomas Hooking, Charles Beves, Directors.

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 Chicago Jockey Club (Ill.), Spring Meeting, June 21 to 27 inclusive.
 Belmont Park, Philadelphia, Pa., June 27 to 30 inclusive.
 Monmouth Park (N. J.), Spring Meeting, July 4 to 12 inclusive.
 Monmouth Park, (N. J.), Summer Meeting, Aug. 23 to Sept. 6 inclusive.
 Saratoga Association, New York, July 19 to Aug. 20 inclusive.
 The Capital City Jockey Club, Washington, D.C.; the Beacon Park Association, Boston, Mass., and the Columbus (O.), Jockey Club, have not yet been heard from.

"THE CAUSE OF IT."

Under the above caption the Turf, Field and Farm ascribes the greater liability to breaking down in the race-horse over the trotter to early training and running. It also states that "the trotting gait is as tiresome as the gallop." Neither is correct. Any person who will study Muybridge's pictures will at once see how much greater the strain is on the legs of the galloper, even without the added weight on the back. The trotter makes two bounds in his stride, and the hind and fore feet strike the ground at the same time. Unless when the body is in the air there is always these two feet of the trotter on the ground. The stride of the race horse is not only further but one leg supports the whole weight of the animal, plus the rider, until the body is carried so much forward that a perpendicular line from the foot strikes back of the saddle. The best trotter on the track can be made more fatigued by a half mile run than in the whole of a three-in-five race.—California Spirit.

make something like his big run of 417. The game opened at about 8 20, Slosson leading. He missed, however, on the place shot, and Sexton did no better. Then by some good round-the-table play Slosson ran up 34. Sexton missed. The third inning made 3 for Slosson and 4 for Sexton. Then came a can miss for Slosson and but 18 for Sexton, and everybody began to say that the game would be a long one. With the fifth inning Slosson's 21 and Sexton's 1 separated the scores still further. The sixth inning concluded, the strings stood Slosson 128, Sexton 25, and the seventh with 1 for Slosson and 0 for Sexton was greeted with something very near a general expression of disgust. It was about 9 o'clock when Slosson opened his eighth inning. The balls were somewhat scattered, but a few shots brought them into the lower left corner and a careful nursing-voyage up the rail brought them to a freeze at the ninety-seventh shot. They were successfully started again and a few dozen shots put them in a bunch at the upper left corner; then came some nursing which for forty minutes kept three thousand pairs of eyes intently on the green cloth. The faint click of the balls could be heard over the whole room. At every added 50 or 100 of the score cheers broke out, however, growing sharper and stronger as the score was piled up past the ordinary into the extraordinary. Beginning at 140 at the upper left corner, the journey of the balls was along that end, then down the right rail and so on around the table. One trip round left 383 points to Slosson's credit. At the lower right corner Slosson had to stop till the referee could announce that Mr. Rudolphe would fill out the evening with some fancy shots. This break seemed to upset the player, who in a few more shots failed to count on an easy carrom, and sat down with a run of 441—the biggest on record—while the 3,000 lookers on broke out in an united shout. As Slosson passed the 417 point he stepped up to Sexton and shook his hand, with the words, "Beat your run." Sexton followed this tremendous run with 27, while Slosson was content with 3. The best of the game was commonplace. At the end of the eleventh inning the string stood 524 to 87, and the twelfth inning for the winner was quickly played, ending at 9.35. The score was as follows:—
 Geo. T. Slosson—0 84 2 0 21 71 1 441 3 10 11; total, 600; average, 50; best runs, 441 71 84 21.
 Wm. Sexton—0 0 4 18 1 7 0 27 30 5 0; total, 87; average, 7 19 11; best runs, 80 27 18 7.
 On Monday Slosson beat Garnier by 600 to 225, the winner's average being 75, said to be the highest ever made. In the evening Heiser bested Rudolph to the tune of 600 to 422.

RACING IN AUSTRALIA.

At the Spring meeting of the Victoria Club, held at Melbourne, beginning on the 3rd of November, the principal events were disposed of as follows: Victoria Derby, for three-year-olds, 1 1/2 miles, six starters, won by Johnson-Boss's br c Wallington, 122 lbs up, in 2:47. The Maribyrnong Plate, for two-year-olds, five furlongs, 29 starters, was won by Lee's br f Nellie, by imp Tim Whiffler, out of Sappho, 117 lbs up, 1:55. On the following day the Melbourne Cup, two miles, for all ages, with 30 starters, was won by Mr. E. de Mestre's b h Calamia, by Maribyrnong, out of Luna, 5 years old, 114 lbs up, in 3:55. On the 7th, the Cup favorite, Melita, a daughter of Tim Whiffler, won the Oaks, 1 1/2 miles, 6 starters, in 2:43, and on the 9th, the Mare's Produce Stakes, for three-year-olds, 1 1/2 miles, 120 subscribers, eight starters, was won by Mr. O. B. Fisher's b c His Lordship, by The Marquis, out of Beatrice, in 2:15 1/2.

SALE OF DAN HOWELL.—The well-known trotting horse Dan Howell, with a record of 3:29 1/2, has been sold to Mr. James Clark, of Hillsboro, Ohio, for \$1,000.

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A DARING EQUINE FEAT.

On the afternoon of January 24, Mr. Andrew Wallace, conductor on the Great Western Railway, rode his horse across the ice bridge at Niagara Falls—a difficult feat in itself—but not satisfied with this, ascended to the summit of the ice-mountain at the base of the American Fall. The sight from the cliffs on the Canada side which were covered with a large crowd of visitors, was a thrilling one. Slowly the horse toiled up the steep slippery side of the great ice-cone winding round by the foot-path till the summit was reached. Here, enveloped in a cloud of mist, which concealed the white cone itself, horse and rider looked like some weird apparition suspended in mid air. For some time the horse went careering about over the crest of the cone, where one false step might have hurled both him and his rider into the fatumless foaming gulph seventy feet below. Presently the daring horseman rode slowly down the path, and crossing the ice bridge regained the Canadian side. Both he and his horse were completely drenched with spray. The intelligent, sure-footed animal who played such a prominent part in this feat of unparalleled daring was a moderate sized brown gelding, with four white feet and a snip... the nose. This is certainly a strong argument in support of the theory that horses marked with white are more intelligent than whole-colored ones.

The match race for \$10,000 between the three year olds, Manfred, the brother of Elaine, and Happy Dream, the sister of Happy Thought, will be trotted at Prospect Park one week previous to the commencement of the Breeders' meeting at the same place in September next. The race will create unusual excitement.

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The Interpreter.

CHAPTER XVIII.

OMAR PASHA.

(CONTINUED.)

'At what distance from the Danube did you leave your General's head-quarters?'

The prisoner pretends not to understand. My limited knowledge of his language obliges me to put the question in an involved form, and he seems to take time to consider his answer. There is nothing about the man to distinguish him from the common Russian soldier—a mere military serf. He is dressed in the long, shabby grey coat, the greasy boots, and has a low overhanging brow, a thoroughly Calmuck cast of features, and an intensely stupid expression of countenance; but I remark that his hands, which are nervously pressed together, are white and slender, and his feet are much too small for their huge snapeless coverings.

His eye glitters as he steals a look at the General, whilst he answers, 'Not more than an hour and a half.'

Again Omar consults his paper, and a gleam passes over his face like that of a chess player who has check-mated his adversary.

'One more question,' he observes, courteously, 'and I will trouble you no longer. What force of artillery is attached to your General's corps d'armes?'

'Eight batteries of field cannon and four troops of horse artillery,' replies the prisoner, this time without a moment's hesitation; but the sweat breaks out on his forehead, for he is watching Omar Pasha's countenance, and he reads 'death' on that impassable surface.

'It is sufficient, gentlemen,' observes the General to the officers who surround him. 'Let him be taken to the rear of the encampment and shot forthwith.'

The prisoner's lips quiver nervously, but he shows extraordinary pluck, and holds himself upright as if on parade.

'Poor devil!' says a hearty voice in English; and turning round, I see a good-looking, broad-shouldered Englishman, in the uniform of a brigadier, who is watching the prisoner with an air of pity and curiosity approaching the ludicrous. 'Excellence,' says he, in somewhat broken German, 'will you not send him to me? I will undertake that he spreads no false reports about the camp. I will answer for his safety in my hands; he must not be permitted to communicate with any one, even by signs; but it is a pity to shoot him is it not?'

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man squeezed my hand, and drew himself up proudly to his full height, whilst his eye kindled, and the color came once more into his cheek. As I mounted my horse, he saluted me with the grave courteous air with which a man salutes an antagonist in a duel.

I could not bear to see him die. I went off at a gallop, but I had not gone two hundred paces before I heard the rattle of some half-dozen muskets. I pulled up short and turned round. Some inexplicable fascination forced me to look. The white smoke was floating away. I heard the ring of men's ramrods as they reloaded; and where the Russian had stood erect and chivalrous while he bid me his last farewell, there was nothing now but a wisp of grey cloth upon the ground.

Siek at heart, I rode on at a walk, with the bridle on my horse's neck. But a soldier's feelings must not interfere with duty. My despatches had to be delivered immediately, and soon I was once more speeding away as fast as I had come. An hour's gallop braced my nerves, and warmed the blood about my heart. As I gave Injour a moment's breathing time, I summoned fortitude to read the Russian's letter. My scholarship was more than sufficient to master its brief contents. It was addressed to the Countess D—, and consisted but of these few words: 'Console thyself, my mother; I die in the true faith.'

He was a gallant man and a good. 'If this is the stuff our enemies are made of,' thought I, as I urged Injour once more to his speed, 'there is, indeed—as Omar Pasha told us to-day—there is, indeed, work cut out for us all.'

CHAPTER XIX.

'ISKENDER BEY.'

The old Lion is sober enough now. What a headache he ought to have after all that brandy yesterday; but the prospect of fighting always puts Iskender Bey to rights, and to-day he will have a bellyful, or we are much mistaken. At the head, in the rear, on the flanks of his small force, the fiery Pole seems to have eyes and ears for every trooper under his command. The morning is dark and cloudy; a small drizzling rain is falling, and effectually assists our manoeuvres. We have crossed the Danube in a few flat boats before daybreak, fortunately with no further casualty than the drowning of one horse, whose burial-service has been celebrated in the strongest oaths of the Turkish language. We have landed without opposition; and should we not be surprised by any outpost of the enemy, we are in a highly favorable position for taking our share in the combined attack.

Victor de Rohan has been attached for the occasion to our commander's staff. He is accompanied by a swarthy, powerful man, mounted on a game-looking bay mare, the only charger of that sex present on the field. This worthy goes by the name of Ali Mesour, and is by birth a Beloochee; fighting has been his trade for all over the East, till he found himself a sort of henchman to Omar Pasha on the banks of the Danube. He has accompanied De Rohan here from head-quarters, and sits on his mare by the Hungarian's side, grim and unmoved as becomes a veteran warrior. There is chivalry in all trades. It is the affectation of the young soldier to be excited, keen, volatile, and jocose, while the older hand thinks it right to assume an air of knowing calmness, just dashed with a touch of sardonic humor. We are situated in a hollow, where we are completely hidden from the surrounding district: the river guards our rear and one of our flanks; a strong picket is under arms in our front; and beyond it a few videttes, themselves unseen, are peeping over the eminence before them. Our main body are dismounted, but the men are prepared to stand to their horses' at a moment's notice, and all noise is strictly forbidden in the ranks. If we are surprised by a sufficiently strong force we shall be cut to pieces, for we have no retreat; if we can remain undiscovered for another hour or so, the game will be in our own hands.

Iskender Bey is in Paradise. This is what he lives for; and to-day, he thinks, will see him a pasha or a corpse. 'Tergyman,' he whispers to me, whilst his sides shake, and his eyes kindle with mirth, 'how little they think who is their neighbor. And the landing, Tergyman; the landing; Victor, 'The hussar's horse drinks wine.' But the rain is coming on heavier,' he adds, looking up at the clouds; 'we shall have water enough to satisfy even a true Mussulman like Ali, presently. How slow the time passes. May I not go forward and reconnoitre?'

The permission is willingly granted; and as my office is to-day a sinecure, I creep forward with Victor beyond our advanced posts, to a small knoll, from which, without being seen, we can obtain a commanding view of the surrounding country.

There is a flat extent in front of us, admirably adapted for the operations of cavalry; and a slight eminence covered with brushwood, which will conceal our movements for nearly half a mile farther.

'The fools!' whispers Victor; 'if they had lined that copse with riflemen, they might have bothered us sadly as we advanced.'

'How do you know they have not?' I whisper in reply; not a man could we see from here; and their grey coats are exactly the color of the soil of this unhappy country.

Victor points to a flock of bustards feeding in security on the plain. 'Not one of those birds would remain a second,' says he, 'if there were a single man in the copse. Do you not see that they have got the wind of all that brushwood? and the bustard, either by scent or hearing, can detect the presence of a human being as unerringly as a deer. But see; the mist is clearing from the Danube. It cannot but begin soon.'

Sure enough the mist was rolling heavily away from the broad, yellow surface of the river; already we could descry the towers and walls of Ronschouk, looming large, like some enchanted keep, above the waters. The rain, too, was clearing off, and a bit of blue sky was visible above our heads. In a few minutes the sun shone forth cheerily, and a lark rose into the sky from our very feet, with his glad song heavenward, as the boom of a cannon smote heavily on our ears; and we knew that, for to-day, the work of death had at last begun.

The mist rose like a curtain; and the whole attack was now visible from our post. A few flats were putting off from the Bulgarian side of the river, crowded with infantry, whose muskets and accoutrements glittered in the fitful sunlight, loaded to the water's edge. It was frightful to think of the effect a round-shot might have on one of those crazy shallops, with its living freight. The Russian batteries, well and promptly served, were playing furiously on the river; but their range was too high, and the iron shower whizzed harmlessly over the heads of the attacking Moelem. A Turkish steamer, coolly and skilfully handled, was plying to and fro in support of her comrades, and throwing her shells beautifully into the Russian redoubts, where those unwelcome visitors created much annoyance and confusion. Victor's eyes lightened as he puffed at his cigar with an assumed *sang froid* which it was easy to see he did not feel.

'The old Lion won't stay here long,' he whispered to me; 'look back at him now, Vere. I told you so: there they go—'boots and saddles.' We, too, shall be at it ten minutes, *Vive la guerre!*'

As he spoke, the trumpet rang out the order to 'mount.' Concealment was no longer necessary, and we rushed back to our horses, and placed ourselves on either side of our commander, ready to execute whatever orders he might choose to give.

Iskender Bey was now cool as if on parade; nay, considerably cooler: for the rehearsal was more apt to excite his feelings than the play itself. He moved us forward at a trot. Once more he halted amongst the brushwood, from which the scared bustards were by this time flying in all directions; and whilst every charger's frame quivered with excitement, and even the proud Turkish hearts throbbed quicker under the Sultan's uniform, he alone appeared wholly unmoved by the stake he had to play in the great game. It was but the calm before the hurricane.

From our new position we could see the boats of our comrades rapidly nearing the shore. Iskender, his bridle hanging over his mutilated arm, and his glass pressed to his eye, watched them with eager gaze. It was indeed a glorious sight. With a thrilling cheer, the Turkish infantry sprang ashore, and fixing bayonets as they rushed on, stormed the Russian redoubts at a run, undismayed and totally unbecked by the well-sustained fire of musketry, and the grapple and canister liberally showered on them by the enemy. An English officer in the uni-

form of the column will advance at a trot—

'March.'

Rapidly we clear the space that intervenes between our former position and the retreating columns of the enemy—now to sweep down with our handful of cavalry on their flank, and complete the victory that has so gallantly begun. For the first time the enemy appears aware of our proximity. A large body of cavalry moves up at a gallop to intercept us. We can see their commander waving his sword and giving his orders to his men; their number is far greater than our own, and Iskender is now indeed in his glory.

'Form line,' he shouts in a voice of thunder, as he draws his glittering sabre and shakes it above his head. 'Advance at a gallop!—charge!'

Victor de Rohan is on one side of him, the Beloochee and myself on the other; the wildest blood and the best horses in Turkey at our backs: and down we go like the whirlwind, with the shout of 'Allah, Allah!' surging in our ears, lances couched and pennons fluttering, the maddened chargers thundering at their speed, and the life-blood mounting to the brain in the fierce ecstasy of that delirious moment.

I am a man of peace, God knows. What have I to do with the folly of ambition—the tinsel and the glare and the false enthusiasm of war? And yet, with steel in his hand and a good horse between his knees, a man may well be excused for deeming such a moment as this worth many a year of peaceful life and homely duties. Alas, alas! it is all vanity? is *cut bono* the sum and the end of everything? Who knows? And yet it was glorious while it lasted.

Long ere we reach them, the Russian cavalry wavers and hesitates. Their commander rides nobly to the front. I can see him now, with his high chivalrous features, and long, fair moustache waving in the breeze. He gesticulates wildly to his men, and a squadron or two seem inclined to follow the example of their gallant leader. In vain: we are upon them even now in their confusion, and we roll them over, man and horse, with the very impetus of our charge. Lance-thrust and sabre-cut, stab blow and ringing pistol-shot, make short work of the enemy. 'Allah, Allah!' shout our maddened troopers, and they give and take no quarter. The fair-haired Colonel still fights gallantly on. Hopeless as it is, he strives to rally his men—a gentleman and a soldier to the last. My comrade, the Beloochee, has his eye on him. They meet in the *meles*. The Colonel deals a furious blow at his enemy with his long sabre, but the supple Asiatic crouches on his mare's neck, and whisks the well-trained animal at the same instant with his heel. His curved blade glitter for a moment in the sun. It seems to pass without resistance through the air; then the fair moustache is dabbled all in blood, and the Colonel's horse gallops masterless from the field.

Victor de Rohan fights like a very Paladin, and even I feel the accursed spirit rising in my heart. The Russian cavalry are scattered like chaff before the wind. Their disorganized masses ride in upon their own infantry, who are vainly endeavoring to form with some regularity. The retreat becomes a general rout, and our Turkish troopers fly like hell-hounds to the pursuit.

How might a reserve have turned the tables then? What a bitter lesson might have been taught us by a few squadrons of veteran cavalry, kept in hand by a cool and resolute officer. In vain Iskender rides and curses and gesticulates. He is himself more than half inclined to follow the example of his men. In vain the Beloochee entreates and argues, and even strikes the refractory with the flat of his sabre; our men have tasted blood, and are no longer under control. One regiment of Russian infantry, supported by a few Hussars and a field-piece, are still endeavoring to cover the retreat.

'De Rohan,' exclaims Iskender, while the foam gathers on his lip and his features work with excitement, 'I must have that gun! Forward, and follow me.'

We placed ourselves at the head of two squadrons of the flower of our cavalry; veterans are they, well seasoned in all the artifices of war, and 'own children'—so he delights to call them—to their chief. The Beloochee has also succeeded in rallying a few stragglers; and once more we rush to the attack.

The Russian regiment, however, is well commanded, and does its duty admirably. The light field-piece opens on us as we advance, and a well-directed volley de-

formations. The Russian hussars, firing on my right tells me that the pursuit still rolling away far into Wallachia. All this is dim and indistinct. Again the feeling comes on that it is not Vere Egerton but some one else, who is lying there! A cold sweat covers my face; a deadly nausea oppresses me; the ground rises heaves around me, and I grasp the rusted trodden grass in my hands. The sound of church bells is in my ears. Surely it is old bell at Alton; but it strikes painfully my brain. A vision, too, floats before of Constance, with her dark, soft eyes—white dress makes me giddy—a flash of fire seems to blind me, and I know and no more.

I was brought to my senses by the sin process of a Cossack dropping his lance, the fleshy part of my arm—no pleasantorative, but in my case a most effectual. The first sight that greeted my eyes was little horse's girths and belly, and his rough, savage countenance, looking gr down upon me as he raised his arm to re the thrust. I muttered the few words Russian I knew, to beg for mercy, and looked at his comrades, as though to con them on the propriety of acceding to so heard-of a request as that of a wounded for his life. A few paces off I saw the Beloochee, evidently taken prisoner, disarmed, his head running with blood, but whole bearing as dignified and unmoved as usual.

In this awkward predicament I had bethought me of the Russian prisoner's case.

'Quarter, comrade, quarter!' I shouted as loudly as my failing voice would allow me. 'I have a letter from your officer. It is.'

'Osmanli?' inquired the Cossack, more raising his arm to strike. I should think how quickly that steel lance might be buried in my body.

'No, Inglis,' I replied, and the man eyed his weapon once more and assisted to rise.

Fortunately at this juncture an officer up, and to him I appealed for mercy proper treatment as a prisoner of war. I misdoubted considerably the humanity my first acquaintance, whose eyes I see wandering over my person, as though was selecting such accoutrements and articles of clothing as he thought would suit his taste. The officer, who seemed of high rank and was accompanied by an escort, finally spoke German; and I appealed gently to him in that language. He stopped at the superscription of the deserter's letter, and demanded of me sternly how I obtained it. In a few words I told him the history of the unfortunate spy, and he passed his gloved hand over his face as though to cool his emotion.

'You are English?' he observed, raising and looking uneasily over his shoulder the same time. 'We do not kill our English prisoners, barbarians as you choose to us; but to the Turk we give no quarter him on a horse,' he added, to my own captor, who kept unpleasantly near; 'ill-treat him, but bring him safely along you. If he tries to escape, blow his head out. As for that rascal,' pointing to the Beloochee, 'put a lance through him with.'

A happy thought struck me. I determined to make an effort for Ali's excellence, I pleaded, 'spare him, he is my servant.'

The Russian officer paused. 'Is he a Turk?' he asked, sternly.

'No, I swear he is not,' I replied. 'He is my servant, and an Englishman.'

'If ever a lie was justifiable, it was on present: I trust this white one may be laid to my charge.'

'Bring them both on,' said the Russian still glancing anxiously to the rear. 'The tenant Dolwitz, look to the party. Your men together, and move rapidly. Is the devil's own business, and our people are in full retreat.' All this, though spoken in Russian, I was able to understand; did the hurried manner in which the man galloped off shake my impression? He still dreaded a vision of Iskender, and his band of heroes thundering on track.

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His coolness at this trying moment brought the tears into my eyes. I promised to comply with his demand so far as my honor as a soldier would permit me.

He had stood unmoved surrounded by enemies, he had heard his death-warrant without shrinking for an instant; but my sympathy unmanned him, and it was with a broken voice and moistened eyes that he proceeded.

"I am not what I seem. I hold a commission in the Russian army. Disguised as a private soldier I crossed the river of my own free will. I have sacrificed myself willingly for my country and my Czar. He will know it, and my brother will be promoted. The favor I ask you is no trifling one." He took a small amulet from his neck as he spoke; it was the image of his patron saint, curiously wrought in gold. "Forward this to my mother, she is the one I love best on earth. Mother," he repeated, in a low, heart-breaking voice, "could you but see me now!"

I had fortunately a memorandum book in my pocket. I tore out a leaf and handed him a pencil. He thanked me with such a look of gratitude as I never saw before on mortal face, wrote a few lines, wrapped the amulet in the paper, and inscribed on it the direction with a hand far steadier than my own. As he gave it me, the *mulazim* coolly observed, "Effendi! the time has expired, and ordered his men to 'fall in.' The Rus-

Lieutenant.

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"Another hour of this, at least," observes Victor, as he lights a large cigar, and hands another to the commandant, and a third to myself, "one more hour, Egerton, and then comes our chance. You have got a picked body of men to-day, Effendi!" he observes to the Bey; "and not the worst of the horses."

"They are my own children to-day, Count," answers Iskender, with sparkling eyes. "There are not too many of the brood left; but the chickens are game to the backbone. What say you, Ali? These fellows are better stuff than your Arabs that you make such a talk about."

The Beloochee smiles grimly, and pats his mare on the neck.

"When the sun is low," he answers, "I shall say what I think; meanwhile work, and not talk, is before us. The Arab is no bad warrior, Effendi, on the fourth day, when the barley is exhausted, and there is no water in the skins."

Iskender laughs, and points to the Danube. "There is water enough there," he says, "for the whole cavalry of the Padiasha, Egyptian guards, and all. Pah! don't talk of water, I hate the very name of it. Brandy is the liquor for a soldier—brandy and blood. Count de Rohan, your Hungarians don't fight upon water, I'll answer for it."

You know our proverb, Effendi," replies

of those gray shagbuds, with its living freight. The Russian batteries, well and promptly served, were playing furiously on the river; but their range was too high, and the iron shower whizzed harmlessly over the heads of the attacking Moslem. A Turkish steamer, coolly and skilfully handled, was plying to and fro in support of her comrades, and throwing her shells beautifully into the Russian redoubts, where those unwelcome visitors created much annoyance and confusion. Victor's eyes lightened as he puffed at his cigar with an assumed *sang froid* which it was easy to see he did not feel.

"The old Lion won't stay here long," he whispered to me; "look back at him now, Vere. I told you so: there they go—'boots and saddles.'" We, too, shall be at it ten minutes, *Vive la guerre!*

As he spoke, the trumpet rang out the order to 'mount.' Concealment was no longer necessary, and we rushed back to our horses, and placed ourselves on either side of our commander, ready to execute whatever orders he might choose to give.

Iskender Bey was now cool as if on parade; nay, considerably cooler: for the rehearsal was more apt to excite his feelings than the play itself. He moved us forward at a trot. Once more he halted amongst the brushwood, from which the scared busters were by this time flying in all directions; and whilst every charger's frame quivered with excitement, and even the proud Turkish hearts throbbed quicker under the Sultan's uniform, he alone appeared wholly unmoved by the stake he had to play in the great game. It was but the calm before the hurricane.

From our new position we could see the boats of our comrades rapidly nearing the shore. Iskender, his bridle hanging over his mutilated arm, and his glass pressed to his eye, watched them with eager gaze. It was indeed a glorious sight. With a thrilling cheer, the Turkish infantry sprang ashore, and fixing bayonets as they rushed on, stormed the Russian redoubts at a run, undismayed and totally unchecked by the well-sustained fire of musketry, and the grape and canister liberally showered on them by the enemy. An English officer in the uniform of a brigadier, whom through my glass I recognized as the good-humored instructor for the prisoner in Omar Pasha's tent, led them on, waving his sword, several paces in front of his men, and encouraging them with a gallantry and daring that I was proud to feel were truly British.

But the Russian redoubts were well manned, and a strong body of infantry were drawn up in support a few hundred paces in their rear; the guns, too, had been depressed, and the cannonade was terrible. Down went the red fez and the shaven head; Turkish sabre and French musket lay masterless on the sand, and many a haughty child of Osman gasped out his welling life-blood to slake the dry Wallachian soil. Wave your green scarfs, dark-eyed maids of Paradise! for your lovers are thronging to your gates. But the crimson bag is waving in the van, and the Russian eagle even now spreads her wings to fly away. A strong effort is made by the massive grey column which constitutes the enemy's reserve, but the English brigadier has placed himself at the head of a freshly-landed regiment—Albanians are they, wild and lawless robbers of the hills—and he sweeps everything before him. The redoubts are carried with a cheer, the gunners bayoneted, the heavy field-pieces turned on their former masters, and the Russian column shakes, wavers, and gives way. The glass trembles in Iskender's hands; his eye glares, and the veins of his forehead begin to swell; for him too the moment has come.

"Count de Rohan," says he, while he shuts up his glass like a man who now sees his way clearly before him, "bring up the rear-guard. Tergyman! I have got them here in my hand!" and he claps the mutilated fingers as he speaks. "Now I can crush

the last. My comrade, the Beloochee, has his eye on him. They meet in the *mole*. The Colonel deals a furious blow at his enemy with his long sabre, but the supple Asiatic crouches on his mare's neck, and wheels the well-trained animal at the same instant with his heel. His curved blade glitter for a moment in the sun. It seems to pass without resistance through the air; then the fair moustache is dabbled all in blood, and the Colonel's horse gallops masterless from the field.

Victor de Rohan fights like a very Paladin, and even I feel the accursed spirit rising in my heart. The Russian cavalry are scattered like chaff before the wind. Their disorganized masses ride in upon their own infantry, who are vainly endeavoring to form with some regularity. The retreat becomes a general rout, and our Turkish troopers fly like hell-hounds to the pursuit.

How might a reserve have turned the tables then! What a bitter lesson might have been taught us by a few squadrons of veteran cavalry, kept in hand by a cool and resolute officer. In vain Iskender rides and curses and gesticulates. He is himself more than half inclined to follow the example of his men. In vain the Beloochee entreates and argues, and even strikes the refractory with the flat of his sabre; our men have tasted blood, and are no longer under control. One regiment of Russian infantry, supported by a few Hussars and a field-piece, are still endeavoring to cover the retreat.

"De Rohan," exclaims Iskender, while the foam gathers on his lip and his features work with excitement, "I must have that gun! Forward, and follow me."

We placed ourselves at the head of two squadrons of the flower of our cavalry; veterans are they, well seasoned in all the artifices of war, and 'own children'—so he delights to call them—to their chief. The Beloochee has also succeeded in rallying a few stragglers; and once more we rush to the attack.

The Russian regiment, however, is well commanded, and does its duty admirably. The light field-piece opens on us as we advance, and a well-directed volley, delivered when we are within a few paces, checks us at the instant we are upon them. I can hear the Russian officer encouraging his men.

"Well done, my children," says he, with the utmost *sang froid*—once more like that will be enough."

Several of our saddles are emptied, and Iskender begins to curse.

"Dogs!" he shouts, grinding his teeth, and spurring furiously forward—"dogs! I will be amongst you yet. Follow me, soldiers, follow me!"

Meantime, the Russian hussars have been reinforced, and are now capable of showing a front. They threaten our flank, and we are forced to turn our attention to this new foe. The infantry hold their ground manfully, and Iskender, wheeling his men, rushes furiously upon the comparatively fresh regiment of hussars with his tired horses. The Beloochee and myself are still abreast. Despite of a galling fire poured in by the infantry upon our flank, the men advance readily to the attack. We are within six horses' lengths of the hussars. I am setting my teeth and nerving my muscles for the encounter, which must be fought out hand to hand, when—crash!—In four bounds into the air, falls upon his head, recovers himself, goes down once more, rolls over me, and lies prostrate, shot through the heart. I disentangle myself from the saddle, and rise, looking wildly about me. One leg refuses to support my weight, but I do not know that my ankle-bone is broken by a musket-ball, and that I cannot walk three yards to save my life. A loose charger gallops over me and knocks me down once more. I cannot rise again. The short look I have just had, has shown our cavalry retiring, probably to obtain rein-

see wandering over my person, as though I was selecting such accoutrements and articles of clothing as he thought would suit his taste. The officer, who seemed of high rank and was accompanied by an escort, fortunately spoke German, and I appealed frequently to him in that language. He started at the superscription of the deserter's letter, and demanded of me sternly how I obtained it. In a few words I told him the history of the unfortunate spy, and he passed a gloved hand over his face as though to conceal his emotion.

"You are English?" he observed rapidly and looking uneasily over his shoulder the same time. "We do not kill our English prisoners, barbarians as you choose to call us; but to the Turk we give no quarters. If you are on a horse, he added, to my own captor, who kept unpleasantly near; "do not ill-treat him, but bring him safely along with you. If he tries to escape, blow his brains out. As for that rascal," pointing to the Beloochee, "put a lance through him with."

A happy thought struck me. I determined to make an effort for Ali. "Excellence," I pleaded, "spare him, he is my servant."

The Russian officer paused. "Is he your Turk?" he asked, sternly.

"No, I swear he is not," I replied. "He is my servant, and an Englishman."

"If ever a lie was justifiable, it was on the present. I trust this white one may not be laid to my charge."

"Bring them both on," said the Russian still glancing anxiously to the rear. "Tenant Dolwitz, look to the party. Bring your men together, and move rapidly. It is the devil's own business, and our party are in full retreat." All this, though spoken in Russian, I was able to understand; did the hurried manner in which the man galloped off shake my impression; he still dreaded a vision of Iskender and his band of heroes thundering on track.

I was placed on a little active Cossack pony. The Beloochee's wrist was tied to mine, and he was forced to walk or run by my side; whenever he flagged I pulled from the butt-end of a lance admonition him to mend his pace, and a Russian fell harmlessly on his ear. Still he pressed his dignity through it all; and so we moved onwards into Wallachia, and meditated on the chances of war and the chance that a day may bring forth.

CHAPTER XX.

THE BULOCHEN.

The pursuit was fast and furious. Crossing such a river as the Danube, in the teeth of a far superior force and under heavy fire—after carrying the Russian redoubts with a bayonet, and driving the main body back upon its reserve, the Turkish troops, flushed and wild with victory, were not to be stopped by any soldiers on earth.

Iskender's charge had completely shattered the devoted body that had so gallantly interposed to cover the retreat of their comrades, and a total rout of the Russian force was the result. The plains of Wallachia were literally strewed with dismounted and broken ambulance waggons, tumbrils, ammunition carts, dead and dying, whilst the fierce Moslem urged his hot pursuit. Stragglers after stragglers, reeking with blood and all agape with fear, reached the abandoned town of Lilecharest, and the report that pleasure-seeking capital were, as well be imagined, of the most bewildering and contradictory description.

Many a frightful scene was witnessed as the terrified Wallachian peasant, as fugitive was overtaken, struck and butchered by the dread pursuers.

To be continued.

BETTING IN ENGLAND.

THE ENGLISH PEOPLE have long been looked upon as a betting people, and yet they appear to be proud of the fact that Lord Falkmouth, who won more money on the turf in 1878 than any other sportsman, never betted a dollar in his life. There has been a growth and decline of betting in England which has been almost equally rapid, and the Derby may be taken to illustrate our point, which is that the evil is fast dying out on the other side of the water. When Sir John Buller carried off the 'blue ribbon' with Phantom, in 1811, the fact of his having netted \$35,000 by backing his horse was quite the talk of the town. Bookmaking, soon after this, sprang into vogue, and, beside the London division, an extensive portion of the ring hailed from the cotton district, and was known as the 'Manchester School.' The Blands, Gullys, Hills, Crookfords, Swindells, Risdales, Barbers and Worleys stood at the top, and in time gave place to the Pedleys, Hargreaves, Davises, Jacksons, Stephenson, and others, who, in turn, have been succeeded, so to speak, by men of the present day. Davis took the highest place of them all, and is credited with having made a \$500,000 book on the Derby; hence the title he acquired of 'the Leviathan.' The abolition of betting houses and lists throughout the country dealt the first great blow at future event betting, and the continued interference of Parliament has reduced it almost to a minimum. Now, the only place where betting is permitted is on the race course and at Tattersall's. Limited speculation can, therefore, hardly be wondered at. And yet as recently as 1867, Mr. Chaplin, the owner of Hermit, is credited with having won \$600,000 in bets alone. Blue Gown's year, too, which followed, was a big betting event, and Sir Joseph Hawley won a sum of money which would have been much larger had he not 'hedged out.' Baron Rothschild's Fayonus cantered home heavily backed, in 1871, and then came Cremorne's victory over Pell Mell, who was supported at Tattersall's to win over \$500,000, and was beaten by a head only. Comparatively little has been done on subsequent Derbys, or for that matter, on most other fixed events of late years. Last year the bookmakers were greatly crippled, and they have not yet made known their intentions for the coming season. Besides the decline in betting, there has been a great falling off in the number of starters. The number of horses that ran last year fell short by over 400 of the season of 1868. So far as this is concerned, the real trouble is that England has too much racing, and only the Newmarket, Goodwood, and Doncaster meetings are plentifully supplied with horses.

TURF INTELLIGENCE.

A BRILLIANT PROSPECT FOR THE COMING SUMMER. Although not officially announced, it is generally understood that the difficulty between the Monmouth Park and the Saratoga Racing Associations as to the dates of their respective meetings next summer have been satisfactorily arranged, and that there will be no conflict of dates. The absolute days on which racing will take place have not yet been decided, but it is understood that the first summer meeting will begin at Monmouth Park on July 4, and end July 12; that the Saratoga meeting will begin on July 19 and end on about August 20, between which dates twenty-five days' racing will be given and 100 events run, for which a total of nearly \$75,000 will be offered in stakes, added money to stakes, and purses. About August 28 the Monmouth Park Association will begin its second meeting and continue it, with racing every other day, until the first Saturday in September, leaving an interval of four weeks before the fall meeting of the American Jockey Club begins at Jerome Park. Between these dates it is not unlikely that a four-day meeting will be given at Boston, it being understood that several wealthy admirers of racing in that city are willing to guarantee the money necessary for a meeting if the larger owners will positively agree to send their stables, or, at least a portion of them, to that city. There is also some talk of a meeting in Philadelphia, either to follow the Baltimore May meeting or the June meeting at Jerome. Should the meeting take place, it will have to be after that at Jerome, as the American Jockey Club has already announced its meeting to begin on Decoration Day, May 30, and to continue to Saturday, June 7, with a possibility of one or more extra days during the week following. Should these dates be decided upon the speculators can calculate upon a long and busy season. The Mobile and New Orleans associations will race early in April. At Nashville, the Blood Horse Association will begin its meeting April 29 and continue to May 8; Lexington will follow, May 11, to 16; Louisville, May 18 to 24; Baltimore, May 20 to 22; Cincinnati, June 8 to 7; St. Louis, June 10 to 14, and Chicago, June 21 to 27, with meetings not yet fixed to take place at Columbus and Pittsburg.

A TALE WITH A MORAL.

Little Johnny, the youthful contributor of the Agronaut, records this moral tale: A preacher who had been a wicked gambler fore he was a preacher he seen a feller which was a gambler too, and he sed, the preacher did: 'He jest play cards with this pore miserable sinner and win of his munny and wen he is busted maybe he will listen to Divine trooth, and be saved.' So they played and the preacher he wonned all the feller's munny every cent, and then he said: 'Now see how wicked you have ben to loos yure munny, and yure wife and baby havn't got no bread for to eat.' And the gambler he sed: 'That so, and he bust out cryin'. Then the preacher he sed: 'Pore sinner, if you promise me unto yure onner not to play cards agin I'll give it ol back, oos I'm a preacher.' So the gambler he was astonish, and he sed: 'I never see sech a good man, I promise, yes indeed, and heven bless you!' and he bust out cryin' agin, the gambler did. Then the preacher he gave him back all his munny, and the feller put it in his pocket, and whiped his eyes and blode his nose, and he thot a wile, and pretty sune he cofed, and he sed to the preacher: 'I feel mity mean takin' back this hundred dollars from a man which has receswed me from card playin'; tel ye wot I'll do, you put up a other hundred agin it and weel toss up for the pile, heds or tails, beat two out of three.'

SPIDER AND FLIES.

(Chicago Times, Silver Cliff (Col.) Letter.) Down in one of the gambling houses on Cliff street may be found a female gambler dealing 'twenty-one' to a few admirers and to others, eager in their hopes of making a stake. Poor deluded fools! they play on night after night, and at the woman's call of 'Gentlemen, show your pluck; I'm ashamed of you,' walk up to the table with probably their last dollar and—lose it. Over the woman's head, tacked to the wall, is a sign reading: 'Please remember that you are gentlemen.' Beside her at the table is her 'man,' ready at a word from her to hustle out into the street any offending player.

HOW VACCINE IS OBTAINED—AN INTERESTING PROCESS.

Through the kindness of Dr. Bessay our reporter yesterday had an opportunity of visiting Logan's Farm to inspect the process of collecting vaccine lymph from an animal vaccinated for the purpose with cow-pox. On arriving at the farm house of the late Sir William Logan, (now occupied by Mr. Thomas Irving), we were shown the fine stock of Ayrshire cattle for which the farm is famous. The animal that attracted particular attention was the vaccinated Ayrshire heifer, one year old, valued at \$100. It had been closely shaven about the flanks, had been vaccinated about six days previously, and the spot was now covered with a fine crop of genuine cow-pox pustules. The latter were hundreds in number and had the appearance of beads of pearl, with a depression in the centre of a drab or slate color, having a whitish rim. The animal having been properly secured to prevent kicking, the pustules were punctured with sharp ivory points, especially made for the purpose. The clear, water-like lymph which exuded from the puncture was collected on the ivory points alluded to, and these were laid on a board to dry. A number of the vesicles were left untouched, so as to produce 'scabs,' which are still preferred to lymph by many of the older practitioners. The lymph having dried on the ivory points, the latter are carefully packed in in cotton wadding, blue paper and tin foil, and placed in an air tight tin box in a cool place for preservation. On Logan's Farm are about thirty animals which have had the cow-pox during the past six months. No injury results to them from the infection. In a fortnight all trace of the disease disappears, and the animal is not again susceptible to the infection.—Star.

STRANGE HABITS OF BIRDS.

The practical experience of the uneducated classes has, on many points, accumulated a treasure of accurate observations of nature, which the hasty civilization of the eighteenth century threw away with contempt, because the metal has generally been coined out in fabulous stories and superstitious tales, but from which the more comprehensive and more penetrating researches of the nineteenth century have extracted more than one nut of pure gold. Thus, it has been for a long time an axiom to the ornithologists how certain species of small singing birds, which spend the winter in Egypt or Algeria, and the summers in Southern and Western Europe, ever succeeded in crossing the Mediterranean, as many of them are not able to fly one-quarter of a mile without resting. The Bedouins of Africa say they travel on the backs of larger birds, whiling away the dreary hours of the sea-voyage by their song, and Bedouin poetry swarms with

CANINE NOTES.

CANINE DENTISTRY.—The other day says the Portland (Me.) Press, Dr. Macclaster, the dentist, noticed that a dog was evidently suffering from a tooth that had ulcerated. He induced the animal to open its mouth, applied the forceps and extracted the tooth. During the operation the dog sat quietly on its haunches and stopped moaning, apparently seeming to realize what the doctor was about. After the tooth was drawn the animal expressed his gratification in many ways.

INSTINCT.—The Live Stock Journal has the following, which anybody may believe, or not, as he likes:—The Ettrick Shepherd one day said to his mother, 'I'm going to Bowerhope for a fortnight, and will not take Hector with me, for he is constantly quarrelling with the rest of the dogs.' Hector being in the room, was missing next morning, and when his master reached Bowerhope, there was Hector sitting on a knoll, waiting his arrival.

EVER FAITHFUL.—On Sunday afternoon last some one passing along the road west of Chippawa, found a man lying on the ground dead. On examination it proved to be the body of one John Cassidy, who lives near Niagara Falls on this side. He had been missing since about Christmas. Dr. McGarry held an inquest on the body on Monday last, when an verdict in accordance with the facts was returned. A strange part of the thing is that a small dog of Cassidy's was found dead in his arms. Rather than leave its master it stayed by him and thus met its death.—Welland Telegraph.

ANOTHER KNOWING DOG.—The sagacity of dogs is proverbial. One morning last week, as two gentlemen were passing the Ethan Allen estate, on Main street, their attention was attracted by a large Newfoundland dog, which was inside the fence, and kept running towards them, and then running in the direction of the pond in the grove where something was evidently wrong. The curiosity of the gentlemen was excited, and they followed the dog to the pond, where they saw another dog of the same breed in the water unable to get out. His front paws were on the curb-stone, but he could not get sufficient hold to draw himself out. He was nearly exhausted, and would probably have drowned had not the gentlemen assisted him. The dogs showed their gratitude in unmistakable signs, and scampered away to the great delight of the gentlemen who had been instrumental in saving the life of one of them.—Worcester Spy.

HUNTING SEA-OTTERS IN ALASKA.

The sea-otter, which constitutes the sole means by which these, the only civilized people of our new Territory, manage to clothe themselves now as we do and maintain their church, may be appropriately mentioned in detail. It is an animal when full grown, that will measure from 2 1/2 feet to 4 feet at most from the tip of its short tail to nose. The general contour of the body is much like that of the beaver, with the skin lying in loose folds, so that when taken hold of in lifting the body out from the water, it draws up like the hide on the nape of a young puppy dog. The skin is covered with the richest of all fine deep fur, a jet black, with silver-tipped hairs, here and there scattered, as is so well known to our ladies of fashion. The sea-otter mother sleeps in the water on her back, with her young one clasped between her tiny forepaws. Frequent attempts have been made to rear the young sea-otters, as they are often captured alive; but, like some other species of wild animals, they seem to be so deeply imbued with fear of man, they invariably perish by self-imposed starvation.

KENTUCKY BOOT.

Of Major Throckmorton, who died at Louisville recently, an improbable anecdote is related. He was long the proprietor of the Galt House, and in 1846 Charles Dickens was his guest. Upon the arrival of the distinguished author, Throckmorton, who was hospitality itself, waited upon him with this glowing speech: 'Mr. Dickens, we are glad to welcome you. We know you and admire you, and will reckon it a privilege to be allowed to extend to you the hospitalities of the metropolis of Kentucky. As your especial host, I beg that you will command me for any service in my power to render.' Mr. Dickens received this with a frigid stare. 'When I need you, landlord, he said pointing to the door, "I will ring." The Major, Kentucky to the backbone, had no finery for such an insult, and sent his ready boot searching for solidity in the region of Mr. Dickens' coat-tails.

DON'T SMOKE WHERE THE CANARY IS.

From the Kingston Courier.

THOROUGHBRED BLOOD IN TROTTERS.

Some persons may consider it egotistical for us to refer to our long advocacy of increasing the race-horse blood in the trotter, but the fight has been such a long one that it has been vividly impressed on our mind, and, now that we have such able coadjutors, we can foresee the victory which is sure to follow. The experiments in breeding, which are now instituted by some of the largest breeders in the country, will prove that the position we took years ago was nearly correct, and though we never faltered in our belief, it will be a source of gratification to see it carried to a successful conclusion while we are still in the land of the trotter. We have done the best we could with the limited means at our disposal to put in practice the theory we advanced, and have been successful beyond what could have been anticipated from the meagreness of the capital we could bring to sustain it. Twenty-three years ago next spring we bought Blackbird, and though for several years he had scarcely any mares, he has founded a family. A son trotting in 2:22 and a grandson in 2:20 fairly entitle him to the credit, but more than these fast ones his get had all fine trotting action, and we are satisfied that if he had lived at the present day, he would have taken as high rank as any in the stud. He died at the early age, for a stallion, of eleven, and I must admit that neither he nor any of his colts had anything like a fair show in the way of training. We drove him to a one hundred and fifty pound wagon in 2:36, and a quarter to the same vehicle in thirty-four seconds. Looking back at the treatment we gave him, it now surprises us that he could trot at all, and the only thing which enabled him to stand the usage was the blood. As an evidence of the way he was handled, the day after trotting a race of heats of five miles, in which there were three heats, we drove him from Davenport home, sixty-five miles, and he was less than eight hours making the journey. When on the road it was necessary to allow him to stride along at his own will, for if he was held he would fret and worry so as to make the work harder for him, but there is little question that these long drives were inimicable to speed. A few days after this he trotted fifteen miles in 44:05, on a track which took twenty-seven rounds for that distance, the sulky weighing one hundred pounds, and it was impossible to detect from his appearance that the work had fatigued him in the least. Unfortunately he died just as we began to acquire some knowledge of how a trotter should be exercised, shod, &c.; and his great powers were never improved as they would have been under more favorable circumstances.—Mr. Simpson, in California Spirit of the Times.

A LIVELY BOXING MATCH.

For some time past Charley Wilkes, a miner employed at the Scorpion on the shotgun shift, has been anxious to meet Harry Maynard, the boxer, in a regular prize fight for \$500 a side. Maynard declined all negotiations with Wilkes, but the latter, hearing that Maynard would box any man in town with gloves on the Alhambra stage, made arrangements to meet him on Thursday evening, 27th ult. Wilkes was on hand when the time came, and the two men stripped for the fray. The rounds were short and decisive. Round First—Maynard led off with a smack on Wilkes' nob. Wilkes sat down. Round Second—Maynard let his right loose at Wilkes' breast. Wilkes disappeared from the stage through the wings, and collided with a waiter girl who was carrying a tray of cocktails to a party of married gentlemen in one of the boxes. The girl was carried to her dressing room. Round Third—Wilkes was knocked in various directions, to wit: N. E., S. W. by W., N. E. by E., and all other points of the compass. Wilkes came up with a vindictive look in his eye, and made a rush at his antagonist. The men closed, and for a few seconds it was nip-and-tuck. Wilkes finally gave Maynard a nasty cross-buttock, but Maynard turned him over after the fall. Both men rose to their feet and closed at once for another bout. Maynard threw Wilkes and they both rolled over and over with wonderful rapidity, and it was hard to tell which was getting the advantage. The audience became intensely excited, and dozens of them kept rushing up to the stage and yelling themselves hoarse. Presently a stream of blood shot down Maynard's naked back, and the cry was raised that he was being bitten. Several men in the audience thereupon sprang upon the stage, and the combatants were separated. Mrs. Maynard, hearing the cry raised that her husband was being bitten, rushed excitedly on the stage and seemed anxious to take a hand in the row. After the men were separated it was found that the blood on Maynard came from a reservoir in Wilkes' nose. Considerable excitement prevailed, but Maynard maintained his usual good

Aquatic.

PROPOSED WORLD'S ROWING REGATTA.

Mr. J. Eglinton Montgomery, United States Consul at Geneva, Switzerland, writes that at a meeting of the consular representatives of different governments held recently in that city to consider a proposition for having a grand world's international amateur rowing regatta in August of this year, upon the Lake of Geneva, comprising the general order of races, with a series of special races for university oarsmen, the proposition was most cordially received by all present, and evoked such a general desire to adopt the necessary measures to accomplish it that a committee was appointed to communicate, through the metropolitan press and other mediums, with the boating organizations of different countries, in order that the views of rowers generally upon the matter may be ascertained prior to taking definite action. Mr. Montgomery says that, should the proposition be favorably entertained, the regatta upon the Lake of Geneva will be made most satisfactory in every respect; that it will be conducted upon the most honorable principles and in strict accordance with the recognized rules of boating, and that all the requirements necessary to insure a most perfect competition for the championship will be scrupulously and carefully fulfilled. In order that the sentiments of the various clubs in America may be ascertained and the Consular Corps advised thereof, it is very desirable that such as may think favorably of the plan shall communicate with him with the least possible delay.

ATTACKED BY GRIZZLIES.

FOUR OF WHICH FEROCIOUS ANIMALS A HUNTER KILLS IN AS MANY MINUTES.

(From the Trinity, Cal., Journal.)

Several weeks ago, in the neighborhood of Hettenshaw, in this county, a remarkable bear hunt occurred. It appears that Dr. Stanley, while on a visit to Hettenshaw, expressed an earnest desire to go bear hunting, and accordingly one morning he started, in company with Green French, George Burgess, and Joe Lightfoot. Arriving at a thicket, the dogs gave notice of their near approach to a bear, and the party decided to station themselves at certain points, and let the dogs go in and drive the bear out. This was done; but the doctor, becoming impatient, entered the thicket himself. The heavy undergrowth made his progress slow, but he fought his way ahead until he came to a fall on tree lying in a little gulch. Helping himself along by the limbs he arrived at the upper end just in time to be confronted by a huge grizzly bear. Retreat was impossible, as it had been with the utmost difficulty that the doctor had advanced so far, there was no tree in convenient distance, and as the grizzly showed fight, there was nothing left for him to do but to shoot. Taking deliberate aim with his Henry rifle, the doctor fired, and the bear fell mortally wounded. Another load was sprung from the magazine into the rifle, and the doctor, looking towards his prey, was surprised to see a second bear in the same spot. This he shot also, and, quickly reloading, was yet more astonished to see a third bear in the same place where he had shot the other two. Again the lever moved and a fresh charge went into position, and again the doctor looked up and discovered a fourth grizzly coming toward him from the same opening in the brush. Wang went the gun again, and down went bear No. 4. By this time the doctor had got warmed up and excited, and he kept moving the lever and firing into the bodies of the bears until the sixteen shots in the magazine were exhausted. Meantime his companions, hearing the shouting, and presuming the cause, made their way to where the doctor was, with the intention of assisting him, but found him at the top of the largest bear, with the others straggling about, swinging his hat and shouting lustily. One was an immense grizzly, so large that the hunters could not handle him, and the other three were good-sized grizzlies, probably about two years old. The shooting of four bears by one man without even changing his position, is something hitherto unheard of, even in the most highly-civilized annals of the western wilds.

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TURF INTELLIGENCE.

A BRILLIANT PROSPECT FOR THE COMING SUMMER.

Although not officially announced, it is generally understood that the difficulty between the Monmouth Park and the Saratoga Racing Associations as to the dates of their respective meetings next summer have been satisfactorily arranged, and that there will be no conflict of dates. The absolute days on which racing will take place have not yet been decided, but it is understood that the first summer meeting will begin at Monmouth Park on July 4, and end July 12; that the Saratoga meeting will begin on July 19 and end on or about August 20, between which dates twenty-five days' racing will be given and 100 events run, for which a total of nearly \$75,000 will be offered in stakes, added money to stakes, and purses. About August 23 the Monmouth Park Association will begin its second meeting and continue it, with racing every other day, until the first Saturday in September, leaving an interval of four weeks before the fall meeting of the American Jockey Club begins at Jerome Park. Between these dates it is not unlikely that a four-day meeting will be given at Boston, it being understood that several wealthy admirers of racing in that city are willing to guarantee the money necessary for a meeting if the larger owners will positively agree to send their stables, or at least a portion of them, to that city. There is also some talk of a meeting in Philadelphia, either to follow the Baltimore May meeting or the June meeting at Jerome. Should the meeting take place, it will have to be after that at Jerome, as the American Jockey Club has already announced its meeting to begin on Decoration Day, May 30, and to continue to Saturday, June 7, with a possibility of one or more extra days during the week following. Should these dates be decided upon the speculators can calculate upon a long and busy season. The Mobile and New Orleans associations will race early in April. At Nashville the Blood Horse Association will begin its meeting April 29 and continue to May 3; Lexington will follow, May 11, to 16; Louisville, May 18 to 24; Baltimore, May 20 to 22; Cincinnati, June 8 to 7; St. Louis, June 10 to 14, and Chicago, June 21 to 27, with meetings not yet fixed to take place at Columbus and Pittsburg.

THE COLT AT SCHOOL.

The Rev. W. H. Murray—who does not write as one without experience—thinks it is high time to abolish the barbarity of "breaking" as applied to young horses, and he offers a better plan in his Golden Rule:

If you have a colt to teach, and have the habit of speaking sharply and loudly, correct yourself of it at once. Colts are timid, high-spirited things; if they are worth anything; and he who manages them should be of quiet habits and have a low, pleasant-toned voice. The trainer that yells, stands in the same category as the driver in the public race who screams and whoops like a Comanche Indian when coming down the home stretch; the one should be banished from the track, and the other turned out of the gentleman's stables. Our method of educating a colt to the harness and wagon is to educate him singly by himself; and this education should begin very early. When the colt is two or three or fourteen months old begin to put the harness on him. In a few weeks he is accustomed to it and ready for the shafts. But in doing this, do not be in a hurry. Give the youngster time to get thoroughly acquainted with every strap and buckle, as it were. Let him see everything and smell everything. The senses of sight, smell and touch are the great avenues of knowledge to the horse, especially the last two. The ear and eye give the alarm. These two organs stand, as it were, on picket for the animal's safety. But if your horse is frightened at anything, let him smell and touch it, and he will fear no longer. If your colt is afraid of the harness as it comes rustling out of the harness-room, let him touch it with his nose and smell it a few times, and he will soon understand that it will not hurt him. If he is inclined to kick or jump, if the breeching band or any strap hits his hams or legs, be gently rubbing them against the sensitive places he will soon become indifferent to them. By the time the colt is two years of age, or even less, he should be educated to go between the shafts, either forward or backward, and be thoroughly familiar with the harness and vehicle, and ordinary road service.

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STRANGE HABITS OF BIRDS.

The practical experience of the uneducated classes has, on many points, accumulated a treasure of accurate observations of nature, which the hasty civilization of the eighteenth century threw away with contempt, because the metal has generally been coined out in fabulous stories and superstitious tales, but from which the more comprehensive and more penetrating researches of the nineteenth century have extracted more than one nut of pure gold. Thus, it has been for a long time an enigma to the ornithologists how certain species of small singing birds, which spend the winter in Egypt or Algeria, and the summers in Southern and Western Europe, ever succeeded in crossing the Mediterranean, as many of them are not able to fly one-quarter of a mile without resting. The Bedouins of Africa say they travel on the backs of larger birds, whiling away the dreary hours of the sea-voyage by their song, and Bedouin poetry swarms with allusions to this charming picture of the songless stork carrying on his powerful back a cluster of small songsters across the sea. And, singularly enough, the peasants of Southern and Western Europe say exactly the same. Every European country has thousands of stories about the splendid gifts which the stork brings along from the Nile, and among those gifts are always mentioned as the first, babies and singing birds. But, in spite of this remarkable unanimity in the lower spheres, none has ever dreamed of finding a fact at the bottom of these tales, until lately, one great ornithologist after the other—Henglius, Roth, Hedenborg, etc.—declares himself willing to accept the explanation; nor have traces of positive proof been altogether lacking.

THE STARLING.

The common starling is a handsome bird, with bright, purple-green plumage, tipped with buff, and reddish-brown quill feathers. It has great vivacity in its movements, and elegant form. They assemble in vast flocks, choosing in preference some fenny district, where they perch at night on the osiers and other plants that grow in moist ground. In their flight they show a strange organization; each flock, no matter how large, seeming to be under command of a single bird, and to obey his voice instantly. A whole flock is sometimes seen darkening the air, when, at a single call, they disappear, each bird turning so that only the blade of his wing is visible. They migrate in July, flocks after flocks being seen on their southerly flight. Its nest is very rude and careless, not only in its make, but in its position, little attempt being made at concealment; and it is so talkative that it is sure to tell bird-nesting boys where to look. It feeds on insects, eating great quantities; in fact, the number devoured by flocks of starlings must be utterly beyond human calculation. The starling is easily tamed, and is a most amusing as well as a graceful pet. It is an admirable talker, and can be taught to repeat words and phrases nearly as well as a parrot. We have no starlings in this country; the meadow-larks and grackles being the nearest approach.

of them.—Worcester Spy.

HUNTING SEA-OTTERS IN ALASKA.

The sea otter, which constitutes the sole means by which these, the only civilized people of our new Territory, manage to clothe themselves now as we do and maintain their church, may be appropriately mentioned in detail. It is an animal when full grown, that will measure from 2½ feet to 4 feet at most from the tip of its short tail to nose. The general contour of the body is much like that of the beaver, with the skin lying in loose folds, so that when taken hold of in lifting the body out from the water, it draws up like the hide on the nape of a young puppy dog. The skin is covered with the richest of all fine deep fur, a jet black, with silver-tipped hairs, here and there scattered, as is so well known to our ladies of fashion. The sea-otter mother sleeps in the water on her back, with her young one clasped between her tiny forepaws. Frequent attempts have been made to rear the young sea-otters, as they are often captured alive; but, like some other species of wild animals, they seem to be so deeply imbued with fear of man, they invariably perish by self-imposed starvation.

KENTUCKY BOOT.

Of Major Throckmorton, who died at Louisville recently, an improbable anecdote is related. He was long the proprietor of the Galt House, and in 1846 Charles Dickens was his guest. Upon the arrival of the distinguished author, Throckmorton, who was hospitably itself, waited upon him with this glowing speech: "Mr. Dickens, we are glad to welcome you. We know you and admire you, and will reckon it a privilege to be allowed to extend to you the hospitalities of the metropolis of Kentucky. As your especial host, I beg that you will command me for any service in my power to render." Mr. Dickens received this with a frigid stare. "When I need you, landlord, he said pointing to the door, 'I will ring.'" The Major, Kentucky to the backbone, had no fancy for such an insult, and sent his ready boot searching for solidity in the region of Mr. Dickens' coat-tails.

DON'T SMOKE WHERE THE CANARY IS.

From the Kingston Courier.

A city gentleman has a beautiful canary bird, which has been kept for some time in his reading room, as the gentleman was very fond of hearing the bird sing. Now, it so happened that the canary's cage hung just above the chair in which the gentleman uses to sit and smoke. As time wore on it was noticed that the bird had ceased to sing as much as formerly. After a while the bird ceased to sing altogether. Finally, one day the bird was observed wildly endeavoring to keep on its perch, and floundering about the cage as though dizzy and very weak. It occurred to the gentleman and his wife that perhaps the tobacco smoke might have something to do with the bird's strange condition, and it was taken into another room. The pure air seemed to have an effect. In a day or two it was heard singing, though in a weak and tremulous voice. After a week had gone by, it began to send forth notes of purity and clearness, and at the end of a fortnight it was itself again.

CANADIAN CATTLE.

By reports furnished by Mr. Dyke, the Canadian Government Agent at Liverpool, it is shown that during the year just closed there have been exported from Canada to England 1,248 horses, 82,115 head of fat cattle, 62,461 sheep and 1,698 pigs. This shows an increase of nearly 600 per cent. for the previous year, which is indeed a gratifying exhibit. It is only a few years ago since Mr. Dyke first mooted the idea of building up an export trade in cattle with the mother country, and he is certainly to be congratulated on the dimensions it has already assumed. Mr. Dyke is a "real live agent," an indefatigable worker, and under his careful supervision Canadian interests are not likely to suffer. In his treatment of Canadians who visit Liverpool, also, there is something to admire, and many have reason to remember the courteous manner in which they were treated.

should be exercised, shed, etc., and his great powers were never improved as they would have been under more favorable circumstances.—Mr. Simpson, in California Spirit of the Times.

A LIVELY BOXING MATCH.

For some time past Charley Wilkes, a miner employed at the Scorpion on the shotgun shaft, has been anxious to meet Harry Maynard, the boxer, in a regular prize fight for \$500 a side. Maynard declined all negotiations with Wilkes, but the latter, hearing that Maynard would box any man in town with gloves on the Alhambra stage, made arrangements to meet him on Thursday evening, 27th ult. Wilkes was on hand when the time came, and the two men stripped for the fray. The rounds were short and decisive.

Round First—Maynard led off with a smack on Wilkes' nob. Wilkes sat down.

Round Second—Maynard let his right loose at Wilkes' breast. Wilkes disappeared from the stage through the wings, and collided with a waiter girl who was carrying a tray of cocktails to a party of married gentlemen in one of the boxes. The girl was carried to her dressing room.

Round Third—Wilkes was knocked in various directions, to wit: N. E., S. W. by W., N. E. by E., and all other points of the compass.

Wilkes came up with a vindictive look in his eye, and made a rush at his antagonist. The men closed, and for a few seconds it was nip-and-tuck. Wilkes finally gave Maynard a nasty cross-buttock, but Maynard turned him over after the fall. Both men rose to their feet and closed at once for another bout. Maynard threw Wilkes and they both rolled over and over with wonderful rapidity, and it was hard to tell which was getting the advantage. The audience became intensely excited, and dozens of them kept rushing up to the stage and yelling themselves hoarse. Presently a stream of blood shot down Maynard's naked back, and the cry was raised that he was being bitten. Several men in the audience thereupon sprang upon the stage, and the combatants were separated. Mrs. Maynard, hearing the cry raised that her husband was being bitten, rushed excitedly on the stage and seemed anxious to take a hand in the row. After the men were separated it was found that the blood on Maynard came from a reservoir in Wilkes' nose. Considerable excitement prevailed, but Maynard maintained his usual good humor, and offered to shake hands with Wilkes, which courtesy the latter declined.—Virginia Chronicle.

GOOD CLOTHES.

The Hamilton Times says a rather amusing incident in relation to Rev. Mr. Mursell happened on Monday, showing as it does how good clothes are appreciated by a certain class. After the service in the Baptist church on Sunday morning a deputation from the Temperance Reform Club waited on the rev. gentleman and requested him to address the meeting to be held in the afternoon. On being acquainted with its object he informed the deputation that though a thorough temperance man he was not a total abstainer, however, he consented to speak. At the appointed hour Mr. Mursell presented himself at the door, but not being in the correct broadcloth, but in an ulster and a rowdy hat, the door-keeper refused him admittance as the hall was full. Consequently Mr. Mursell's eloquent address was lost because he did not look clerical enough.

PRESCOTT.—One thousand head of cattle are being fed at Wiser's barns during the present winter, all of which it is said will be shipped by Mr. Wiser to the European markets early in the spring. Several colts from the Ryadyk Stock Farm are showing a wonderful amount of speed and are particularly admired for their beauty.

OBSERVER HAVING A HOT TIME OF IT.—The trotting gelding Observer, by the Holmes Horse (son of Napoleon, by Sherman Black Hawk), was again fired on the 18th inst., by Prof. S. V. E. York, of Mendota, Ill., where the horse is owned by Mr. E. Lawrie. The operation was pronounced a very successful one, and it is thought the horse will be able to resume his turf career by the time the coming season is in full blast. Observer has a record of 2:24½.

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NAUTILUS.—On Monday evening the Nautilus Rowing Club of Hamilton was fully organized and the following officers have been duly elected: John Stewart, President; F. D. Carse, 1st Vice-President; Harry H. Davis, 2nd Vice-President; F. J. Harris, Treasurer; T. Davidson, Secretary; T. F. Gordon.

What guides the salmon, the shad, the sea wife, and the sturgeon, through dark and muddy waters to not only their own river, but to the very branch of it in which they first saw the light? It cannot be the sense of sight, for they do not see far, as birds do, and their eyes are of little use in turbid waters. It must be the sense of smell, which is highly developed in fishes.

There are two ways to do most things: right way and a wrong one, and therefore there are two ways to measure the mesh of a net. One way is "from knot to knot," and if you measure it in that manner you will never miss of doing it the wrong way. With the exception of a few localities, fishermen, from the banks of Newfoundland to the Florida coast, measure the mesh, that is, as far as it can be stretched, bringing the two middle knots together. Thus: A net with knots an inch apart has a two inch mesh. We notice that some of the state fish commissioners make this mistake in their reports.

POINT BREEZE PARK PHILADELPHIA.—An election for officers of the Point Breeze Park Association, held Monday, Jan. 6, resulted in the election of A. London Snowden as President, and George H. Colket, A. H. Merabon, James Clare, B. D. Stetson, W. E. Penrose, H. H. St. John, Wm. M. Slingerly, Wm. B. Fisher, Wm. H. Gregg, Chas. C. Haines, Chas. Colwell, and M. Murphy as Directors. Messrs. Haines, Colwell, and Murphy are new members, the others having been re-elected. The completion of the Board will insure, we presume, the reappointment of Mr. Chas. H. Town, especially as we believe that that there is no available candidate opposing him for the position.—Philadelphia Item.



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CANADIAN.

Hamilton..... July 1 to 8
Dundas May 24

ICE RACES.

Campbellford Feb. 5 to 6
St. Catharines..... Feb. 5 to 6
Brockville Feb. 7 to 10
Prescott Feb. 11 to 13
Morrisburg Feb. 12 to 18
Caledonia..... Feb. 12 to 18
Ottawa Feb. 18 to 21
Bradford Feb. 27 to 28
Bell Ewart March — to —
Barris March — to —
Orillia March — to —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

St. Catharines..... Feb. 8
Caledonia..... Feb. 11
Prescott Feb. 8

AMERICAN.

TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis..... June 2 to 6
Chicago, Ill..... July 15 to 19
Cleveland, O..... July 29 to Aug. 1
Buffalo, N. Y..... Aug. 6 to 8
Rochester, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Cleveland, O..... Sept. 9 to 12

RUNNING.

Savannah, Ga..... Jan. 21 to 25
Charleston, S. C..... Feb. 5 to 8

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AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DECISION.

It is so very seldom that a judicial opinion is given on turf matters, that we offer no apology for publishing in *extenso* the judgment of His Honor Judge Sinclair, of Hamilton, in an important case. The decision was given on Saturday last, and is worthy the careful consideration of all owners of racing and trotting horses. The judgment is so full that it requires no word of explanation from us, and we would be sorry to take issue on legal grounds with the learned Judge.

It will, however, be noted as a primary point, that Judge Sinclair held that the money to which the winning horse was entitled must exceed £50 sterling before an action at law would be recognized. No matter what the purse in *toto* amounted to, if it was so divided up that the maximum premium did not amount to £50 sterling the race would be illegal.

The SPORTING TIMES can take credit to itself of warning horsemen of the Hamilton Association, and pointing out the policy they meant to pursue with unpaid purses. For this a "Stockholder" of the Hamilton R. & D. P. A. made a virulent personal attack in the columns of the *Spectator* of that city on the editor of this journal, and imputed to him the worst of motives for sounding the signal of danger. "Stockholder" said in that communication that the Hamilton R. & D. P. A. had no intention of repudiating these claims, but intended to discharge them fully. Their intent is too clearly shown in the present action. In the race in question there were eight entries, and the entry fee was fixed at 10 per cent. on the purse, so that the Association received \$280 in entry fees on the purse of \$850, and in the face of this, having only \$70 to pay to make the purse good, they plead the Imperial Statute, which deliberately robs the winner of the race of \$240. Could the essence of meanness be better personified. They accepted the entry money, insisted upon it accompanying the nomination, and then protect themselves behind the shield of the law from paying what the judges of the race had decided had been honestly won. We have no disposition to enlarge on this striking example of bad faith, only to remark that our warning had good foundation, and hoping that no other Association in Canada will show itself contemptible enough to take advantage of the law in the same manner as the Hamilton one has so recently done.

In connection with this matter it is but due to state that R. B. Waddell, Esq., the present proprietor of the track was in no way connected with the old Association, and is not responsible for their unsportsmanlike conduct in this case. At the same time it may be as well to state we have understood that Mr. Bearman, the defendant in this action, was perfectly willing to adjust his share of the claim, but his private feelings were controlled by the other members of the Association. He was simply made the defendant on account of his official position in the Association.

The following is the judgment:—

WILSON VS. BEARMAN.

The plaintiff sued for \$240, run for and won, as he alleged, by his horse Tempest, on the 28th June, 1876, in a race for \$350 over the track of the Hamilton Riding and Driving Park, open to all horses who had never trotted in 2:37 in public, payable \$240 thereof to the first horse, \$75 thereof to the second horse, and \$35 thereof to the third horse. The defence to this was that (as defendants alleged) the race was illegal by the statutes, particularly statute 18, George II., ch. 19, and 18, George II., ch. 34, sub. 11, because what plaintiff's horse so ran for and won was not equivalent to the £50 English mentioned in those statutes. The law points were argued by Thomas Robertson, Q.C., for plaintiff, and by

—also Sheldon vs. Law, 8 O. S., at page 88, per Sherwood, J. Assuming for the present that the plaintiff's horse could have won no more than \$240 in the race mentioned in the declaration and did actually win that sum, the question arises as to what within the saving clauses of the Statute of Geo. II., in fact, was the race a legal one? I am of opinion that it was not. The clauses of the English Statute bearing on this question were, in my judgment, introduced in their entirety. On the passage of our Act of Upper Canada, 32 George III., cap. 1, these clauses had in effect the same place in our statute law as if they had been spread out on the statute book and expressing pounds sterling. The Legislature of Upper Canada adopted the statute, and consequently adopted that value in money which that statute prescribed. It does not, in my opinion, make any difference that in the old Province of Upper Canada we had a currency of pounds, shillings and pence as in England. We know that in law these denominations of our money only bore a relative value to the same denominations of money in England. It is not necessary to go further back than the Con. Stat. of Canada, cap. 15. By the second section the pound currency was defined, and by the fourth section the pound sterling was also defined. The pound currency was to bear the same proportion to the pound sterling as 4 to 4 86 $\frac{1}{2}$. By the 5th section it was declared that nothing in that Statute was to affect the meaning of the word "sterling" or "sterling money of Great Britain," or other words of like import in any law in force (1859) in the then Province of Canada. This Statute was repealed by the Statute 84 Vict., cap. 4, s. 11. By that Act, which as its preamble recites, was for the purpose of establishing a uniform currency "for the whole Dominion of Canada." By the 2nd section the denominations of money in the currency of Canada were thenceforth declared to be "dollars, cents and mills." Nothing is even said as to pounds currency, nor is any comparison made of the comparative value of our dollar with the pound sterling. In *Wise vs. Hewson et al.*, 1 P. R. 232, Burns J. appeared to be of opinion that a verdict for 40 shillings within the meaning of 22 and 23 Charles II., cap. 9, and 8 and 9 William III., cap. 11, s. 4, meant forty shillings sterling, and where the verdict was for forty-five shillings currency under forty shillings sterling, and certificate for costs granted at the trial because the verdict was under the sum in sterling currency, the granting of such certificate was sustained. There must have been other cases in our own courts in which this question was raised; but, after a careful search for authority, this is the only case I have been able to discover. The stake in the pleadings mentioned is in dollars, and if at the trial the defendants can show that \$240 do not represent £50 sterling then their plea will be proved. A contract by which one of the parties to it was to receive 250 sterling on the happening of a certain event could undoubtedly be satisfied by payment in this province of its equivalent in our money. In my opinion, the same amount of our money to satisfy the provisions of the Statutes in question would be required as to satisfy the case just put. I do not think the plaintiff's case can be put on any higher ground, and consequently the pleas demurred to are not open to this objection.

There remains the further question that the total stakes run for and won by the horses awarded first, second and third places in the race, amounted to more than £50 sterling. So far as the plaintiff's horse was concerned, as appears by the offer of prizes to be run for as shown by the declaration, I think it could not be said that he was running for more than \$240. That is all that he could by any possibility win. There were, in fact, three prizes run for, none of which was equal to £50 sterling; and I think it would be a perversion of the plain meaning of the statutes to add these three together for the purpose of legalizing the race, when by its very conditions such total sum could not be awarded to the owner of any horse in the race. I therefore think that the pleas of each defendant demurred to is a good answer in law to the declaration.

I have given my opinion more fully than the strict line of pleading required me to do, but the Counsel wished an expression of opinion broadly on the questions of law presented by the declaration as well as the pleas, and with a view of saving further litigation if my opinion is acquiesced in, I have done so.

I have consulted the following additional authorities:—

Challand vs. Bray, 1 Dowling N. S. 790; Evans vs. Pratt, 1 Dowling N. S. 505; Combes vs. Dibble, L. R. 1 Exch. 248. Hampden vs. Walsh, 1 O. B. D. 189; Diggle vs. Higge, 2 Exch. D. 422; Batterby vs. Odell, 23 U. C. R. 482; Bank of Toronto vs. McDougall, 28 C. P. 845. Judgment for defendants on demurrer.

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.

A cable telegram, of date of January 29,

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A BASE BALL INNOVATION.

Most of our games are subject to improvement. Every year amendments are made to the playing rules, such as experience suggests as expedient. The latest proposal in the base ball line emanates from Harry Wright, the popular manager of the Boston champion nine. He submits that the batter should be allowed to use a bat one side of which is flat, instead of the orthodox round one. This is to be done without altering its weight, diameter or length. He claims it would lessen foul hits, which are well known to be the tedious part of that popular game. That Harry's judgment is sound on this question is beyond a doubt, and the adoption of his flat-bat theory would further tend to popularize the game. The opposition to the innovation so far has been very slight, and the probabilities are that by next year his proposition will be embodied in the playing rules of the game.

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The Hamilton Times is getting enthusiastic on the "manly art," and says "the art of self-defence should be taught every boy, as the exercise connected with instruction therein is developing to the whole system."

The Cleveland, Ohio, Club have changed the date of their summer meeting. It will now, as formerly immediately precede Buffalo, and not have a vacant week intervening as was originally suggested.

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The old-time jockey Gilpatrick, who rode Lexington in his great time race at New Orleans years ago, is now needy in his declining years, and advertises for an engagement as trainer. His address is care of Turf, Field and Farm Office, New York. Gilpatrick was well known in Canada over a score of years ago, and many of our old turfmen have pleasant reminiscences of him.

The thoroughbred stallion Galway is yet on our books for sale. He was a great race horse, and is royally bred, being by Concord (a son of Lexington) out of Maudina by imported Australian; 2nd dam imported Maud by Stockwell, &c. He is over 16 hands, foaled in 1870, big boned and just the class of stock horse wanted in this country to cross on cold blooded and half-bred mares. The price will make it an object for any one wanting such a horse to buy him.

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Bradford Feb. 27 to 28
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Barrie March 1 to 1
Orillia March 1 to 1

ENTRIES CLOSE.

St. Catharines..... Feb. 8
Caledonia..... Feb. 11
Prescott Feb. 8

AMERICAN.

TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis..... June 2 to 6
Chicago, Ill..... July 15 to 19
Cleveland, O..... July 29 to Aug. 1
Buffalo, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Rochester, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Cleveland, O..... Sept. 9 to 12

RUNNING.

Savannah, Ga..... Jan. 21 to 25
Charleston, S. C..... Feb. 5 to 8

NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During this and subsequent weeks we will issue a call upon our patrons whose subscriptions are unpaid. The major portion are now long over due for the present year, while many are uncredited on our books for periods of time varying from two to four years. We look for prompt payment in every instance on this appeal. There is no doubt of the amounts being due, and there is if anything less uncertainty that we can use the thousands of dollars which are spread over the country in small amounts to a better advantage, both personally and to the interests of our patrons, if we could control them in a lump sum. We are tired of hearing frivolous excuses to our requests, and have determined to place all unpaid subscription accounts in the hands of our legal collector for immediate suit.

which deliberately robs the winner of the race of \$240. Could the essence of meanness be better personified. They accepted the entry money, insisted upon it accompanying the nomination, and then protect themselves behind the shield of the law from paying what the judges of the race had decided had been honestly won. We have no disposition to enlarge on this striking example of bad faith, only to remark that our warning had good foundation, and hoping that no other Association in Canada will show itself contemptible enough to take advantage of the law in the same manner as the Hamilton one has so recently done.

In connection with this matter it is but due to state that R. R. Wadwell, Esq., the present proprietor of the track was in no way connected with the old Association, and is not responsible for their unsportsmanlike conduct in this case. At the same time it may be as well to state we have understood that Mr. Bearman, the defendant in this action, was perfectly willing to adjust his share of the claim, but his private feelings were controlled by the other members of the Association. He was simply made the defendant on account of his official position in the Association.

The following is the judgment:—

WILSON VS. BEARMAN.

The plaintiff sued for \$240, run for and won, as he alleged, by his horse Tempest, on the 28th June, 1876, in a race for \$350 over the track of the Hamilton Riding and Driving Park, open to all horses who had never trotted in 2:37 in public, payable \$240 thereof to the first horse, \$75 thereof to the second horse, and \$35 thereof to the third horse. The defence to this was that (as defendants alleged) the race was illegal by the statutes, particularly statute 13, George II., ch. 19, and 18, George II., ch. 34, sub. 11, because what plaintiff's horse so ran for and won was not equivalent to the £50 English mentioned in those statutes. The law points were argued by Thomas Robertson, Q.C., for plaintiff, and by Richard Martin, Q.C., for the defendants, and the judgment of the Court thereon was in the following words:

I think it too late in the day to argue that the statutes upon which the plea demurred to is founded were not introduced as part of our legal system under the Statute of Upper Canada, known as 32 George III. chap. 1. It is too well settled and established by a perfectly consistent current of authority, that the English statutes referred to form a part of our jurisprudence. See *Sheldon vs. Law*, 3 O. S. 85; *Fulton vs. James*, 5 C. P. 182; *Croyn vs. Widder et al.*, 16 U. C. R. 356; *Corby vs. McDaniel et al.*, 16 U. C. R. 378, and especially at page 379 per *Robinson C. J.* I, at least, am not going to be so bold as to question it at this late day, after being recognized as law in this province for upwards of forty years. The difficulty which Mr. Robertson suggests in carrying out some of the provisions of one of the Statutes of a criminal character can not prevent the operation of those parts having reference to the question to be here decided. The next point that arises in this case is whether or not if the prize purse, or sum of money, is less than fifty pounds sterling, as the plea here charges that it was, the race was a lawful one. That question has not, so far as I have been able to discover, ever come up for judicial determination in this province. In the case of *Sheldon vs. Law*, 3 O. S., *Sherwood J.*, at page 83, speaks of the whole amount put up on both sides as having "exceeded £50 sterling." In *Wilson vs. Cullen*, *Draper, C. J.*, says at page 479 of 7 C. P., that the Statutes in question "would require the race to be for £50 Sterling, money of Great Britain, which £50 currency certainly is not." In *Fulton vs. James*, 5 C. P. 182, the stakes were £50 currency, or \$240, a side in all \$400. The plaintiff contended, the race was illegal, and that he had a right to recover his stake from the stake holder. His notice not to pay it over. The Court held, the match legal, though it was a trotting race, on the ice of Burlington Bay. Ever since the case of *Bidmead vs. Gale*, 4 Burr., 2432, it has been understood, as well as established that the stakes on both sides may be added together to make up the £50

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Dr. Bergin, M. P., of Cornwall, owner of the trotting stallions Ringwood and Midway, and proprietor of the Stormont Stock Farm, recently delivered an address before the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, upon Education. His address was a marked success.

The "Church of the Eight Spot of Diamonds" is found in Denver, Col. The wicked gave it this name, on account of the resemblance of its fancy-colored slate-roof to the card designated.

Mr. Joseph Duggan, proprietor of Woodbine Race Course, Toronto, this week purchased from Mr. H. Stanford, the well-known book-maker of New York, the five-year-old thoroughbred stallion St. James, by Lexington, dam Banner by imported Albion. The sale was negotiated through this office. We congratulate Mr. Duggan on the possession of such a fine horse as St. James, and when he arrives at his new home we will be pleased to give a more extended notice of him and his performances.

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There are quite a lot of trotters working at Bradford. Among the more prominent ones are Russian Spy, Lucy, Hamilton, Valentine, Erin Chief, and Bonesetter (not the original). The ice is kept in good condition and horsemen are invited to use it.

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Mr. T. H. Darling shipped from Cayuga a few days ago a car load of heavy draught horses, weighing from 18 to 16 cwt., for the Buffalo market. He also shipped a splendid lot of coaches and drivers last week.

At a recent meeting of the South Grenville Agricultural Society, Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, was elected one of the directors.

An ice track has been made on the river at Montreal, and the Gazette says some lively speeding of the crack nags in the city may be witnessed any afternoon.

Mr. J. H. O'Neil, of Cobourg, is in Ottawa buying horses for the Boston market. He shipped two car loads from Montreal last Saturday. They were a fine lot and averaged him \$110.

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.

A cable telegram, of date of January 29, informs us that the Imperial Government have issued an order-in-council prohibiting the importation of American cattle into the British Islands. This edict was rendered necessary in consequence of the arrival at Liverpool of a cargo of cattle infected with incipient pleuro-pneumonia from America. Although we have no further advices in the matter, it is altogether probable that the shipment in question was made from some U. S. port. There is not or has there been any indication of disease in our Canadian herds, and if the above order has been enforced respecting shipments from the Dominion, it will operate very prejudicially to the development of a trade that promised to be more than unusually beneficial to all parties engaged in it.

A PROPOSED \$100,000 MATCH.

The New York Spirit of the Times last week contained a notification to the effect that the editor of that journal was authorized by a gentleman to make a match for \$50,000 a side, half forfeit on the following condition:—He proposes to trot a pair of his horses now (Jan. 22, 1879) driven together on the road, against any pair in the United States filling same conditions, a race of mile heats, best three in five, to wagon, over a mile track belonging to National Association, not more than 150 miles from New York City, to be named by him at least thirty days before the race, which shall occur on Saturday, June 14, 1879, good day and track, if

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT PORT PERRY.

The official authority of the Port Perry meeting having reached us, we can only give the briefest of reports.

Port Perry, Jan. 2.—First day—Green race, four horses started, won by Ash on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th heats; best time 3 minutes. Silver Tail was 2nd and Bonnet 3rd.

On the 2:40 trot six horses started, won by Garafraza in the 1st, 3th and 7th heats. L. H. Daniels was 2nd, and Honest Billy 3rd; best time, 2:37.

Jan. 23.—Named race, six horses started, won by Easy Billy, in three straight heats; Norway Boy 2nd and Lillian 3rd; best time 2:46.

In the free-for-all seven horses started, and four heats were trotted. Garafraza, owned by Mr. Crozier, Orangeville, won the first and fourth; L. H. Daniels, owned by Mr. Staples, Millbrook, the second; and Lucy, owned by Mr. Palmer, Goderich, the third. It was then postponed until Friday morning, when Garafraza won the finishing heat. Time—2:36, 2:37, 2:38, 2:39, 2:36.

TROTTING AT WELLAND.

Two match races took place at Welland on Friday last, 24th inst. The first race was between Hoover's Duroc and Dunbar's Lady Hill, best 2 in 3, and was won by Duroc in two straight heats. The second race was between Henry's Duster and Buchner's Grey Sam; each won two heats, one was dead, and the sixth heat was won by Duster. No time was reported to any of the heats.

THE COMING HORSE.

An exchange says the coming trotting horse of America is Steinway, who is the property of Col. Stoner and Wm. B. Buckner, of Bourbon county, Ky. He was the winner of the two-year-old stakes at Lexington last fall, when in the mud he beat Memento and the other good ones. He did not win the first heat, which was trotted in 2:39; by Memento; but he took the second and third heats in 2:32 and 2:31. In the last heat he broke badly in the first half mile, and Memento got the lead of over 100 yards ahead of him; nevertheless, when he pulled down to his work he closed up the terrible gap with ease, and won readily. He is a bright bay, 15½ and high with a very thoroughbred look, and his owners have refused \$8,000 for him. He is by Strathmore, out of Abessa, by Libion, second dam by Marshall Ney, by up. Emancipation, third dam by Bertrand. He was bred by Col. Stoner, of Glenwood farm, in Bourbon county, and he is now being wintered on Mr. Buckner's farm. Strathmore, his sire, is by Rydyk's Hambletonian, out of Lady Waltmeyer, who had a record of 2:28, and she was by North American, and her second dam was by Harris' Hambletonian. Strathmore is the sire of the promising young trotting stallion Chestnut Hill, the property of J. P. Wiser, Esq., M.P., Rydyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont. Chestnut Hill has a record of 2:26; and can certainly be looked upon as one of the fastest, if not the fastest stallion in Canada. In Chestnut Hill and Steinway, Strathmore has two sons that will in no way show discredit on him. From this item it will be seen that Chestnut Hill comes from a strong trotting family, his instinct in that direction not being accidental but hereditary.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS.

Telegram.—Mayor Beatty, at the Hanlan Contest, made a few trite remarks upon the betting mania. He clearly sees that wherever an element of chance enters therein will men speculate on the result. In support of his remarks he alluded to the recent mayoralty election, which itself was a work of necessity, but upon which sums of money were lost and won. But there were worse manifestations of the betting mania than speculating upon the result of a civic contest. "Bulling" and "bearing" in stocks is nothing more nor less than betting. Putting up

will gradually lead to the discontinuance of the practice. Money enough, and reputations in abundance, have been sacrificed to this Moloch in the past, and it would be as well to try and see whether the legitimate objects and pleasures of the turf cannot be as well, if not better promoted by a removal of this adventitious and unnecessary accompaniment of a British sport. As far as those immediately interested in trials of speed of this kind are concerned, an increase in the value of the stakes offered may be favorable to such an end. If so, the statistics procured in England of the increasing amount of stakes offered there every year, may have some encouragement in this respect. In 1876, total given away in added money, £166,532; 1877, do., £194,652; 1878, do., £225,493, and the total value of the stakes won last year, exclusive of matches, was £391,059.04. In horse racing there are apparently no "hard times."

Correspondence.

FROM LOCKPORT, N. Y.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Jan. 27th, 1879.

To Editor of Sporting Times:

Well, how do you like '79. Did you "swear off," only to "swear in" again in a few days. Did you start a diary, with the first item, "quit smoking, chewing, smoking, and trumping my partner's ace, never again to stay out late at the 'club,' but will go home to my 'popsy popsy,' and wayward progeny, as it is said, that the 'early bird catches the worm,' and the late one the 'dunce,' and then lay the book tenderly away in some sequestered spot, like "grandfather's clock," never to go again. I did, and am now ready to "put in and try over again," next January.

I guess you Canadians will find out that the "dodo" will turn when trodden on, and us Yankees propose to pay you off in your own coin, and give you eighty cents on a dollar, thereby returning a Roland for an Oliver.

I am about to make a revelation to you, which is strictly confidential, and the utmost secrecy must be enforced. I have not the least doubt, but, that in your long editorial career, you met with that touching poem, "Beautiful Snow," well, sir, allow me to inform you that I have the distinguished honor of being its originator. It was written when in a fit of anger, against the whole world, and I wished to put upon them a terrible affliction, hence this striking poetical effusion. I have never made myself known before, for fear of being cremated, by an indignant public, but my girl has given me the "mitten," and "death" cannot wrap me in his cold embrace any too soon.

We have plenty of the "beautiful" and East Avenue is thronged every pleasant afternoon, with the elite of our city. Below are enumerated some of the principal "fast uns":—Henry Belding, our popular liveryman, takes his daily airing behind his bay gelding, "Whiskey Bill," and it takes a "good un" to throw snowballs in his face. Joseph Duxville gives them all a good "shake" with his black gelding. Chas. Keep sometimes gives the boys a little "brush," and his bay gelding gives them all the "go-by." Harvey Ernest has a little Toronto Chief, mare, Canada bred, that has a fine way of going, and bids fair to be equal to the best in another year. Dick Ashford sails out behind the "old Chief," who trots a perfect "storm."

For a variety in the sport there is an occasional accident, and last Thursday afternoon, when ten or twelve horses were coming down the "stretch," at about a three minute gait, "slap-tang, ker-whalopp," went a sixteen hand bay mare into a wood-rack, driven by a granger across Elm street, up went a noby portland about six feet in the air, out sailed young Reasoner like a flying squirrel. Result: Mare hooked into another cutter, and in ten minutes coming down the avenue again. Nobody hurt, but a granger badly scared.

Frank Lillis has opened a billiard parlor in the new Commercial Block. Frank is an excellent caterer to the wants of our "young bloods," and may success attend his new venture.

A pleasant affair is on the tapis for Thurs-

COBourg.—The Cobourg Cricket Club are making arrangements for holding a grand concert in Y. M. C. A. hall early next month. A good programme is being prepared.

SHINTY.—A shinny match was recently played at Prince Arthur's Landing, between the married and single men, which resulted in a victory for the single men by three straight innings.

PUNISHED.—At the Lyonsdown, Eng., Cricket Club Sports, Sept. 21, 1878, a professional runner, H. Walker, saw fit to run in the name of F. Warren, an amateur. He came in first, and, his identity having been established, the Committee determined to prosecute him for obtaining the cup under false pretences. His trial came on at the St. Albans Quarter Sessions, Tuesday, Dec. 31, and he was found guilty by the jury; but as he was recommended to mercy, the magistrates let him off with a fine of \$25. The success which attended the prosecution of Walker inspires the hope that other committees will be found willing to take legal steps to suppress other professionals falsely assuming to be amateurs.

MILLER-ROSS.—The 50-hour walking match between Prof. Miller and D. C. Ross was concluded at Baltimore on Saturday night at 11 o'clock. Ross suffered terribly through the match from cramps, but gamely kept up. Miller's score was 181 miles; Ross' 105 miles; Miller was off the track 15 hours and Ross 20 hours and 19 minutes. The winner's average was about four miles an hour. He will receive \$600 out of the receipts.

LATHAM-SPARKS.—To-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, a foot race of a 100 yards will take place between Latham, who recently defeated Corney Burn, and Sparks, the winner of the International Handicap. The river Don has been selected as the locality, and three o'clock is the time announced for the men to start. The stakes are \$100 a side.

Aquatic.

SINGLE SOULL POETRY.

Fred. Plaisted is credited with being the author of the lines:

Catch the stroke at the beginning,
Let the legs with vigor work;
Little chance has one of winning,
When he does the stretcher shirk.

Let the arms be well extended,
Just as stiff as poker's two;
And, until the stroke is ended,
Pull it without poking through.

WALLACE ROSS MATCHED.

A gentleman of London, Eng., well known as a patron of aquatics, writes as follows: "I beg to inform you that articles of agreement have been drawn up between Wallace Ross, the Canadian sculler, and Frank Emmett, of Jarrow. You will be glad to learn that Ross has been taken in hand by one of the chief supporters of aquatics in England, and that he will undergo his training under the care of George Drawitt, one of the best and most experienced scullers in the world, and Harry Kelly, the ex-champion. The date of the match was originally proposed for March 8. On this day, however, the tide was found to be very unsuitable, and it was agreed that the contest should come off on Monday, March 10. The first deposits of £25 a side were made, and the following articles of agreement were drawn up and signed:

Articles of agreement entered into this day between Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B., Canada, and Frank Emmett, of Jarrow-on-Tyne, to row a straightaway sculler's race from Putney Aqueduct to the ship at Mortlake on Monday, March 10, 1879, in best and best boats, for the sum of £100 a side. The two men to be in their boats ready to start one hour before high water. The race to be rowed according to such of the new Thames national rules as are applicable, cutters being allowed to accompany the race, but they must be kept behind the sternmost man from start to finish. To start by mutual consent, but, if not, off within fifteen minutes of the time fixed, the referee to start the men by signal or otherwise. The first deposit of £25 a side is now made good with the editor of the Sportsman, second deposit of £25 a side to be made good on

DEPARTURE OF HANLAN.

Mr. Ed. Hanlan, the champion oarsman, took his departure from Toronto on Saturday afternoon last, at 8:20, by the G. W. R. R., en route for England via New York. A large number of his personal friends congregated to bid him good-bye, and their combined wishes were expressed towards his safe journey and future successes. He took passage on the steamer City of Montreal, of the Inman Line, from New York, yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. His career in the old country will be anxiously watched by his numerous friends here.

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The London, Ont., Herald thus tells what it don't know about rowing in a paragraph about Wallace Ross, the stalwart sculler of the Kennebecasis:—

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A PEACE DECLARED.

The New York Spirit of the Times, which appears to have exclusive information of the doings of the Hanlan Club, last week contained the following paragraph:—

A peace has been patched up at Toronto, a compromise effected between kicker and kickers, several of the "outs" have become "ins," and the Hanlan Club has been practically reorganized. The men who backed Hanlan in his first race with Wallace Ross, and who have been recently advertised in the Hanlan Club's newspaper organ as "short-card crooks" and "crooked gamblers," are now members of the club, and the "lion and the lamb lie down together."

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CITY.

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Miss Genevieve Ward commenced a season of three nights and one matinee, at the Grand Opera House on Thursday evening. During her engagement she will appear in Jane Shore, Henry VIII., and Macbeth.

Mrs. Scott Siddons is announced for Shaftsbury Hall, 80 and 31, in readings.

Cool Burgess took the temperance pledge at Cooper Institute, New York, on the 27th. He is announced for a temperance lecture in a few days.

The Kellogg Italian Opera Company, under the management of Max Strakosch is announced for the Grand Opera House, March 3, 4, 5 and 6. There will be a change of opera each evening.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—The Lilliputian Opera Company at Academy of Music, Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 1.

OTTAWA.—Mr. Hamilton Corbett, Feb. 8.—Lilliputian Opera Company for a short season on Monday next.

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LONDON.—Mrs. Scott Siddons, Jan. 29.—The following are billed for Holman Opera House: Feb. 3 and 4, Japanese Co.; 6 and 7, McDowall's Shaughraun Co.; 15, Lilliputian Opera Co.

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QUELPH.—McDowall's Shaughraun Company, Town Hall, 27 and 28, in The Shaughraun and the Two Orphans.

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Memento, but he took the second and third in 2:32½ and 2:31½. In the last heat he broke badly in the first half mile, and Memento got the lead of over 100 yards ahead of him: nevertheless, when he pulled down to his work he closed up the terrible gap with ease, and won readily. He is a bright bay, 15½ hands high with a very thoroughbred look, and his owners have refused \$8,000 for him. He is by Strathmore, out of Abess, by Albion, second dam by Marshall Ney, by Emp. Emancipation, third dam by Bertrand. He was bred by Col. Stoner, of Glenwood farm, in Bourbon county, and he is now being wintered on Mr. Bookner's farm. Strathmore, his sire, is by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, out of Lady Waltmeyer, who had a record of 2:28, and she was by North American, and her second dam was by Harris' Hambletonian. Strathmore is the sire of the promising young trotting stallion Chestnut Hill, the property of J. P. Wiser, Esq., M.P., Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont. Chestnut Hill has a record of 2:26½, and can certainly be looked upon as one of the fastest, if not the fastest stallion in Canada. In Chestnut Hill and Steinway, Strathmore has two sons that will in no way show discredit on him. From this item it will be seen that Chestnut Hill comes from a strong trotting family, his instinct in that direction not being accidental but hereditary.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS.

Telegram.—Mayor Beaty, at the Hanlan Concert, made a few trite remarks upon the betting mania. He clearly sees that wherever an element of chance enters therein will men speculate on the result. In support of his remarks he mentioned the recent mayoralty election, which itself was a work of necessity, but upon which sums of money were lost and won. But there were worse manifestations of the betting mania than speculating upon the result of a civic contest. "Bulling" and "bearing" in stocks is nothing more nor less than betting. Putting up a margin is another form of pool-selling, but it is not so safe for one of those interested, as more may be lost than is put up, which cannot be the case with a trustworthy pool-seller, and it was not the want of trustworthiness on the part of pool-sellers that led to the passing of the Blake Act. By the abolition of stock speculation no material interest in the country would suffer; by the abolition of pool-selling the breeding of a certain class of horses has unquestionably suffered, and the value of fast stock has been depreciated, though it may be only temporarily. We do not affirm or deny the benefit claimed to have accrued to the country through the passage of the Blake Act, but what seems to be evident is that if one species of speculation is bad and ought to be suppressed, all kinds of betting ought to share the same fate.

N. Y. World.—The game of billiards is going, it has not gone, the way of base ball. The four-ball game was abandoned by professional players because it was too easy and runs of two or three hundred were not uncommon. The three-ball game which has been substituted for it has become at least equally easy. Such a run as Slosson made yesterday shows that the game no longer presents difficulties which interest either the player or the spectators. Four hundred and forty-one shots, as like as 441 peas, are very tiresome after they have been done once, and there is no likelihood that Slosson's feat will be surpassed at this tournament. It behooves the players and the manufacturers to devise new difficulties and to prevent the accomplishment of "nursing," which is only part of the game, from becoming the whole of it.

Montreal Gazette.—It is said that great difficulty is met with these days on the turf in England, in getting one's money up for large bets, or to any great extent, in betting. It is to be hoped that this indicates an improvement of public sentiment on the point, which

I am about to make a revelation to you, which is strictly confidential, and the utmost secrecy must be enforced. I have not the least doubt, but, that in your long editorial career, you met with that touching poem "Beautiful Snow," well, sir, allow me to inform you that I have the distinguished honor of being its originator. It was written when in a fit of anger, against the whole world, and I wished to put upon them a terrible affliction, hence this striking poetical effusion. I have never made myself known before, for fear of being cremated, by an indignant public, but my girl has given me the "mittens," and "death" cannot wrap me in his cold embrace any too soon.

We have plenty of the "beautiful" and East Avenue is thronged every pleasant afternoon, with the elite of our city. Below are enumerated some of the principal "fast ones":—Henry Belding, our popular liveryman, takes his daily airing behind his bay gelding, "Whiskey Bill," and it takes a "good run" to throw snowballs in his face. Joseph Dunville gives them all a good "shake" with his black gelding. Chas. Keep sometimes gives the boys a little "brush," and his bay gelding gives them all the "go-bye." Harvey Ernest has a little Toronto Chief, mare, Canada bred, that has a fine way of going, and bids fair to be equal to the best in another year. Dick Ashford sails out behind the "old Chief," who trots a perfect "storm."

For a variety in the sport there is an occasional accident, and last Thursday afternoon, when ten or twelve horses were coming down the "stretch," at about a three minute gait, "slap-tang, ker-whalopp," went a sixteen hand bay mare into a wood-rack, driven by a granger across Elm street, up went a nobby portland about six feet in the air, out sailed young Reasoner like a flying squirrel. Result: Mare hooked into another cutter, and in ten minutes coming down the avenue again. Nobody hurt, but a granger badly scared.

Frank Lillis has opened a billiard parlor in the new Commercial Block. Frank is an excellent caterer to the wants of our "young bloods," and may success attend his new venture.

A pleasant affair is on the tapis for Thursday evening next, being the occasion of the first annual ball of Hodge Hose Co., No. 4.

Amusements are like rich editors, few and far between. ELL.

Athletic.

PRIZE FIGHTERS HELD FOR TRIAL.

The hearing room in Central station, Philadelphia, was crowded on Jan. 24, long before the hour appointed for the appearance of the now notorious pugilists, Clark, King and Chambers. The twain put in an appearance promptly on the hour. The evidence was insufficient to convict them. Several witnesses gave their affidavits that King appeared in a variety theatre, and was announced as the "Unknown" who had agreed to fight Clark for \$2,000, but the police have been unable to find the stakeholder. After a lengthy hearing the magistrate held the prisoners under \$1,000 bail to appear. Securities were entered, and the pugilists left the court accompanied by a crowd of the stylish. There is no truth in the report circulated that Clark had withdrawn from the fight, and that his opponent, King, had demanded the stake money. The fight stands indefinitely postponed as long as the trial in court is pending, but Chambers says the men are bound to fight and will have it out some time, no matter how often the police interfere with their arrangements.

SPRINTS.

FIXED.—The date of the Muldoon-Bauer tussle has been fixed as Feb. 8. Irving Hall, New York, is the locality.

Fred. Plaisted is credited with being the author of the lines:

Catch the stroke at the beginning,
Let the legs with vigor work;
Little chance has one of winning,
When he does the stretcher shirk.

Let the arms be well extended,
Just as stiff as poker's two;
And, until the stroke is ended,
Pull it without poking through.

WALLACE ROSS MATCHED.

A gentleman of London, Eng., well known as a patron of aquatics, writes as follows: "I beg to inform you that articles of agreement have been drawn up between Wallace Ross, the Canadian sculler, and Frank Emmett, of Jarrow. You will be glad to learn that Ross has been taken in hand by one of the chief supporters of aquatics in England, and that he will undergo his training under the care of George Drowitt, one of the best and most experienced scullers in the world, and Harry Kelly, the ex-champion. The date of the match was originally proposed for March 8. On this day, however, the tide was found to be very unsuitable, and it was agreed that the contest should come off on Monday, March 10. The first deposits of £25 a side were made, and the following articles of agreement were drawn up and signed:

Articles of agreement entered into this day between Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B., Canada, and Frank Emmett, of Jarrow-on-Tyne, to row a straightaway sculler's race from Putney Aqueduct to the ship at Mortlake on Monday, March 10, 1879, in best and best boats, for the sum of £100 a side. The two men to be in their boats ready to start one hour before high water. The race to be rowed according to such of the new Thames national rules as are applicable, cutters being allowed to accompany the race, but they must be kept behind the sternmost man from start to finish. To start by mutual consent, but, if not off within fifteen minutes of the time fixed, the referee to start the men by signal or otherwise. The first deposit of £25 a side is now made good with the editor of the Sportsman, second deposit of £25 a side to be made good on Feb. 14, 1879, and the final deposit of £50 a side to be made good on Friday, March 7, at the Sportsman office, the editor of which paper is hereby appointed final stakeholder. Mr. John Ireland, to be asked to officiate as referee; but, in the event of his being unable to do so, the stakeholder to appoint one. The referee shall have entire jurisdiction over the race from start to finish, and his decision shall be final, and subject to no appeal at law or otherwise. Either party failing to comply with any of these conditions shall forfeit all money down in the hands of the stakeholder. Wallace Ross hereby agrees to allow Frank Emmett £15 expenses for rowing on the Thames, the same to be paid at the final deposit.

(Signed) JOHN MOORE, for FRANK EMMETT.
Witness, T. B. WHITEFOOT.
(Signed) WALLACE ROSS.
Witness, FREDERICK H. GALE.
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F. EMMETT, OF JARROW.

Emmett, who is matched to row Wallace Ross, is thus described by the London Sporting Life. He was born in 1849, weighs 158 lbs., and has the following record of successful performances: John Potts, Jarrow, £10 a side, in 1878, open boats; Joseph Marshall, of the Ouseburn, £10 a side, open boats; J. Fringham, Feeling Shore, £25 a side, open boats, after losing a race with this sculler on a foul: W. Lakey, of the Ouseburn, £25 a side; J. Blamire, Jarrow, £10 a side, and W. Spencer, of Chelsea, £100 a side, on the Championship Course. On the 25th and 26th of July last year he won the Newarth Castle Plate of £30, beating (with five lengths' start), T. Orton (12), J. Penton (9), and R. W. Boyd (1). On January 9, of this year, beat A. Strong, on Walney Channel (foul). On this last occasion the betting was 6 to 4 in favor of Emmett, but on the morning of the race it had advanced to 2 to 1.

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DEATH OF CINDERELLA.—The thoroughbred brood mare Cinderella, brown, foaled 1861, property of A. G. Carl, Illinois, sired by Sir Leslie, Jr. (son of Gazan), dam Kitty Clyde, by imp. Consternation, died at the stable of her owner, on the 7th inst. from an injury received by getting down in her stall.

DEATH OF ASHWOOD.—A. J. McKimmin, of Tennessee, has had the misfortune to lose his three-year old colt Ashwood, by Blackwood, Jr., dam Mary Sweeney, by Country Gentleman. Ashwood was so well thought of that Mr. McKimmin entered him in the three-year old trotting stakes, at Lexington, Ky., to be trotted this Spring.

MARSHALL CHIEF.—The sires of great horses, like sires of great men, frequently live in comparative obscurity, and go down to their graves "unwept, unhonored, and unsung." For example, Marshall Chief—commonly called the Goodrich Horse—after siring such good ones as Dr. Lewis (Leander), 2:24; Rattler, 2:28½; Bandal (grandson), 2:24; Primus, the fastest four-year old of his day, and many others, recently died on a backwoods farm, near Union City Mich., the victim of hardship and neglect.

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THE WATER MILL.

Listen to the water mill all the livelong day,
How the creaking of the mill wears the hours
away;
Languidly, the water glides useless on the still,
Never coming back again to the water mill.
And a proverb haunts my mind as the spell is
cast,
The mill will never grind with the water that
is passed."

Take the lesson to yourself, loving heart and
true,
Golden years are passing by—youth is passing
too—
Try to make the most of life, lose no honest
day;
All that you can call your own lies in this—
to-day.
Power, intellect and strength may not, cannot
last,
The mill will never grind with the water that has
passed.

Oh! the wasted hours of life that have flitted
by;
Oh! the good we might have done—lost without
a sigh.
Love, that we might once have saved with but a
single word.
Thoughts conceived but never penned—perishing
unheard.
Take the lesson to your heart; take, Oh! hold
it fast,
The mill will never grind with the water that
has passed.

Miscellaneous.

Working teams should be well fed, well
cleaned and have plenty of bedding.

St. Thomas is to have a new Opera House,
for which \$80,000 have been subscribed.

Muskrat farming is a rural industry in
Iowa. A good pond or marsh well stocked
is said to yield a profitable return after two
years, the trapping being done in winter.

An East Berlin (Conn.) cat recently swal-
lowed a \$5 gold piece which her master had
dropped, and the village butcher offers \$2.50
for her.

A pedestrian man with a wooden leg, re-
siding at Portland, Me., offers to walk any
other pedestrian man with a wooden leg five
or ten miles for the championship and a
round sum.

A tavern keeper of Orangeville was recent-
ly ordered to pay \$105 and costs, the value
of a traveller's baggage lost in the house. He
had neglected to keep the notice required by
statute posted on his doors.

A Fairfield (Me.) woman, aged 40, is the
mother of seventeen children. Inside of a
year she gave birth to two at different times,
married off two and lost three by death.
One of the two married sons lost his wife
and was remarried within the same year.

"I killed ninety-nine pigeons at one shot
this morning," said an old fowler. "Why
didn't you make it a hundred while you
were about it?" said his friend. "Do you
suppose I would tell a lie for one pigeon?"
was the reply.

"Boys," said the man holding an inverted
match in one hand and a dark cigar in the
other, "never acquire the pernicious habit of
smoking. I am a slave to it now, and yet I
hate it. I never see a cigar that I do not
want to burn it up." And then, with extreme
satisfaction, he burned up the one he held in
his hand.

The Bedouins never allow a horse at the
moment of its birth to fall upon the ground.
They receive it in their arms, and cherish it
for several hours, occupying themselves in
washing and stretching its tender limbs, and
caressing it as they would a baby. After
thus they place it upon the ground and watch
its feeble steps with particular attention,
prognosticating from that time the excellen-
cies or defects of their future companion.

A few days ago Mr. Archie McInnes, of
Morris, caught a fine speckled trout in his
well. His pump had become frozen, in con-
sequence of which he had to raise the plat-
form and draw the water out with a bucket
which upon one occasion he found a live

The outbreak of hydrophobia among the
royal pack of staghounds has now entirely
disappeared from the kennel, and the hounds,
which have been under veterinary treatment,
are being got into condition. Hunting will
be resumed, weather permitting, early in the
new year. The hunting deer are being cor-
nered in the deer pens.

The fashions in dogs in France vary, and
it is rather surprising to see how quickly the
demand for any special breed is met by a
lavish supply. A few years ago it was said
that the race of pugs was dying out; but
some great ladies took to cultivating pugs,
and lo! all the markets swarmed with black-
nosed little fellows. Yellow, wiry English
terriers are now the rage in Paris, and
Italian greyhounds have become so scarce
that a fancier could not furnish a well-
matched pair—cream or mouse color—for
less than 600 francs.

Edwin Forest and Charlotte Cushman for
years greatly admired one another. Each
declared that the other was the greatest dra-
matic artist living. During the war they
both agreed to play in 'Macbeth' for the
benefit of a sanitary fund. They had never
been on the stage together before. The per-
formance was a great success. Both appear-
ed at their best. But from that time they
were sworn enemies, and each expressed the
utmost contempt for the professional quali-
ties of the other. Forrest used to say that
Cushman 'was not a woman at all' and
Cushman declared that Forrest was a
'butcher.'

ENGLISH TURF INTELLIGENCE.

THE BEST HORSES IN ENGLAND NOMINATED
AGAINST THE AMERICAN STABLE.

The English Racing Calendar of the 9th
contains the nominations made for the Ep-
som spring meeting to be run April 22 and
23 and for the meeting at Ascot to be run
June 10th to 18th. The list shows that Mr.
Pierre Lorillard intends to keep his stable
busy. For the Epsom meeting Parole is in
the City and Laburban, a mile and a quarter,
Great Metropolitan, two miles and a quar-
ter, and the Prince of Wales Stakes, one
mile, all three being handicaps. The Duke
of Magenta is also in the Great Metropolitan.
For the Epsom meeting Parole is in for the
Epsom Gold Cup, about a mile and a half,
over the Derby course, for which he will re-
ceive an allowance of 10 pounds as an Amer-
ican bred horse which will make his weight
188 pounds. For the Ascot meeting Duke
of Magenta is in the Gold Cup, two miles and a
half, at 122 pounds, and in the Alexandra
Plate, about three miles, at 119 pounds, he
receiving an allowance of 7 pounds as an
American. As was generally expected the
English and French owners have nominated
a fine class of horses for both the cup and
plate, Count Lagrange being represented by
Vernon, who won both events last year,
while he has also Insulaire and Inval. Lord
Falmouth has nominated Silvio, the winner
of the Derby and St. Leger in 1877, and
Jannette, the winner of the Oaks and St.
Leger in 1878. Mr. Crawford has nominat-
ed Sefton, he winner of the Derby in 1878;
for the cup. Prince Soltykoff has nominated
Thurio, the winner of the Grand Prix, for
both events, whilst among the other nomi-
nations are such good horses as Pageant,
Belphebe, Master Kildare, Lord Olive and
Glengarry. For the New Stakes at Ascot
(five furlongs 186 yards straight) for two-
year-olds, Mr. Lorillard has nominated Pap-
oose and Oberokee, and for the Rous Me-
morial of 1880, he has put in Uncaa. The
'cherry and black' may be seen, however,
previous to the above dates, as Parole is in
the Newmarket Handicap, a mile and a half,
on April 16.

KILLIGREW, THE JESTER.

The jester Killigrew frequently had access
to Charles II., when admission was denied to
the first peers of the realm. Charles, who
hated business as much as he loved pleasure,
often disappointed the Council, either by not
attending or withdrawing before the business
was concluded. One day the Council sat a
considerable time in expectation of his
Majesty, when the Duke of Lauderdale, so
conspicuous for his haughty demeanor, quit-
ted the room in a great passion. On his way
he met Killigrew, to whom he expressed
himself more freely than courtiers toward

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The Philadelphia Record has somewhat interfered with the success of a sale of 'valuable horses' by exposing the fact that one of the 'choice lots,' a gelding, six years old, is set down as the get of a horse that died in 1865; there being further small gaps of twelve and eighteen years in the case of the grandsire and the great-grandsire. Or to put it in another form, Messenger died in 1808 and in 1826 he begat Mambrino Paymaster, who died in 1847, and twelve years later begat Bay Chief, who died in 1865, leaving among his get a horse that is six years old next grass.

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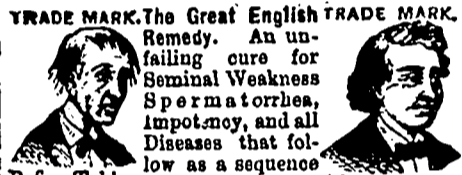
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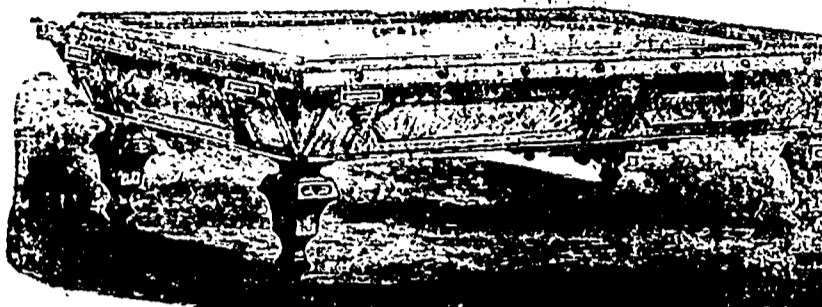
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