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THE THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE HOW TO BREED, REAR AND TRAIN THEM.

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXVI.

*Feeding, Wintering, Exercising, Training
the Spring—Cooling Out—Cool and
Warm Water—Drinking Water.*

[From the Spirit of the Times].

There is no gait so tiring to a horse as a long gallop. I mean by this a horse can gallop or trot with less fatigue than he can walk. I admit horses require a great deal of walking, but that is to prepare them, by season- ing their legs, for galloping; after you commence galloping, young stock especially, should have but little walking exercise.

It is as much art in preparing a horse to be trained as there is in training him; in the young stock it requires more ability than in the adult, as feeding, and selecting proper food, which is a matter requiring common sense and sound judgment. White oaks in the fall, or, if black or hard husked oats must be used, they should first be ground or crushed. Corn, particularly for three-year-olds, should be fed in the opening of spring, for they are shedding their grinders.

A trainer should not only be a good judge of a horse, but he must have the judgment to select the best food, and to feed no other, and he should also have the industry, care, and watchfulness, to see whether the horses eat their food, and to notice if they improve upon it. If not, he should change to other food better suited to the horse's taste and condition. He must watch the horses to see that they are not troubled with worms, and, if they are, to feed them more liberal diet, which will make the bowels more active, and thus assist nature in expelling the worms.

One should see that the feet are not kept dry, especially near the coronet, for, when the water crust of the hoof becomes too hard, cracks are liable to form, and they are hard to heal. He should also examine, frequently, the frog, and see that it is kept clean, and prevent thrush, for thrush often leads to lameness; and also watch the heels to prevent chaps and scratches. To care for and properly feed these details and a great many others, is the duty of the trainer.

It requires a man of considerable ability with industry and kindness to winter a stable of racing stock, and by proper and careful exercise season their legs, settle their muscles and clear their wind, and bring them out ready for strong work in the spring. Such a man should be intrusted to train a stable of race horses, and more than that, he is almost sure to be successful. On the contrary, those who have no care in their care to winter, and are away

Thus it will be seen that it is all important that owners of horses shall secure the greatest amount of intelligence, industry, and ability to care for, feed, and rear the young stock, and to handle and prepare them for their stakes. Even then there is no certainty of winning, but success is much more assured to the owner by the intelligence he has employed to prepare and train his stock than to those owners who employ careless persons, who are ignorant of the first principles of training the horse.

They will find them, to their cost, the dearest in the long run; for, when he brings his horses to the post he will induce the owner to back them, and the trainer of course will desire to stand in, and take desperate chances although he should, and, if he was really a capable man, would know that he had no chance to win. The owner, not being a judge of condition himself, is induced to back his horses, when he should stand off or hedge against them, and so it goes on through the entire season, with the hope of winning a race and getting back his money. The result is, at the end of the season he will sell his horses, or give them away, and retire from the turf in disgust, or, if he should be an enthusiastic lover of the sports of the turf, he may continue on for another year, and of course he will change his trainer for another cheap one, equally ignorant. Perhaps he may meet some head lad who talks horse to him glibly, and tells him what he can do with a horse, what he has done for his former employer and who takes to himself the credit of having had most to do with conditioning all the horses that won for his employer, that the trainer became jealous of him, and made it too unpleasant for him to stay any longer in the stable, etc. I know owners of good horses who have been bamboozled by men with tongues more plausible than their intelligence could support.

The better plan for gentlemen, who wish to indulge in the sports of the turf, would be to purchase a horse or two, and put them into the hands of a competent trainer who is training a public stable. He would then get rid of all the bother of trainers' boys and grooms, feed bills, grocery bills, etc., and then he would then know exactly what he was paying per day for training his horses. His blacksmith bill, the expenses of transporting his horses from place to place, and the fee to the rider, would all be put in his bill by the trainer, and when that was paid, all would be done. He would have no farther trouble, and would be saved all the annoyance and importunities of stable sharps.

Another great error of training horses, that should be reformed, is cooling horses off with warm water with cold water. I know, from experience, that it produces in the human family hoarseness and coughs, and it produces like effects upon the horse. All horses who cough during the season of training have either been overheated under clothing, or the secretions have been suddenly checked by a volume of cold water being drawn into the stomach. Any quantity of tepid water could be used without bad effects resulting, and would require no other fluid until he was fed. Tepid water and a sheet is all that is required in cooling a horse off upon the ring.

There is another error in training horses that

English Turf.

LINCOLN HANDICAP.

LINCOLN, March 21.—Sweepstakes for three-year-olds and upwards, at £20 each. £10 forfeit, and £8 only if declared out by noon of Jan. 25, with £1,000 added; second to receive £50 out of the stake, third to save stake; winner to pay £100 toward expenses; 122 subs.; 46 declared out; new straight mile; 30 starters.
Lord Wilton's ch f Footstep, 4 yrs, by See-Saw, dam Scandal, by Stockwell, 100 lbs. . . 1
Sir Frederick Johnston's br h Pursivant, 5 yrs, by Lord Lyon, dam Edith, by Ethelbert, 111 lbs. 2
Sir George Chetwynd's ch c Lord Lincoln, 4 yrs, by Newcastle, dam Donna del Lago, by Lord of the Isles, 96 lbs. 3
Betting—16 to 1 against Footstep, 10 to 1 each against Pursivant and Lord Lincoln, 9 to 2 against Touchet, who failed to secure a place.

THE LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL.

LIVERPOOL, March 28.—The Grand National Steeplechase of 500 sovereigns, added to a handicap sweepstakes of 25 sovereigns each, 15 forfeit and 5 if declared; the second to receive 100 sovereigns from the stakes; and the third to save his stake; Grand National course (nearly four miles and a half); 62 subscribers, 15 of whom paid 5 sovereigns each.
Mr F G Hobson's ch h Ansterlitz, by Ratanian out of Luira, 5 yrs, 146 lbs. 1

THE EPSOM SUMMER MEETING.

This, the most important meeting of the year, will commence on the 29th May, and on the 30th the great Derby will be run. As yet but little is said of the leading nominations. The book-makers have made Chantant the favorite, but before the period fixed for the race there will be many changes, and it may so happen that one of the least prominent may loom in the front just before the race. The following are the latest quotations of the foreign book-makers:
5 to 1 agst Chantant. 88 to 1 agst Alb. Ed
7 to 1 " Pellegrino 88 to 1 " B Athol
7 to 1 " Plunger 88 to 1 " Fildfare
10 to 1 " Rob Roy 88 to 1 " Th'ndet
14 to 1 " Morier 40 to 1 " Chevron
16 to 1 " L Goh'tly 40 to 1 " Sidonia
20 to 1 " Monk 40 to 1 " K Clovia
25 to 1 " Acton 80 to 1 " Rover
35 to 1 " Rosbach 40 to 1 " Silvio
25 to 1 " W Hast'gs

Wrestling.
BAUER AND MILLER.

Billiards.

WATSON vs W. JAKES.

On the 21st inst. a match was played at Montreal, between Mr. S. B. Watson of St. Albans, Vt., and Mr. W. Jakes, of Cobourg, for \$200 a side, American four-ball game. It was easily won by the American who scored 1,500 to the Canuck's 532. The telegraph reports of the match say the winner's highest run was 240 with an average of 65 1-5, while Jakes' biggest run and average were 169 and 22 respectively.

On the 22nd the same players met in a three-ball pouch game, the consideration being the same as in the match of the previous evening. From the start the game was in favor of Watson, who played well, while Jakes was in ill-luck from the start. Watson won easily by 251 points. The winner's highest run was 68 and loser's 34. Winner's average, 5 1/2; loser's, 2 1/2.

PLAYING AT OTTAWA.

A match game of three ball caroms, 100 points up, between John Maloney, an American, and an Ottawa man, was played on the evening of the 28th, in the billiard room, on the corner of Sussex and Rideau streets, Ottawa, before a large number of spectators. Some very fine masse and other difficult shots were made by the players, who were pretty evenly matched. The game, which was umpired by Mr. John Hay, resulted in favor of Mr. Maloney.

W. JAKES vs F. DION.

On Saturday evening W. Jakes beat Frank Dion in a 8-ball game, 400 points up, by a score of 400 to 392. The biggest run was made by Dion, viz., 28. The average of both players was about the same on account of the closeness of the game, 3 1/2. The game was played at Montreal.

Base Ball.

A HEAVY-WEIGHT TEAM.

Several of the semi-professional clubs have been cackling about the height and avoirdupois of their men, but we venture to assert that, when they read the weights of the Tecumseh team of 1877 they will find that

CROSSLAND BEATS O'LEARY.

The time in this match was remarkable. The match began in the Pomona Gardens, Manchester, England, at 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28. O'Leary pursued his usual tactics by going away with a strong lead keeping it into the 70th mile. Crossland came to the front on the 184th mile, and stayed there to the 241st mile. From this Crossland slowly but surely wore his opponent out, till at the completion of a little over 2 1/2 miles O'Leary was compelled to retire. Crossland kept going until he had walked 297 miles at 6:22:22 p. m. Saturday evening, in 69h. 22m. 22s., when he was declared victor. The track was the same as that used by Crossland and O'Leary in their great 800 mile match at Pomona in November last; it is correct in its measurement. Taken altogether, the match was the pluckiest and best contested that has been walked for many a day. During the first 48 hours O'Leary walked the unprecedented distance of 205 miles 391 yards, which is the greatest ever walked in that time.

PAST AMATEUR PERFORMANCES IN ENGLAND.

The second day of the athletic games held at Cambridge, March 8, was productive of some fine sport, most noticeable among which was the three-mile run—the fastest on record, and of which we shall speak hereafter. The first event set down on the cards was a 120 yard race. Mr. Scot-Chad, with five yards start, won the final heat in 12 2/5 s. G. W. Blathwayt won the high jump at 5ft 6 in. The 120-yard hurdle race fell to B. H. Brown (five yards start). Time, 18 4/5 s. H. E. Ryle, with six yards start, won the quarter of a mile in the fast time of 51 3/5 s. C. V. Bayley cleared 20ft. 4in. in the long jump, and won. The next event was the chef d'œuvre of the meeting—namely, the three-mile run; there were some fifteen or sixteen contestants in this affair, whose starts ranged from 100 to nearly 600 yards. It looked any odds that the scratch man could never overhaul his leaders, but from the crack of the pistol to the breaking of the tape, he ran in magnificent style, and one after another they had to give way to his terrible bursts. Gibbs struggled gamely to overtake King, but found that 400 yards start was too much to give such a man, as he could not get within one hundred yards of him. The winner's time was 14m. 20 3/5 s. Gibbs' first mile was run in 4m. 41 s., the second in 9m. 46 s.; and the third in 14m 46 s., which is 22s. faster than anything on record, beating Mr. Scott's great feat of 1: 8 3/5 s. in 1871 by that amount.

DIGBY GRAND.

CHAPTER VII.

SMITH WAR.

As my situation was close behind the salu-

... who both no friend, no brother there)

says Byron in his thrilling description of mor-

... the least beautiful portion of the day's

... papa? said a gentle voice behind

... my dear, probably," was the

... I wish somebody would explain

... I had time to look at the daughter.

And whilst papa was occupied in shaking

... and far as the ex-

... the different manœuvres of the

... my attentive companion, the points

... Oh, how delightful I says the fair enthu-

... And quite close the imposing columns

... This is the object of the frequent

... And now much to my annoyance,

... more intelligible by underlining every second

... There were all the usual ingredients of a

... And now, Miss Belmont, I explain

... How badly you have behaved, Grand,

... These were two homo-thrusts, as in Mr.

... our journey would have terminated, had I

... Do you know Colonel Belmont or

... I stammered out, "No—yes—that is, I

... What a difference does it make in ball

... How badly you have behaved, Grand,

... How often do we see a youth, and more

... found myself shrinking with disgust from

... I had got thus far, and had just carried in

... 'Lucky that grey horse is only blind of one

... In making these confessions, I may as well

... How often do we see a youth, and more

...the Artillery, as far as
...up our 1 ft. And what is that
...lark people using from behind
...my 1st, pr badly, wa the
...my yeught is bad, I cannot
...anything at that time.
...I wish some body would explain
...what they are going to do, I do love
...said the excited girl.
...thinking it a pity so much military
...All is thrown away, I was in
...taking a advantage of my official
...fresh to the young lady with a
...of the price of things, when, turn
...I, in the old gentleman
...at Belmont, whom
...at my father's house, but of
...very little, except that he was
...with his only daughter.
...any service to you, Colonel?
...Probably you have forgotten Digby
...whilst papa was occupied in shaking
...rethly expressing his delight at our
...recognition and overwhelming me
...curious about Sir Peregrine, whom he
...probably seen long since his undutiful
...had time to look at the daughter,
...charming voice had first attracted my
...Heaven! what a beautiful girl
...Far be it from me, like Olivia, to
...upon an inventory of her charms—
...two lips, indifferent red, &c.—but she
...the good fortune to possess those violet
...with long black eyelashes, that, with
...dark hair and a fair complexion, have
...made a fool of many a wise man since the
...days of King Solomon. Ere I was present
...her I had seen at a glance that she was
...and *bien chausée*, those two
...essentials in a lady's dress; and as she
...turned her graceful head towards me, and
...received papa's introduction with her own
...sweet smile, I thought I should wish no bet-
...ter amusement than to act *cicerone* to this
...fascinating Miss Belmont during the whole
...of the coming performances.
...But the dark massive columns have de-
...poyed out, and far as the eye can
...reach, extends a belt of red and white, flank-
...ed by dark Rifles and grim batteries of
...artillery; while the lightsome pennons of the
...Lancers come whirling rapidly from the
...east. All eyes are directed towards Hyde
...Park Corner, and the crowd are mute with
...expectation, for a hoarse and indistinct com-
...mand, repeated in the front, is followed by
...a flash of steel along the whole line, as a
...word and bayonets leap into the air, and
...regiments "shoulder arms," preparatory
...to receiving, with due respect, the in-
...struction who is to inspect them. A
...bright and glittering staff winds through
...the ranks near Aspley House, and
...sweeping rapidly into the Park, advances
...almost to where we are standing, as if ex-
...pressly to give Miss Belmont an uninterrupted
...view of the Iron Duke, whom she adores
...with lady-like devotion. The line opens its
...ranks, and "presents arms;" the Command-
...ing officer turns the salute, and though he
...bears a venerable head, white with the
...dews of eighty winters, the frame below is
...strong and hardy, almost as in the prime of
...life, the heart within game and dauntless as
...ever. The populace cheer, the band plays
...and save the Queen," and the tears sparkle
...in Miss Belmont's eyes.
...How well the old Duke is looking," says
...every one, with an affectionate emphasis on
...the adjective. And then the habits,
...proud of their better information, instruct
...their country cousins in the identity of the
...different nobilities. "That's Prince
...George; and there's the Duke of Hessians;
...and here comes Earl Sabre-tache—how well
...rides, and there goes one of the Mar-
...quis other leg? as the finest horseman in
...England sways his mutilated figure to every
...corner of the highly broke chair, he be-
...comes a remark for each—delighted be-
...cause it is a nod of recognition should
...reach them from any individual of that bril-
...liant caste.
...All this time the review is going on, and I
...have the pleasant task of explaining to Miss

...and I am not a little surprised by the whole
...line, which looks as if it would sweep general
...officers, staff, police, spicadors, ladies, and
...into Park Lane. Abstaining, however,
...from so general a scrutinage, they halt and
...take in admirable order, covered by cavalry
...and artillery, and throwing out clouds of
...skirmishers, till they have reached the same
...ground and taken up the same positions with
...which the review commenced.
...And now, Miss Belmont, I explain
...to my attentive companion, 'the points
...are being placed, and the regiments will march
...past.
...Oh, how delightful I says the fair enthu-
...siast. And will your company march past,
...Captain Grand? and shall we hear the
...band? Papa, now you will see the Guards
...quite close.
...And quite close the imposing columns
...came, and many an adjutant's heart leapt
...for joy as company after company, Guards,
...Lancers, and Infantry of the line, moved stead-
...ily past the saluting point exact as a machine
...regulated by mechanism, level as a wall of
...brick. There always appears to me some-
...thing awful in the uncompromising, unwa-
...vering advance of a large body of disciplined
...men. It is his resolute, unflinching bearing,
...his steady demeanor, totally unshaken by
...extraneous circumstances—in a word, it is
...the magic power of discipline that gives the
...soldier his moral advantage over all the head-
...long gallantry and numerical superiority of
...untrained thousands. And this steadfast re-
...liance on himself, his officers, and his com-
...rades, is only to be acquired by constant
...martial practice in the field—practice that
...must often be repeated on the drill ground
...if it can be brought into play under the
...fire of an enemy. This is the secret of all
...the marchings and counter-marchings, so
...often sneered at by the ignorant of military
...affairs. This is the object of the frequent
...parades and countermarches that to the
...unfledged appear so unnecessary to harass
...the soldier. And all this must be brought to
...a very high state of perfection before such a
...march past can be witnessed, as delighted
...the unpractised eyes of pretty Miss Belmont,
...and called forth an approving sentence from
...the Duke himself.
...And now, much to my annoyance, the
...movements of the day are come to a conclu-
...sion. The line, once more formed, advances
...in open order to the music of the three finest
...bands in the service, and again 'present
...arms,' as a sort of farewell to the illustrious
...hero. A few words of approbation addressed
...by him to the respective colonels are soon
...made known to the officers and privates of
...the different troops and companies; and I am
...compelled to bid Miss Belmont farewell, not,
...however, before I have discovered her where-
...abouts in London; and collecting my dis-
...persed party together, I march them back to-
...wards the barracks under the wing of the
...battalion to which they belong.

CHAPTER VIII.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

As I willingly exchanged the oppressive
...confinement of a uniform for the cooler habi-
...liments usually worn in London during the
...summer, I found upon my table, amongst a
...whole heap of unanswered letters, unpaid
...bills, gloves, cigars, and all the miscellaneous
...litter of a bachelor's abode, a small rose-tinted
...note, written in the palest ink, indited by
...the white hand of Mrs. Man-trap.
...Confound the woman!—what can she
...mean by all these dashes? I thought,
...as I opened and read the following emphatic
...missive:—
...—STREET, Saturday.
...DEAR CAPTAIN GRAND.—If not too much
...fatigued by your MILITARY DUTIES, shall you
...be at Lady Cockle's to-day. I am MOST
...ANXIOUS to see you, and shall go EARLY. If
...you are not here in time for me to take you
...down, I can, at all events, BRING YOU BACK.
...I shall be enchanted to hear ALL the particu-
...lars of the review.—Yours ever,
...MARGERY MAN-TRAP.
...This was a fair specimen of Mrs. Man-trap's
...usual style of correspondence, but why she
...should think that she rendered her sentences

...g-off to the satisfaction of every one can-
...ried, and even Mrs. Man-trap, whom I
...discover sitting in a striking attitude
...and a commanding position, allowed that it
...was all very pretty and well done. As I
...bowed my way up to that irresistible lady,
...I could not help being struck with the con-
...trast which forcibly presented itself between
...my now flame of the morning, and the well-
...known coquette of her to whom I was
...now to render homage. What a difference
...between the artless grace and unconscious
...charms of Miss Belmont, and the studied at-
...titudes, flounced and furbelowed dress, and
...cropped ringlets, of Mrs. Man-trap! Beauti-
...ful she certainly was, though no longer
...young; but even her most devoted admirers
...must allow that she would have looked bet-
...ter had that fair hair been suffered to droop
...in natural curls, and not been frizzed out and
...tortured into a species of glory round her
...head. With her rouge we will not quarrel,
...as it was but a *soupeon*, and made her eyes
...sparkle with a brilliancy of her own; but
...why, with a really well-turned and fully-
...rounded figure, did she think it necessary to
...disguise its proportions in such a volumi-
...nous multiplicity of starch and drapers, as
...might have defied the most experienced
...dress maker, and skilful anatomist to boot,
...to distinguish the actual from the ideal—the
...real from the illusive?
...How badly you have behaved, Grand,'
...she began, stretching out to me the prettiest
...little white gloved hand, surmounted by a
...puffed-out cloud of muslin, and adorned with
...a gold chain and locket, containing Mr.
...Man-trap's hair, a piece of sentiment the
...more creditable, as their separation, *a men-
...sa et thora*, had long since relieved the
...tedious routine of business in the House of
...Lords—shamefully; you haven't been near
...me for two whole days, and I wanted to ask
...you the rights of this business about young
...Swindle and the Jockey Club, and whether
...you had seen the carriage St. Heliers has
...ordered for Rivolet?
...These were two home-thrusts, as in Mr.
...Swindle's I had taken a strong part, which
...was likely to give me a good deal of trouble;
...and when Coralie's name was mentioned, a
...mingled feeling of anxiety and regard for
...the pretty Jans as, made me almost com-
...mit the indecency of blushing.
...But the worst of Mrs. Man-trap was, that
...she had a cool naive way of asking imper-
...tinent questions, and making remarks upon
...the subject nearest one's heart, as if one's
...private feelings were of no earthly con-
...sideration whatever. I strove to answer her
...nevertheless, with a carelessness equal to
...her own, and thinking I had really been
...somewhat inattentive of late, I tried to make
...amends by doing the agreeable to the best of
...my abilities. In all affairs of flirtation, I
...have invariably found that *l'appetit vient en
...mangeant*, and in that, as in many other
...situations of life, if not going 'too fast to be
...pleasant,' we often find ourselves 'going too
...fast to be safe.' We were soon as good friends
...as ever, and were rapidly arriving at that in-
...definite boundary where friendship ceases
...and a warmer relation begins. As usual, I
...thought only of the present; and adopting
...St. Heliers' maxim, 'never to look forward
...beyond dinner-time,' I cut out for myself a
...very pleasant afternoon of gossip and love-
...making with Mrs. Man-trap, varied by ob-
...servations and scandal of our neighbors, tea
...and strawberries and cream for ourselves.
...What cared I, that ninety-nine out of one
...hundred most intimate friends were good-
...naturally remarking, 'What a fool that boy
...makes of himself, with a woman twice his
...age!' or 'I see Mrs Man-trap has got hold
...of that unfortunate young Grand!' These
...observations were not addressed to us; on
...the contrary, people rather refrained from in-
...terrupting our *tete-a-tete*, and civilly got out
...of our way as much as possible. So I plied
...my fair companion with compliments and
...flattery, and what she liked nearly as well,
...fed her insatiable appetite for news. We ar-
...ranged a picnic; talked about a joint excu-
...sion to Cowes; voted, almost in plain terms,
...that we were unhappy when separated, and
...agreed to ride together regularly every day
...at five; in short, we were getting on at rail-
...road pace, and Heaven only knows where

...ply with the somewhat hopeless intention of
...being amused, or whether we have 'an ob-
...ject' to which all the lights, ornaments,
...music, crowds, champagne, and dancing are
...merely accessories. Elderly gentlemen, de-
...pend upon it, you have the best of it. The
...lot of woman has ever been to fidget, and
...when she has done being uncomfortable
...about herself, there is but a short interval
...ere it is time to be uncomfortable about her
...daughters; but you, respected head of a fine
...family!—you, portly and port-wine drinking
...patriarch! what have you to do when, to
...your astonishment, you find yourself at a fete,
...but to stick your hands in your pockets, and,
...hub-nobbing with your old cronies, enjoy
...yourself to the utmost? What care you that
...Maria's hair has come out of curl, and Mr.
...Jilt has never so much as asked Jane to
...dance? You leave these matters in perfect
...confidence to your energetic lady, whilst you
...discuss last night's division and the ever-
...present ministerial crisis. Now look at your
...son Augustus; 'tis true that his form is
...graceful and his step is light, his hair is
...glossy and his whiskers curled. He is the
...image, so you think, with retrospective flat-
...tery, of what you were at his age, and for
...an instant you sigh to think how long that
...is ago. But could you peep behind the em-
...brodered shirt-front that covers his manly
...chest—could you lay bare the secrets of his
...bosom, you would not envy son Augustus.
...He came to the ball on purpose to meet
...Miss Eglantine, and she is waltzing for the
...second time with Lord Haycock, and has
...not vouchsafed poor Augustus a word. His
...ambition, at his time of life, is to be in a good
...set, and to know all the great people. Alas!
...Lady Overbearing, whose carriage he calls
...like a town-crier, and whom, in such diffi-
...culties, he attends like a running footman,
...has even now passed him without a nod.
...Painfully alive to ridicule, poor lad, Mr.
...Sneersby has just complimented him, ironi-
...cally, upon his back; and with all these
...mingled annoyances, and a variety of out-
...standing unpaid bills, of which, as yet, you
...know nothing (but take comfort, your time
...will come upon that point)—can you lay
...your hand upon your heart and say that you
...would exchange your half-century of ex-
...perience, and the comfortable mental repose
...which it has brought, for the hollow excite-
...ment and craving restlessness of incipient
...manhood?
...Here was I, in the first bloom of youth,
...and the good spirits which accompany that
...unreflecting age, with health, position, not
...money, but credit, which do all equally well,
...and everything else to make life enjoyable,
...and yet I doubt if a more restless discon-
...tented spirit ever walked the earth than was
...mine on that sunny afternoon whilst search-
...ing for Miss Belmont; and then when I did
...find her, and took her into a crush-room to
...drink weak tea, and then prevailed on her
...to accompany me down a shady walk to in-
...spect certain camellias, of which I hardly
...knew the names, did I not, in that very
...peaceful alley, come face to face with Mrs.
...Man-trap, of all people in the world, who
...gave me a look that said, as plainly as look
...could speak, 'Aha, young gentleman! so
...I have caught you at last; but I will put a
...spoke in your wheel, take my word for it.'
...And well did she redeem that prophetic
...pledge in after-days. It must have been an
...instinctive feeling of well-grounded horror
...that made Miss Belmont shrink involuntary
...from her, and ask me 'who that bold-look-
...ing lady was?' 'Tis in vain to recapitulate
...the feelings crowded into such an afternoon
...as that. If there is a turning-point in the
...career of every man, when his good and
...evil destinies are balanced to a hair, and his
...future fate is determined by some trifling
...circumstance, too insignificant to mention,
...surely that sunny evening that saw me
...wander through those fragrant shrubberies
...with Flora Belmont had an influence on my
...later life—at times almost imperceptible—at
...times the only redeeming point in a char-
...acter otherwise steeped in sin.
...Need I say that Mrs. Man-trap's baronche
...was innocent of my weight as it rolled back
...to town, I was in one of those moods when
...solitude and reflection are our greatest lux-
...uries. A new life was dawning upon me. I

...the upper of all my good resolutions
...and virtuous schemes for the future was my
...sitting unusually long after dinner with St.
...Heliers, and sundry other choice spirits who
...joined our party, and losing five hundred
...'up-stairs' before I went to bed.
...In making these confessions, I may as well
...state, once for all, that I do not seek to con-
...ceal, far less to palliate, the follies and vices
...into which I, and such as I, unhesitatingly
...plunged. Conscious of my own defects, I
...am aware that many young men enter the
...world under far worse auspices than were
...mine, and came out of that searching ordeal
...pure and unscathed; but I greatly fear that
...these, if not exceptions, are at least only a
...minority; that mine was by no means an un-
...usual case; and if such be the truth, may I
...venture to hope that the simple relation of
...facts and feelings, the plain, unvarnished re-
...cital of each step in the downward course,
...each circumstance in the moral perversion of
...a man born and bred a gentleman, and enter-
...ing life through one of her fairest and most
...promising portals, may serve as a warn-
...ing and a beacon to those who are them-
...selves aware of their instability when exposed
...to temptation—their organic incapability of
...saying 'No!'
...How often do we see a youth, and more
...particularly the younger sons of the nobility,
...thrust upon the world in the falsest of all false
...positions—placed in a station which he has
...not the means of keeping up, and moving in
...a sphere whose necessary expenses must
...eventually entail ruin upon him. He has
...probably been educated at Eton or Har-
...row, with his brother the marquis, and when
...he came home for the holidays, either be-
...cause he was better-looking or cleverer than
...the peer presumptive, he found himself in
...every respect quite as important a personage
...as his elder brother. He rode as good a
...pony, and rode him a turn harder; was put
...into as 'warm a corner' by the keeper at his
...grace's lordly battues, and was in every re-
...spect on the same footing. So far so good;
...it would be hard to make a distinction be-
...tween boys, and it might, perhaps, be as bad
...for the elder as it would be wholesome pre-
...paratory training for the younger. But ere
...long the jacket is discarded for a tail-coat,
...and there is a question of razors and a dress-
...ing-case. Then comes Oxford or Cambridge,
...and still the young one holds his senior a
...neck-and-neck race; they are both 'tufts,'
...and, as far as income goes, very much on a
...par, as they each run into debt pretty hand-
...somerly, as a matter of course, which debts
...the duke, though not as a matter of course,
...pays. And now comes the tug of war—now
...the younger lordling enters upon the world,
...armed indeed, generally speaking, with a
...frontlet of brass, but woefully deficient in the
...more valuable metal he has all his life been
...learning to squander so freely. 'Lord of his
...presence and small land beside,' his rank
...gives him an entrance into the gayest, the
...highest—what is called the best society,
...which his previous habits teach him to enjoy
...and appreciate. Pleasure is for a time a will-
...ing handmaid, and the butterfly frolics gaud-
...ily in the sun; but, unfortunately, a day of
...reckoning must come; the longest-suffering
...tradesmen like to be paid once in three years,
...and a creditor too often put off becomes at
...each postponement a more pitiless enemy.
...Our scion of nobility, like a child of toil, must
...be clothed and fed; but what would be lux-
...uries to the million are to him the necessar-
...ies of life. It is an indispensable for him to
...be well dressed as it is for a
...man of middle station to be dressed
...at all; and although he may feed
...at the ragogany, and repose on the mat-
...tresses, of another, yet he and his valet must
...move from Castle to Hall; and posting is
...proverbially only to be effected by means of
...ready money.
...Then, must he give up hunting, to which
...he has all his life been accustomed, because,
...forsooth, he cannot keep horses?—brought
...up with the Racing Calendar and Stud Book
...at his fingers' ends, must he abjure the bra-
...cing heath and the velvet sward, over which
...he loves to see the favorite skimming like an
...arrow?
... (To be Continued.)

THEATRES AND THEATRE-GOERS.

The following sermon was preached by Rev. John Watson, at the Universal Church, Halifax, N.S., on the 4th inst. The church was filled to overflowing, and a thousand people went away disappointed, unable to gain admission. The service was delivered in a pleasing manner, and produced a marked effect in the

Christ. It is best to believe that men who use such terms speak hastily and without due consideration. I fail to see what good reason there is for this bitter denunciation and hostility to the theatre. Our true way is to heed Paul's advice, and stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, refusing to be entangled again in the yoke of bondage. As His disciples, and God's children, we have the full and free right to use the opportunities of enjoyment with which the Heavenly Father surrounds us. Discipleship consists not in an austere and rigid conformity to certain ecclesiastical customs and traditions; but in sharing Christian faith in God and love for man. It is the work of Christianity to make the world better. It is our duty as believers of the Gospel to engage in that work. But our Lord has not hedged us in with restrictions and forms; neither has he made any of our fellow disciples judges of our faithfulness. Theatre-going is not a duty, neither is it a sin, in and of itself. Under certain circumstances it might become a duty, and in others a sin.

"Let each be persuaded in his own mind," Robert Collyer says he goes when he thinks he shall be better and not worse. We could hardly have a better rule than his. It is certainly wrong to go on stolen time and money enough almost to build churches with.

It is worth reflecting that the sober and thoughtful classes in the community have it in their power to determine what the quality of the drama presented shall be. Managers are not slow to learn what plays are the most profitable. And if religious people stand aloof, and refuse to do anything to surround the theatre with a healthy moral atmosphere, they are hardly in a position to complain of its state.

One thing more. If we go to the theatre with innocent intent, whether it be for instruction or amusement, our faith in God must be of a poor quality if we fear to die and go home to him from there. One would hardly choose a place of public amusement to die in, but if death comes to us there, what matters it? We are still God's children, and need not fear to trust Him. Alas! for that Christian unbelief which is afraid of the heavenly Father, and dares not go to his arms as confidently, from the theatre as from the church!

"None of us liveth to himself, and no one dieth to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Whether then we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and the living."

ENGLISH TURF NEWS.

Chamant is a hot favorite for the Derby. The betting stands 5 to 2 against him, 8 to 1 against Pelligrino, 7 to 1 against Plunger, 10 to 1 against Rob Roy, 14 to 1 against Morier, 10 to 1 against Warren Hastings, 14 to 1 against Lady Golightly, Lord Falmouth's filly. Rob Roy and Lady Golightly are said to be roasters, but this is stoutly denied. Lady Golightly is described as "the finest filly in England." She is by King Tom (son of Harkaway, the great Irish wonder, and Pocahontas), dam Lady Coventry, by Thormanby; second dam Lady Roden, by West Australian, dam Ennui, by Bay Middleton. It is stated, by a correspondent of the London Sportsman, that Lady Roden, the grandam of Lady Golightly, produced Liddington and Lady Coventry, both of whom were roasters, and that Farnese, a son of Lady Coventry, was also a roaster, and he thinks it is probable the roaring is an inheritable disease in this family. The Sporting Times, London, says: "Our readers may take it from us, that Rob Roy is not a roaster. At any rate the disease seems to be quite common with the English thoroughbreds. Bell's Life, London, of Feb. 24, says: "Four two-year-olds, the property of Mr. Sanford, will be shipped at New York for England next month." It is understood that Mr. Sanford will go to England in a short time. A remarkable instance of a well contested race is given by a London journal, as occurring at Doncaster, Sept. 28, 1797. The race was for £100, for three and four year olds, two mile heats. Seven horses started, and amongst them was Sir F. Standish's Stamford, who won the first heat. The second was a dead heat between Mr. Crompton's Watter (three years) and Sir J. Turner's Pepperpot (four years). The third heat was won by Pepperpot, the fourth by Watter, the fifth resulted in another dead heat between Watter and Pepperpot. Watter won the sixth and the race. The remarks of a writer describing this race, "that after the different heats the betting varied considerably," was hardly necessary, and probably gives one an inadequate idea of the ins and outs of the backers during the contest.

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are reminded that sound political economy forbids the maintenance of unproductive arts; and in that case public readers and actors, with many others, must share the fate of condemned actors. What men ask is the drama shall perish—not that it shall be degraded and made better worthy the public denance and esteem. They give us no encouragement that they will take part in a work like this, or be satisfied with its accomplishment. At the same time they tell us there now reigns peculiarly depraved and vicious drama, which crowded off the stage the plays of the great dramatists who once made it glorious. The many of witnesses who have no personal knowledge of the matter in dispute is hardly to be accepted as of great weight, and it is to be remembered that the modern theatre is judged most loudly by those who never enter doors, and consequently are but imperfectly informed; but I presume no friend of the drama will hesitate to admit it is very far from what it ought to be. There are, of course, entertainments given in theatres that hardly to be classed dramatic, and there are all sorts of theatres in our towns. My neighbor in Fort Massey, Dr. Burns, has a better interest than myself in condemning dress and indecency on the stage. But this is no justification for indiscriminate attacks on the theatre. It is charged that the theatre is volous and sensational. I wish there were grounds for the charge. Still it is hardly to make an invidious distinction against the theatre. Does it stand alone? Are the movements and interests of society to-day from reproach? In times when multitudes go to witness the fantastic extravagances of the stage, it is nothing remarkable that sensational plays have many admirers. When the Christian public fixes its eye on a common man like Mr. Moody, and recognizes in him the special guardian and messenger of the Spirit—"when men are more moved by his cry of 'Blood! blood! blood!' than by the tender gospel of Jesus—it is strange that should accuse the theatre of being unduly sensational. The truth is, this morbid craving for excitement, sensation, and novelty affects the church, and is as apparent in the church as here. The Christian pulpit has more reason to be ashamed of Taltage and Chiquiquy on the stage than of the "Black Crook;" and Mr. Moody is to John Wesley as the sensation standard drama.

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His testimony of the Scottish professor is to me just and fair. It is the province of the stage to get before us pictures of real life.

The Trigger. CAPTAIN BOGARDUS BREAKS ONE THOUSAND GLASS BALLS.

Captain A. H. Bogardus, of Elkhart, Ind., champion wing-shot of the world, treated the citizens of New York last evening at Gilmore's Garden to a novel exhibition of his skill. For the first time he essayed the feat of breaking 1,000 balls in two hours and forty minutes, the balls to be sprung from traps eighteen yards distant. He did not commence the job without certain misgivings, as to succeed he knew that ninety balls out of every hundred must be broken, and that 1,100 or more shots were required to be fired. His practice, however, led him to believe that he could win the \$500 that he bet with a prominent New Yorker on the result, and so stood at the score with confidence. "I never failed in any undertaking yet," said Bogardus, "and I think that I will do this." How well he knew himself, the sequel pleasantly proves. In just 1h. 42m. 50s. he had broken the 1,000 balls, having shot at 1,186, which scored him the victory, and 57m. 10s. to spare. Nothing like it has ever before been attempted, much less performed. The snow-storm kept away a great many, yet there were nearly 1,600 persons present, many of them being representative crack shots.

At the Fourth-Avenue side of the enclosure a wooden planking covered with white muslin was built up, which received the shot. Four traps were placed and only two used at a time, these being pulled so that the balls were sent into the air in rapid succession. Mr. S. H. Barrill of Chicago, served as referee; Miles L. Johnson, of Robbinsville, N. J., received and attended the heated gun barrels; Dr. Talbot, of New York, pulled the traps; T. C. Banks and W. B. Grover, of New York, kept the official score, and Dr. Sanborn, of Boston, the time. Two active young men, one of them, Daniel Pakenham, of New York, filled the traps. The Captain used one gun, Scott of London, two sets of barrels, and cartridge of three and a half grains of Dittmar's powder and one-quarter ounce shot. He missed the first two, and then "getting well on" the balls, began to smash them right and left with such rapidity that the audience were astonished. In the first hundred, occupying 10 minutes, he broke 71; in the second hundred, consuming 9 minutes, 81; in the third hundred, also 9 minutes, 91; in the fourth hundred, 9 minutes, 92, and in the fifth hundred, requiring 8 minutes, 50 seconds, 91. Thus, he had shot at 500 balls and broken 426 in 45m. 50s. An announcement of the progress made was received with vociferous cheering. The Captain was asked at this juncture if his arm would hold out, and he assured all enquirers that it was in the best possible shape. "I don't want anything but solid flesh and a shirt," said he. During a portion of his shooting up to this time he had been timed in order to note his "best points." In one minute he broke 14 balls; in two minutes, 24 balls; and in two minutes fifteen seconds, 26 fell smashed to pieces. A rest of eighteen minutes was then taken, during which the broken glass was removed.

In the sixth hundred Bogardus missed 12, then, rapidly improving, he broke 94 out of the seventh. In the eighth hundred he broke 92, in the ninth, 95, and in the tenth hundred 94. This gives the shooter 889 broken out of the thousand. He had been 1h. 28m. 50s. at work, and ample margin was left to break the additional 111, happen what might. This required 186 balls to perform, the number of the missed being increased, owing to the necessity of using poor powder at this stage of the shot. His 1,186th and final shot being announced before made, there was great cheering, the plaudits being renewed when the result as given above was known. The Captain changed the barrels of his gun twenty-one times, and when asked if he had any arm left, he replied, laughing, "Yes; it's all here, and I could break another thousand without feeling it."

MONSTER FAMILIES. There resides in the township of North Gower, about ten miles from the village of that name, a family by the name of Turcotte which consists of twenty-four persons. They are French, and the head of the family's name is Joseph. Remarkable to state the first twenty of the family are all boys, the other two being girls—twins, about three weeks old. Our informant, who happened to be at Turcotte's house the other day about the noon meal hour, was surprised to find

CANADIAN HORSES FOR ENGLAND.

The London, Eng., Daily News of a recent date says:—"Nothing is more certain than that we are in grievous want of the short-legged, strong backed mares for which England was once famous, and of which we have been denuded by the Germans. Fortunately, there is no lack of such animals in the Western States of the American Union, in Canada, and in New South Wales. For many months the magnificent steamships

Aquatic. A POWERFUL AMERICAN CREW.

The strongest amateur four-oared crew in America is claimed by the Neptunus Association, of West Brighton, L. I. They have succeeded in getting the two noted oarsmen of the Atlanta four-oared crew to join them, and thus they have organized a four which, it is claimed, will carry off the championship, and perhaps that of the double and single sculls also. The four are: H. W. Rogers (bow), 28 years; height, 6 ft 1 1/2; weight, 170 lbs. Julian Kennedy, 25 years; height, 5 ft. 11; weight, 165 lbs. James Riley, 26 years; height, 5 ft. 11; weight, 165 lbs. J. E. Eastis (stroke), 20 years; height, 5 ft. 11 weight, 160 lbs. Last year Rogers, who has rowed at New York, Philadelphia, Troy and Saratoga, as one of the Atlanta pair, won with Eastis the pair-oar race of the Atlanta club at Philadelphia. Kennedy is a Yale man, and pulled No. 8 in 1878. He likewise rowed in 1874 and 1875, and in the eight-oared scull race with Harvard last year was one of the victorious crew. Kennedy has appeared to great advantage with single sculls. Riley, of Saratoga, is a powerful oarsman, and in 1876 made the best time on record for 1 1/2 miles, 9:24 1/2. At Saratoga last year he won the single scull amateur championship, and made the fastest time on record for two miles—18m. 21 1/2. Eastis first appeared at the college regatta in 1878. In 1874 he joined the Atlanta Boat Club, and has rowed stroke in all club races and regattas since. The victories under his stroke are too well known to be cited. Riley will row the single scull races, Eastis and Rogers the double sculls, and with Kennedy and Riley meet any amateur four in America.

A BREEDING THEORY.

A Tennessee correspondent of the Turf, Field and Farm writes:—"A gentleman who has had considerable experience in stock raising stated that in case of a cow giving birth to twins, one male, the other female, the male had the power to propagate his species, while the female would not breed. If they were both females, he added, they would breed, and that among stock raisers this barren calf was called a free marten. Is this theory correct?" We reply in the language of Youatt:—"The opinion has prevailed among breeders from time out of date that when a cow produces two calves, one of them a bull-calf and the other a cow, the male may become a perfect and useful bull, but the female will be incapable of propagation, and will never show any desire for the bull. The curious name of free marten has been given to this animal." A good many gentlemen have taken pains to ascertain the foundation of this belief. Mr. Hunter, who examined three of the animals, found in all of them a greater or less deviation from the external form and appearance of the cow. The head and horns approached those of the ox, and the teats were smaller than is usual in the heifer. Neither of the three examined had shown a propensity to breed. The animals were slaughtered, and the internal structure of the sexual parts scrutinized. Mr. Hunter arrived at the conclusion that the free marten was a hermaphrodite. Opposed to the absolute non-productive theory is the fact that the free marten has bred. There are several instances of the kind on record. It is best, however, to treat the heifer twinned with a bull as a barren animal. As a rule, it seldom desires copulation or produces. Time and money may be saved by raising it for the yoke—it works well—or fattening it for the butcher's block. Twin heifers are as productive as single ones; but it is properly held that one good calf is enough for a cow to bring forth at a time.

THE STAGE.

We notice in the columns of a local temporary a somewhat swiping attack upon the stage, the basis of the attack being the fact that some actresses have figured in the divorce courts. We are not going to "champion" the stage, neither do we purpose here to discuss the merits of the question. Our present object is merely to point out that unfair is such a line of argument as

Obituary. DEATH OF A VETERAN TURFMAN.

South Carolina has lost one of its most prominent and esteemed turfmen in the death of Major John Cantey, which occurred last week at his residence, in Charleston. He was an enthusiastic patron of racing sports in the days when the old Washington Course was in its prime, long previous to the war, and most visitors to the Charleston race-meetings from the South and North have enjoyed his open-handed hospitality at his elegant home in that city. Among the race-horses that he owned, the famous mare Albino was confessedly the best, her sensational victory over Planet, in a race at four mile heats at Charleston, stamping her as the best racer of her day. Since the close of the war Major Cantey has been unceasing in his efforts to revive the racing turf in Charleston; but his exertions have not been attended with the success they merited.

MR. MERRY AND HIS BADGER.

The following anecdote is related of the famous Scottish turfman Mr. James Merry, whose death we recently recorded. His favorite pastime in his early days was the pitting of a dog against a badger. He was his chum in sport, who became his partner in business, procured a celebrated badger that had never been drawn by any dog. Some Edinburgh sportsmen, however, sent a challenge, and backed their dog against the "gog" for what in those days was esteemed a heavy amount, the sum of £100. The owners of the badger accepted the bet, and the fight was to come off at Lidlithgow, half way between Glasgow and Edinburgh, on a certain day. To the horror of our sportsman and his chum, the badger died, and died on the day just before the day on which the affair was to come off. To one of them the £100 was a dead loss; but to the other, who knew that there was hope even when the signs of life were gone, there was something yet to be done, and we know well enough there always is to them who have a heart for any fate. So he took the dead badger, placed him in the well known box, proceeded to the trying-place, prepared, if possible, to save if only a portion of the money now forfeited. On arriving at Lidlithgow the men of the defunct badger had their hearts relieved by learning that the dog-men had come, but had not brought their dog with them; the warrior, however, could not fail to appear the next day. This was accounted an opportune moment by the companion of our merry-hearted hero to propose a compromise. The merry one bade his friend keep his own counsel or wait to hear what the dog-party might say. They dined together, the all-subduing and melting influence of the much desired Glynclous brand promoting good-fellowship and good-will. The dog-party began to hint at drawing the bet, rather than trying to draw the badger. A kick under the table from his friend intimated the anxiety he felt to close at once with any terms that might be offered. That kick was responded to by another still more vigorous. Finally the backers of the dog offered £10 to cancel the bet. Kicking was again renewed; but our hero remained immovable like Horatius, who kept the bridge so long, steadfast still in mind. It was at length agreed that the dog-party should forfeit £10. The bank-notes were handed over, and the momentous question was settled. "I'm thinking we've got the better of ye this time, Jamie, oor dawg's got the mangle." "I'm no sae sure about that," replied the other; "oor badger's dead!" The moral of all this is evident in the meanest capacity. Never say die. There are the times and occasions when a dead badger may be better than a living dog.

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The manager of the company now playing in this city has done the public good service in publishing the remarks of Prof. Blackie, of Edinburgh University, and his testimony on this point worthy our notice.

"Through my whole life," says he, "as an occasional witness of theatrical representations, I can state with the most solemn assurance, that I have rarely met with even immoral insinuations in popular plays, much less with essentially immoral plots. On the contrary, I have generally found the floor of the stage occupied either by innocent and amusing pictures of popular manners, or pathetic stories of human suffering, generally springing out of human folly, the contemplation of which would scarcely fail to have a good moral effect on every kind-hearted spectator. And I have oftener seen the gracious tear drop so human sympathy, evoked pity drawn from my eyes by the vivid personations of the stage, than by the most vivid appeals of eloquence ever delivered from a Scottish pulpit. So far, therefore, as my experience goes—and I have no reason to imagine that I am singular—that class of persons, whether clergy or laymen, who are fond of indulging in declamations against the modern stage, are very far from being altogether in the right; rather according to my feeling, so far in the wrong that, if I were to use the language which flows with such familiar denunciation from the lips, I should consider myself guilty of a great slander against the public and a gross insult against a most respectable class of my fellow citizens, for which, as a Christian and a gentleman, I should consider myself bound to make an ample apology."

This testimony of the Scottish professor seems to me just and fair. It is the province of the stage to set before us pictures of real life, of actual possible human experience. In my judgment, the stage is measurably faithful to this work. To my knowledge, it does not often fail to recognize the important truth that we are in the hands of a righteous Providence. Vice and selfishness are not often presented in attractive colors, nor are virtue and charity made to appear repulsive. Indeed, the stage is more faithful than the church in imposing upon men's attention the truth that they must reap as they sow, and that God's retributions are not to be evaded. Teaching from life, the stage cannot do otherwise than make prominent the fact stamped upon human experience, that the ways of God are even, and His rewards and punishments sure and impartial. The church has sometimes lost sight of this, and taught men that the divine favor depends upon something less than obedience, and that there is a way in which guilt may avoid condemnation. The theatre has never struck a blow like this at morality and faith in the righteousness of God, and whatever its shortcomings may be, we should not fail to place this fact to its credit. It does not belong to me or my subject to defend the theatrical profession from the charges brought against their private character. They are fully competent to deal with such attacks themselves. I never had the slightest acquaintance with a professional actor, and know no more than all men concerning their habits and morals.

But it does belong to the place from which it is my privilege to address you, to protest, in the name of Christian justice, against the condemnation of a class because of the vice and excesses of individuals belonging to it. We have no right to forget that Charlotteushman was an actress, because dissolute persons belong to the same profession. The characterization of the whole body as "gay idlers," and to be admitted into Christian homes, is no more worthy a Pharisee than a disciple of

Chamant is a hot favorite for the Derby. The betting stands 5 to 2 against him, 8 to 1 against Pelligrino, 7 to 1 against Plunger, 10 to 1 against Rob Roy, 14 to 1 against Morier, 10 to 1 against Warren Hastings, 14 to 1 against Lady Golightly, Lord Falmouth's filly. Rob Roy and Lady Golightly are said to be roarsers, but this is stoutly denied. Lady Golightly is described as "the finest filly in England." She is by King Tom (son of Harkaway, the great Irish wonder, and Pocahontas), dam Lady Coventry, by Thormanby; second dam Lady Roden, by West Australian, dam Eenui, by Bay Middleton. It is stated, by a correspondent of the London Sportsman, that Lady Roden, the grandam of Lady Golightly, produced Liddington and Lady Coventry, both of whom were roarsers, and that Farnese, a son of Lady Coventry, was also a roarsar, and he thinks it is probable the roaring is an inheritable disease in this family. The Sporting Times, London, says: "Our readers may take it from us, that Rob Roy is not a roarsar. At any rate the disease seems to be quite common with the English thoroughbreds. Bell's Life, London, of Feb. 24, says: "Four two-year-olds, the property of Mr. Sanford, will be shipped at New York for England next month." It is understood that Mr. Sanford will go to England in a short time. A remarkable instance of a well-contested race is given by a London journal, as occurring at Doncaster, Sept. 28, 1797. The race was for £100, for three and four year olds, two mile heats. Seven horses started, and amongst them was Sir F. Standish's Stamford, who won the first heat. The second was a dead heat between Mr. Crompton's Warter (three years) and Sir C. Turner's Pepperpot (four years). The third heat was won by Pepperpot, the fourth by Warter, the fifth resulted in another dead heat between Warter and Pepperpot. Warter won the sixth and the race. The remarks of a writer describing this race, "that after the different heats the betting varied considerably," was hardly necessary, and probably gives one an inadequate idea of the ins and outs of the backers during the contest.

RATS.

A case has lately come under our note of more than ordinary ferocity and daring on the part of rats. A gentleman residing at North Dulwich, and keeping all kind of pets, has had a fine buck rabbit frightfully worried. One night this week they got into his hutch, and actually eat away one side of his face, including the eye. On another night they succeeded in carrying away a live puppy from its dam—a small rough terrier—and actually got it on top of an empty barrel, which formed part of their run, but their hole being too small they were obliged to relinquish their booty. The poor bitch being chained up could not protect her young one, which, it is presumed, must have crawled just beyond her reach. On a raid being made into their quarters, the skins of eight guinea pigs which had previously disappeared were recovered.

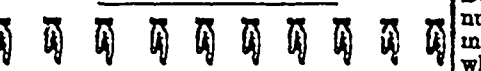
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broke 71, in the second hundred, consuming 9 minutes, 81; in the third hundred, also 9 minutes, 91; in the fourth hundred, 9 minutes, 92, and in the fifth hundred, requiring 8 minutes, 50 seconds, 91. Thus, he had shot at 500 balls and broken 426 in 45m. 50s. An announcement of the progress made was received with vociferous cheering. The Captain was asked at this juncture if his arm would hold out, and he assured all enquirers that it was in the best possible shape. "I don't want anything but solid flesh and a shirt," said he. During a portion of his shooting up to this time he had been timed in order to note his "best points." In one minute he broke 14 balls; in two minutes, 24 balls; and in two minutes fifteen seconds, 26 fell smashed to pieces. A rest of eighteen minutes was then taken, during which the broken glass was removed.

In the sixth hundred Bogardus missed 12, then, rapidly improving, he broke 94 out of the seventh. In the eighth hundred he broke 92, in the ninth, 95, and in the tenth hundred 94. This gives the shooter 889 broken out of the thousand. He had been 1h. 28m. 50s. at work, and ample margin was left to break the additional 111, happen what might. This required 150 balls to perform, the number of the missed being increased, owing to the necessity of using poor powder at this stage of the shoot. His 1,186th and final shot being announced before made, there was great cheering, the plaudits being renewed when the result as given above was known. The Captain changed the barrels of his gun twenty-one times, and when asked if he had any arm left, he replied, laughing, "Yes; it's all here, and I could break another thousand without feeling it."

CANADIAN HORSES FOR ENGLAND.

The London, Eng., Daily News of a recent date says:—"Nothing is more certain than that we are in grievous want of the short-legged, strong backed mares for which England was once famous, and of which we have been denuded by the Germans. Fortunately, there is no lack of such animals in the Western States of the American Union, in Canada, and in New South Wales. For many months the magnificent steamships which ply between Liverpool and New York went backwards and forwards across the Atlantic without carrying any freight. The passenger traffic had also fallen away to nothing, and many ships ere this would have been taken off the line had not a new idea struck some of their managers. In addition to dead meat, an immense traffic in live stock is now flowing from the New to the Old World, and we have no doubt that the internal fittings of many steamers will shortly be adapted to this young and promising trade. Is it too much to hope that our military authorities will see the necessity of utilizing the unequalled equine resources of Canada and Western America to meet that growing demand for army horses of all descriptions which it is certain that in England we can meet in no other way?"



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If they were both female, he said, they would breed, and that among stock raisers this barren calf was called a free marten. Is this theory correct? We reply in the language of Youatt:—"The opinion has prevailed among breeders from time out of date that when a cow produces two calves, one of them a bull-calf and the other a cow, the male may become a perfect and useful bull, but the female will be incapable of propagation, and will never show any desire for the bull. The curious name of free marten has been given to this animal." A good many gentlemen have taken pains to ascertain the foundation of this belief. Mr Hunter, who examined three of the animals, found in all of them a greater or less deviation from the external form and appearance of the cow. The head and horns approached those of the ox, and the teats were smaller than is usual in the heifer. Neither of the three examined had shown a propensity to breed. The animals were slaughtered, and the internal structure of the sexual parts scrutinized. Mr. Hunter arrived at the conclusion that the free marten was a hermaphrodite. Opposed to the absolute non-productive theory is the fact that the free marten has bred. There are several instances of the kind on record. It is best, however, to treat the heifer twinned with a bull as a barren animal. As a rule, it seldom desires copulation or produces. Time and money may be saved by raising it for the yoke—it works well—or fattening it for the butcher's block. Twin heifers are as productive as single ones; but it is properly hold that one good calf is enough for a cow to bring forth at a time.

MONSTER FAMILIES.

There resides in the township of North Gower, about ten miles from the village of that name, a family by the name of Turcotte which consists of twenty-four persons. They are French, and the head of the family's name is Joseph. Remarkable to state the first twenty of the family are all boys, the other two being girls—twins, about three weeks old. Our informant, who happened to be at Turcotte's house the other day about the noon meal hour, was surprised to find so many strapping young fellows and boys gathering in, so he asked the woman if they kept a boarding house? She replied "No," and then told him that they were all members of her family she having twenty boys and two girls, exhibiting with motherly pride the twin daughters which were sleeping quietly in a cradle. The feeding of the lot must be a tax on the family larder. Just imagine twenty masculines, from 24 years downwards, with vigorous appetites, marching in and taking their places around the festive board, and then as to the rapid disappearance of pork and beans, and potatoes, and bread, etc.—a whole hog or a quarter of beef cannot last long with so many mouths to be kept in motion several times daily. A more remarkable case than the above is that of Vital Potvin and his wife, who live at the Desert, up the Gatineau. Their family numbered twenty-two boys and ten girls, making a total of thirty-two, nearly all of whom are living. Both of the couples mentioned have followed up the Scriptural injunction, "increase and multiply, and replenish the earth."

MIND, MATTER, MONEY, BEAUTY.—Webster's Quarto Dictionary, as now published, has cost more intellectual labor, more money in its "getting up," and contains more matter, and a larger number of beautiful engravings, (300 or more, with four pages of colored plates,) than any single volume ever before published for popular use in this or any other country. It is largely the standard in England as well as in this country. Bell & Daldy, the publishers of Bohn's libraries, are the London publishers of this magnificent volume.

placed him in the well known box, prepared to the trysting-place, prepared, it possible to save if only a portion of the money now forfeited. On arriving at Louthgow the men of the defunct badger had their hearts relieved by learning that the dog-men had come, but had not brought their dog with them; the warrior, however, could not wait to appear the next day. This was a commendable opportunity by the companions of our merry-hearted hero to propose a compromise. The merry one bade his friend keep his own counsel or wait to hear what the dog party might say. They dined together, the all-subduing and moving influence of the much-dreaded Clydesdale brand promoting good-fellowship and good-will. The dog party began to hunt at drawing the table, rather than trying to draw the badger. A kick under the table from his friend interrupted the anxiety he felt to close at once with any terms that might be offered. That kick was responded to by another still more vigorous. Finally the backers of the dog offered £10 to cancel the bet. Kicking was again renewed, but our hero remained immovable like Horatius, who kept the bridge so steadfast still in mind. It was at length agreed that the dog party should forfeit £10. The bank-notes were handed over, and the momentous question was settled.

"I'm thinking we've got the better of ye this time, Jamie, our dawg's got the manage." "I'm no sae sure about that," replied the other; "our badger's dead!" The moral of all this is evident in the meanest capacity. Never say die. There are the times and occasions when a dead badger may be better than a living dog.

THE STAGE.

We notice in the columns of a local temporary a somewhat sweeping assertion upon the stage, the basis of the attack being the fact that some actresses have figured in the divorce courts. We are not going to "champion" the stage, neither do we purpose here to discuss the merits of the question. Our present object is merely to point out how unfair is such a line of argument as that adopted by the paper alluded to. This may be made plainer, perhaps, by an illustration. Suppose in place of "The Stage" we put "The Pulpit," and treat the subject in the same way. We fancy a sorry picture would be produced, and we are sure that many would object to the verdict to which the array of facts would point. It is unfortunately a fact that "The Pulpit" has furnished a large crop of fearful scandals, and, worse still, it is a fact that, notwithstanding that the guilt of the parties concerned has been made terribly plain, congregations have refused to acknowledge it, and on the contrary have seemed to rather glory in the shame of their pastors. Moreover, in one case at least, the notoriety thus gained has been turned to account in a financial sense, and even Montreal has been treated to a sight of the central figure of one of the most shocking religious scandals of the age. Now it would be manifestly unjust to judge all pulpits and all congregations by these unhappy instances. Yet, our contemporary has, unthinkingly we hope, taken that course in dealing with "The Stage."—Star.

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.	
Le Roy, N.Y.	May 29 to 31
Fleetwood Park, N. Y.	May 29 to June 1
Whittemarsh, Pa.	May 26 to June 1
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Medina, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Muskegon, Mich.	June 5 to 7
Utica, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Syracuse, N.Y.	" 12 to 14
Milwau, N.Y.	" 19 to 21
Madison, Ind.	June 19 to 21
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 19 to 22
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Cincinnati	June 30 to July 4
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 8 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter Park	July 17 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tokilwa, Ill.	2d "
Utica, N.Y.	3d "
Parisville, Ill.	4th "

CANADIAN.	
Whitby	May 24
Woodstock	May 24
Kincardine	May 24
Pandus (local)	May 24
Wingham	May 24 to 25
Prescott	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
Nt Forest (local)	July 2
Nt Forest	Sept—

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and adhere to their present determination, they will both be seriously affected by the competition thus engendered. And coming to Dominion Day it will be seen that Hamilton and Prescott are rivals, with Ottawa taking off her gloves to have a hand in the fight. So far as to the two former places are concerned, the distance between them would act as a palliative; but with Ottawa and Prescott arranged in battle array, the result would certainly be disastrous. Prescott with the attraction of the Plate to strengthen her claims occupies the vantage ground, which our friends in the capital will find it hard work to battle against. It is certainly to be hoped some understanding will be arrived at, and careful diplomacy be the means of restoring the *entente cordiale* between these neighboring associations, which, in the end, may prove the more satisfactory to all concerned. It is to be regretted for this purpose, our calendar does not contain a sufficient number of available holidays for each Club to have the sole use of one for its own benefit, but this element being wanting in our disposition of time, recourse must be had to some other expedient. This we fancy can only be found in a well-arranged circuit of meetings, and as the material is at hand in the case of our eastern turfmen, we expect to find that Prescott, Ogdensburg, Ottawa, Brockville and Montreal, with possibly Kingston, will come to some understanding, by which their mutual interests will be protected, and their individual chances of success increased.

OUR DERBY SWEEPSTAKES.

Yielding to the requests of numerous gentlemen who were desirous of something out of the ordinary moderate sweeps in vogue in this country, the proprietors of the SPORTING TIMES have consented to assume the management of one, which can be qualified as of royal proportions. Full particulars are set forth in the announcement in our advertising columns. It has been submitted to us that if thousands of tickets can be disposed of in different minor affairs of this nature, in various parts of the country, at two or three dollars each, with a chance of the holder of the winning horse obtaining a paltry hundred dollars or so, there should be no difficulty experienced in disposing of one thousand at five dollars each, when the respectable amount of fifteen hundred dollars will be given to the winning horse, with proportionate amounts to the second and third horses, still leaving quite a magnificent sum to be divided among the other starters. Gentlemen who may desire tickets in this sweepstake should send on their orders at once, as if one-half the representations made to us on behalf of its patrons should be carried out, long before the day of allotment the tickets will be exhausted and at a premium. The number is limited, none can be duplicated, and all orders will be promptly filled in the order of their receipt.

SUPPRESSION OF GAMING.

Below is given the text of Mr. Blake's Bill to amend the Gaming Act introduced by Mr. Moss. The first section, it will be observed, more fully describes the words "gaming house," used in the original Act. The third section provides that all tools or cards found in a gaming house shall be forthwith destroyed; and by the fourth section, lookers-on are guilty of an offence. The blanks in this last section, we think, have been filled in with the amounts of \$20 and \$100. It has already had its third reading, and will doubtless become law.

An Act to amend the Act for the Suppression of Gaming Houses.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada,

NEW IMPORTATIONS.

We had the pleasure of looking upon a trio of beautiful imported thoroughbred fillies on Tuesday, at the stables of Mr. John P. Bond, V.S., in this city. The influence this lot may exercise upon the future of the Canadian turf, can not now be estimated. They are the property of T. C. Patteson, Esq., and will do much to increase the name of his fine breeding establishment at Eastwood. Mr. A. Price, the English jockey, has had them in charge in their journey from the old country, and despite the rough weather with which it was afflicted, brought them safely through.

The first one shown to us was African Maid, a dark bay or brown filly, foaled in 1876, about 15.2, by Mogador, out of Simple Maid; 2nd dam Maid of the Morn, by Chanticleer, he by Irish Birdcatcher. Magador, by King Tom, the son of Harkaway and Pocahontas. She has a large blaze in her face, and high hind ankle white. She looks rather on the light side, but, after recovering from her severe ocean voyage, will doubtless improve rapidly.

Star Actress, br f, small star, foaled 1875, about 15 hands, is a beautiful filly, with high breeding, being by Siderolite (winner of Goodwood Cup), out of Tinted Venus, by Macaroni (winner of the £2,000, Derby, and Doncaster Cup.) She also shows evident marks of a rough voyage, and a description in her present condition would be an injustice.

Type of Beauty, b f, white star, about 15.1, foaled 1875, is deserving of her name. She is by Typhous, out of Eltham Beauty, by Kingston. Typhous by Stockwell, out of Type by Touchstone. She was suffering from a severe cold, but looked very fine, although it was clear the long trip had not improved her appearance.

STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES."

TUBMAN, the mighty son of War Dance, dam Lass of Sidney, by imported Knight of St. George, will make the season at Lachine, near Montreal. The performances of Tubman are too fresh to require recapitulation; while his breeding and size will certainly commend him. He has through his sire the royal blood of Lexington and Boston; while on his dam's side he claims connection with the finest families in England. His terms are so moderate as to be an inducement to owners of thoroughbred mares, which no doubt will be taken advantage of.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

A large number of horses have been sold since our last weekly report. The following are the recent shipments to the United States: Charles Vafferty, Concord, 2 horses valued at \$800; Richard & Jay, New Bedford, 18 do., value \$829.88; C. J. Redman, Clariette, N. Y., 3 horses, valued at \$195.00. James Stanley, Providence, 18 horses, value \$1,510.00. Marsh and Jewett, Norwich, 20 horses, valued at \$1,180.50. The following were the sales at the American House yards: Mr. N. H. Horton, 4 horses; Messrs. Richards and Jay, 19 horses; Mr. J. B. Horton, 5 horses; Mr. Watson, 6 horses. Mr. A. W. Andrews, of Norway, Maine, and Mr. Newcomb, of Harrison, Maine, are at present in the city for the purpose of purchasing horses for shipment.

OTTAWA AND PRESCOTT.

OTTAWA, March 26, '77.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—As the Prescott Driving Park Association announces in your last issue that the "Queen's Plate" will be run for on Dominion Day, I beg to inform you that when that day was decided upon, it was well

Sporting Gossip.

The fleet province-bred mare Emily has probably run her last race. Her owner will devote her to breeding in future.

Dr. Somerville, V.S., of Buffalo, N.Y., is purchasing horses in the vicinity of Exeter, Ont., for shipment to England.

A Royal George stallion is advertised for sale in our columns to-day. He is by Royal Revenge, out of a Grey Eagle mare. \$800 cash will buy him.

We were pleased to notice the great change for the better in the appearance of the last number of the California Spirit of the Times, the leading sporting journal on the Pacific side. It is now eight pages, printed from new type, on fine paper. May its shadow never grow less.

Mr. Abe Harrison, (Honesty), a well-known sporting man in Canada and the United States, formerly a resident of Jamestown, Chatauqua Co., N.Y., which place he claimed as his home, is reported as having been killed in a duel in Denver City, Colorado, a couple of weeks ago.

HEIGHT OF DISCOURAGEMENT.—Playing a lone hand in euchre without getting a trick.

Rarus beat Bodino at San Francisco on March 24, in three straight heats. Best time 2:20.

The riding weights of some of the English crack jockeys are as follows: F. Archer, 105 lbs; T. Bruckshaw, 107 lbs; T. Cannon, 117 lbs; Tom Chaloner, 110 lbs; Constable, 112 lbs; H. Covey, 96 lbs; Custance, 119 lbs; J. Goater, 119 lbs; Jarvis, 84 lbs; H. Jeffrey, 108 lbs; Newhouse, 102 lbs; T. and J. Osborne each at 119 lbs; Snowden, 114 lbs; Webb, 118 lbs; George Fordham's riding weight this year is not given.

On Saturday evening, Mr. P. Breen, of Granton, was driving a four-year-old colt, when it took fright at a passing train and died instantly.

Mr. S. T. Baine, the well-known driver, of Chatham, contributes quite a long letter to the Spirit of last week on Toe Weights and their use. We will probably reproduce it in our columns next week.

Major Ellison, of Port Stanley, lost a valuable horse the other day by the animal taking a drink of lye.

Messrs. A. & A. Spiers, of Owen Sound, shipped, on Friday last, two car loads of horses for Liverpool, Eng. The horses for the most part were purchased in Clifford and Harriston, and are said to be very fine ones.

Owners or trainers having horses in training for the forthcoming season are particularly requested to furnish this office with a list of the animals under their charge.

Mr. Marvin, the driver of Smuggler, is in St. Catharines, purchasing horses for Col. Russell, of Home Farm, Milton, Mass., owner of the fastest trotting stallion.

Mr. A. Price, the English rider, engaged by T. C. Patteson, Esq., to give his colts their schooling, has arrived in charge of that gentleman's three imported thoroughbred fillies. Mr. Price has had considerable experience in the pig-skin in the old country, both on the flat and over hurdles, and will be quite an addition to our list of jockeys. He can ride at 112 lbs., and before the summer is over we will probably have a sample of his horsemanship on the Canadian turf.

A correspondent in The Spirit of the Times, from East Saginaw, Mich., says there is a horse named Gray Dick that will be campaigned in Canada this coming season. He is described as a light gray, with dark points, 15.2, and can speed better than 2:30. He is owned by Mr. Samuel Callaback.

Mr. Blake introduced a Bill on Monday last to repress betting and pool-selling. Not having yet seen a copy, we are unable to

Veterinary.

HOG CHOLERA.

COMMUNICATION READ AT WEEKLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE, TORONTO, BY MR. M. STALKER, OF IOWA.

I did not select this subject because of my familiarity with its cause, pathology and treatment—but rather to call your attention to a wide field for investigation, and one that will surely confer distinction on whoever makes himself its master.

The pig is not a creature that has a deep hold on the pure affections of our race, and as a consequence his cries and lamentations (though he usually succeeds in making himself heard) have availed him but little. The horse, especially if he can run a mile in a minute and a few odd seconds, more or less, or trot the same distance in double the time, is considered an animal of sufficient consequence to have his wants attended to by men of skill and culture. If a member of the bovine tribe is so fortunate as to have one or two dozens of pure Bates crosses on top of Adam, he can command the highest veterinary skill in all the land; but to the great prolific source of lard and bristles it is usually said "root hog or die."

At first thought the diseases of swine might not seem to us a matter of much consequence. But when we remember that during the year 1876 more than \$,000,000 of swine were shipped to the Chicago market alone, that these, on a moderate estimate, reach the enormous value of \$60,000,000, and that nearly the entire number come over the five great railroad lines stretching out to the States of Iowa and Missouri, and when we remember further that careful estimates show that one-third of all the hogs raised in this great Corn-Egypt of the world die before reaching a market, the question at least to these States becomes one of some gravity. In comparison with this, ringbones, splints, spavins, in short, "all the ills that horse flesh is heir to," dwindle into insignificance.

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Albany, N.Y.	June 19 to 21
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Jackon, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Cincinnati	June 30 to July 4
Ogdensburg, N.Y.	July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 8 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dexter Park	July 17 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Con.	Aug. 28 to 31
Springfield, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N.Y.	2d week in Aug.
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Whitby	May 24
Woodstock	May 24
Kincardine	May 24
Dundas (local)	May 24
Wingham	May 24 to 25
Prescott	July 2 to 3
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
Mt. Forest (local)	July 2
Mt. Forest	Sept—

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A SERIOUS CLASH.

Holidays appear to be a source of infinite trouble to some of our Turf Associations. Every recurring year makes us witnesses of struggles for the coveted possession of the right to the Queen's Birthday and Dominion Day. It would appear just now that 1877 is to be no exception to the general practice. For the former date we have two Clubs already in the field, and may be half-a-dozen more waiting. Of course, many of the latter will hold meetings purely of a local nature, and which will not interfere to any great extent with the gatherings which are more provincial in their character. But the case is different with two such associations as Woodstock and Whitby in rivalry. If these two places should hang up attractive bills,

royal proposition. Full particulars are set forth in the announcement in our advertising columns. It has been submitted to us that if thousands of tickets can be disposed of in different minor affairs of this nature, in various parts of the country, at two or three dollars each, with a chance of the holder of the winning horse obtaining a paltry hundred dollars or so, there should be no difficulty experienced in disposing of one thousand at five dollars each, when the respectable amount of fifteen hundred dollars will be given to the winning horse, with proportionate amounts to the second and third horses, still leaving quite a magnificent sum to be divided among the other starters. Gentlemen who may desire tickets in this sweepstake should send on their orders at once, as if one-half the representations made to us on behalf of its patrons should be carried out, long before the day of allotment the tickets will be exhausted and at a premium. The number is limited, none can be duplicated, and all orders will be promptly filled in the order of their receipt.

SUPPRESSION OF GAMING.

Below is given the text of Mr. Blake's Bill to amend the Gaming Act introduced by Mr. Moss. The first section, it will be observed, more fully describes the words "gaming house," used in the original Act. The third section provides that all tools or cards found in a gaming house shall be forthwith destroyed; and by the fourth section, lookers-on are guilty of an offence. The blanks in this last section, we think, have been filled in with the amounts of \$20 and \$100. It has already had its third reading, and will doubtless become law.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF GAMING HOUSES.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Act for suppressing Gaming Houses: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The first section of the Act thirty-eight Victoria, chapter forty-one, intitled "An Act for suppressing Gaming Houses and to punish the keepers thereof," is hereby amended by inserting after the words "gaming house" in the eighth line, the words—"whether admission thereto be limited to those possessed of entrance keys, or otherwise."
2. Section three of the said Act is hereby amended by striking out all the words after the word "aforesaid" in the fifteenth line thereof.
3. The police magistrate or other justice before whom any person is taken by virtue of any order or warrant under the said Act shall direct any cards, dice, balls, counters, tables or other instruments of gaming used in playing any game, and seized under the said Act, in any place used as a common gaming house, to be forthwith destroyed.
4. Any person playing or looking on while any other person is playing in a common gaming house is guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction thereof to a fine of not less than _____ or more than _____ dollars.
5. The third and fourth sections of this Act shall be read and taken as part of the Act by this Act amended.
6. The Act thirty-two and thirty-three Victoria, chapter thirty-two, intitled, "An Act respecting the prompt and summary administration of Justice in certain cases," shall apply to cases arising under the fourth section of this Act.

Mr. Clute, living a short distance from Courtright, killed two lynx last week.

TUBMAN, the mighty son of War Dance, dam Lass of Silvey, by imported Knight of St. George, will make the season at Lachine, near Montreal. The performances of Tubman are too fresh to require recapitulation; while his breeding and size will certainly commend him. He has through his sire the royal blood of Lexington and Boston; while on his dam's side he claims connection with the finest families in England. His terms are so moderate as to be an inducement to owners of thoroughbred mares, which no doubt will be taken advantage of.

MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

A large number of horses have been sold since our last weekly report. The following are the recent shipments to the United States: Charles Vafferty, Concord, 2 horses valued at \$800; Richard & Jay, New Bedford, 18 do., value \$829.88; C. J. Redman, Clariette, N. Y., 8 horses, valued at \$195.00. James Stanley, Providence, 18 horses, value \$1,510.00. Marsh and Jewett, Norwich, 20 horses, valued at \$1,180.50. The following were the sales at the American House yards: Mr. N. H. Horton, 4 horses; Messrs. Richards and Jay, 19 horses; Mr. J. B. Horton, 5 horses; Mr. Watson, 6 horses. Mr. A. W. Andrews, of Norway, Maine, and Mr. Ne woumb, of Harriston, Maine, are at present in the city for the purpose of purchasing horses for shipment.

OTTAWA AND PRESCOTT.

OTTAWA, March 26, '77.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—As the Prescott Driving Park Association announces in your last issue that the "Queen's Plate" will be run for on Dominion Day, I beg to inform you that when that day was decided upon, it was well known to the members of the Prescott D. P. A. that racing would be then going on here. The dates selected for the first summer meeting at Dominion Trotting Park (so successfully inaugurated last fall), although not yet publicly claimed through your paper (details not yet completed), were made known to the Prescott D. P. A. A programme of the races to be held there, on the 29th and 30th June and July 2nd having been shown to Mr. Wiser, President Prescott D. P. A., with a request that Prescott should have its meeting after Ogdensburg (4th July), so as a circuit composed of Ottawa, Ogdensburg and Prescott might thus be established. It is much to be regretted that so desirable an arrangement was not carried out, as a clashing of interests between Prescott and Ottawa on Dominion Day now seems inevitable, and my object in addressing you is to inform you and the horsemen of the country, that Ottawa will not be to blame if a clash takes place. Hoping you will use your influence to prevent this seeming antagonism between two neighboring and friendly turf associations,

I am, yours,

A WELL-WISHER OF BOTH CLUBS.

Mr. Crookes, a well-known hunter and trapper, brought a moose deer into Huntville on the 2nd inst. It had been killed after three days' pursuit. From the shoulder to the ground it measured 6 feet 11 inches; from head to insertion of tail, 8 feet 10 inches; the ears were 18 inches long.

when it took fright at a passing train and died instantly.

Mr. S. T. Banno, the well-known driver, of Chatham, contributes quite a long letter to the Spirit of last week on Toe Weights and their use. We will probably reproduce it in our columns next week.

Major Ellison, of Port Stanley, lost a valuable horse the other day by the animal taking a drink of lye.

Messrs. A. & A. Spiers, of Owen Sound, shipped, on Friday last, two car loads of horses for Liverpool, Eng. The horses for the most part were purchased in Clifford and Harriston, and are said to be very fine ones.

Owners or trainers having horses in training for the forthcoming season are particularly requested to furnish this office with a list of the animals under their charge.

Mr. Marvin, the driver of Smuggler, is in St. Catherines, purchasing horses for Col. Russell, of Home Farm, Milton, Mass., owner of the fastest trotting stallion.

Mr. A. Price, the English rider, engaged by T. C. Patteson, Esq., to give his colts their schooling, has arrived in charge of that gentleman's three imported thoroughbred fillies. Mr. Price has had considerable experience in the pig-skin in the old country, both on the flat and over hurdles, and will be quite an addition to our list of jockeys. He can ride at 112 lbs., and before the summer is over we will probably have a sample of his horsemanship on the Canadian turf.

A correspondent in The Spirit of the Times, from East Saginaw, Mich., says there is a horse named Gray Dick that will be campaigned in Canada this coming season. He is described as a light gray, with dark points, 15.2, and can speed better than 2:30. He is owned by Mr. Samuel Callaback.

Mr. Blake introduced a Bill on Monday last to repress betting and pool-selling. Not having yet seen a copy, we are innocent of its provisions, and consequently cannot speak of its merits or faults.

Mr. John Hutchison, of Mono Road, has purchased a fast green trotter from Mr. J. Nixon, of the same place. It is Mr. H.'s intention to put him in the hands of a professional trainer as soon as the season opens.

A very desirable summer hotel is advertised for sale on easy terms in to-day's paper. The announcement contains full particulars, and to any person desiring a place of this kind this is a rare opportunity.

Mr. Wm. Slack, the well-known trainer and driver, will make Oshawa his headquarters this season. To those who are acquainted with Mr. S., it is unnecessary to speak of his merits as a reliable, careful and competent man. He will pay particular attention to the development of youngsters.

Mr. J. S. Smith, Ailsa Craig, and Hon. George Brown, Bow Park, recently made an exchange of bulls from their extensive herds of shorthorns. The Bow Park bull arrived at Craig in safety, but the other, while in transit to Brantford, managed to break one of his legs. In this condition he was shipped back to Craig, and as nothing better could be done, was shot. As the animal was valued at about \$500, it becomes an interesting question who is to pay the loss. The railway company disclaim responsibility, and a law suit will probably be required to settle the matter.

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Since turning my attention to the study of veterinary medicine, it has been my fortune to see but little of this disease, my knowledge being drawn principally from observations made by others. Hog Cholera at least, under its present recognized forms and names is of comparatively recent origin, and I am not aware that it exists at the present time in any country except the United States, unless it be to a limited extent in Canada. The first account we have of its appearance was among the distillery-fed hogs of Ohio, about twenty years ago, and for some time it was confined to that class of stock alone. But it soon found its way to the farms, and eventually spread all through the North-west.

Some authors are yet in doubt as to whether it is a contagious disease, while others give the time of incubation without raising the question of its non-contagious character. From my own observations, and the information derived from other sources, I should have no hesitancy in pronouncing it a contagious disease. But the nature of its distribution over the country shows there are many centres of infection, so that in many instances other causes than those of contagion must be assigned for its appearance. A small neighborhood, a county or a large section of a State may be the extent of its ravages, while the territory around enjoys perfect immunity. And these afflicted districts are scattered promiscuously over the country, without any assignable cause, so far as soil or climate is concerned.

It is a febrile disease, but in different individuals it localizes itself in different organs, giving rise to a great variety of symptoms. These same differences seem to manifest themselves in different outbreaks, to a greater or less degree, thus giving rise to different forms that may be mistaken for distinct diseases.

Two of these forms might not inappropriately be styled the Gastric and Pulmonic. The former involves the peritoneum and abdominal viscera—stomach, intestines, liver, spleen, kidneys, ureters, &c., while in the latter the heart, lungs, pleura, and various serous folds are the seats of the lesions. If the organs of one cavity are attacked, those of the other usually show little signs of disease, but there are all degrees of complication of the two, sometimes seen.

In the pulmonic form the symptoms are, elevation of temperature four or five degrees, quickened pulse, dry snout, loss of appetite, desire to be alone, a dry hard cough, difficult and painful breathing, usually constipated bowels, swelling about the throat, thirst, the thinner portions of the skin suffused with first red spots, which disappear on pressure, followed by black spots, which do not disappear in the same way. The animal may die in twelve or twenty four hours, or may linger for some days.

The recoveries are few, and restoration to perfect soundness does not occur for some time. Post mortem examinations show hepatization of lungs with occasional tuberculous condition, agglutination of lungs to pleura and diaphragm, exudation of serum into the pleural sack and pericardium flabby condition of heart, blood thin and watery, a softened condition of brain and ventricles filled with serum.

GASTRIC FORM.—The difference of constitutional symptoms is less distinctly marked between the two forms, than those presented on post mortem. In the latter case the cough is less distressing in presentment, but greater weakness is evinced in back and loins. Post mortem may reveal large quantities of serum in the abdominal cavity, and abnormal change in any or all of the organs before mentioned.

It will thus be seen that the symptoms throughout are of a nature to indicate, if it were not already proven, the fearful mortality of the disease. We can readily see that when the disease is once thoroughly established, it must be of the most obstinate and intractable character.

CAUSES.—So far, filth, impure food, water and the crowding of large numbers together, have been charged with the production of the disease. But the many points of similarity between hog cholera and charbon in cattle, are sufficiently distinct to call attention to the probable identity of cause. But I can not here stop follow out the parallel.

TREATMENT.—As yet, little attempt has been made at treatment, and much less accomplished. Better results must be obtained than are yet known, before treatment can be recommended with confidence. The administration of mild cathartics, alteratives, febrifuges and anodynes, would doubtless be attended with some degree of benefit. But till more satisfactory results are reached, prevention must be the chief object.

Look carefully to the purity of food and water, to the cleanliness of pens, give as much variety as possible in diet, divide into as small lots as possible, and see that no infected animals are brought near the healthy ones, and chances are there will be few occasions for administration of drugs.

FROM KANSAS.

KANSAS, March 24, 1877.

Editor of Sporting Times:
 DEAR SIR,—Since the last time I wrote the bay mare, "Little Wonder," has been sold for a high figure, and she now belongs to Mr. David Atchison of this city, who thinks a good deal of her, and holds her for a high figure, \$2,500. He has procured a driver from the east, for the purpose of handling "Little Wonder" this season. I have sold my Royal George to "Cataract Chief" to the same gentleman, and he is making the season this year in Missouri. Price \$750, greenbacks. We have now training at the track here, and preparing for this summer campaign, the "Joe Green," record 2:26; "Joe's Girl" and this highly talked of Pineleaf, whose owners say that she led them last year, in private, 2:21, is considered a fine looking mare. "Netherland," a stallion of Hambletonian stock, who is a promising young horse; a bay gelding Hambletonian stock, whose owners claim he showed a private trial, close to 2:20, the grey stallion "Border Eagle." These horses are all the property of the well known turfman, Capt. Tough. The bay horse "Stranger," belonging to a gentleman whose name I can't remember; "Little Wonder," bay horse "David," half brother to White Stockings; a spotted chestnut converted pacer, belonging to Mr. Tough, a liveryman here, who considers the pacer would be no account when he gets around about next July; also the chestnut mare, "Copperbottom" the property of your humble servant; also the imported thoroughbred stallion, "Esri Hall" who is taking his morning's exercise under the same degree; and the best of all, is your humble servant's chestnut colt, St. Paul, and if an accident does not him befall, he is sure to be a champion.

Yours truly,
 BRUCE PAUL.

FROM ST. CATHERINES.

The chess match with Napanee is not decided yet, and will most likely be finished by postal card, although the game was forfeited by Napanee twice. The telegraphic match with Toronto has resulted in a draw, like the two former ones. J. Sailsbury, on board C, won the first game for Cobourg, his antagonist being Mr. Madison. H. Boggs, board A, was beaten by Mr. Jones, of Toronto; while Mr. H. J. Raitan's game with Mr. Gordon will, in all probability, be a draw.

D. E. Boulton, Esq., has a couple of young ones in training. I will try and get name pedigree by next week.

Profs. Cecil and Randolph gave a couple of performances in the "Spirit-rapping" line on Friday and Saturday evening's last. Small houses. They are moving westward.

Yours, etc.,
 ANEMONS.

FROM OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, March 26, '77.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—Tom Allen and Jack Madden have arrived in the city and are billed to give an exhibition at the Market Hall, on Wednesday night, the 28th inst.

Lady Duffin appeared in the amateur theatricals at Rideau Hall on the 24th inst. She assumed the leading lady part in "A Scrap of Paper," a comic drama in three acts, which delighted the audience.

Nothing new in the horse line. Allan Wilson has gone to Cobourg to handle Col. Boulton's gallopers, and get them in fit for the coming summer campaign.

Yours, etc.,
 OTTAWA.

Aquatic.

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

A DEAD HEAT.

LONDON, March 24.—The thirty-fourth University boat-race resulted for the first time in a dead heat. The course was the usual one on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake, four miles two furlongs. The number of spectators was small, with not half as many steam vessels and launches as usual. The start was made at 8.27, the Oxford crew taking the water first. They were eight feet ahead in half a dozen strokes. This lead they held to the Duke's Head, where Cambridge drew up, and became level half way between the Duke's Head and Simmonds' yard. Off the latter place they went ahead about four feet. At the London Rowing Club's boat house the crews occupied about the same positions, though Cambridge rowed somewhat the better. At Craven Cottage, six furlongs from the start, the boats were about level. Oxford forged ahead, and when about a mile had been traversed led by about a third of a length. At the Crab Tree, Oxford led by only a few feet. At the Oil Mills, two miles and slightly over a furlong from the start, Cambridge drew up alongside. At the bottom of Chiswick Eyot, Oxford was again in front, being better together than Cambridge, who seemed much troubled by the rough water. At Chiswick church, three miles having been rowed, Oxford had increased their advantage to two-thirds of a length, and the race was apparently no longer in doubt. Rounding the bend into Horseshoe reach the water became smoother, and Cambridge gained, but Oxford drew away and were nearly a length ahead off the Bathing place, nine furlongs from the winning point. Cambridge made another effort, but only reduced Oxford's lead to two-thirds of a length. No further change occurred up to Barnes' bridge, five furlongs further on, through which Oxford passed nearly a length ahead, and off the White Hart, four furlongs from the winning goal, was over a length in advance. Off the Limes, but slightly further on, Cambridge reduced the lead of Oxford, who momentarily got all aboard, and their bowman was noticed to be in difficulties, and unable to use his oar properly. Cambridge drew up to within a third of a length, and a terrific race then ensued to the finish, Oxford striving to retain their lead and Cambridge to head them. From the Ship to the winning post, which was stationed some distance above the Ship, Cambridge drew up, and the gun fired as the two crews raced past the judges, level, amid a scene of the wildest excitement. Time 24 minutes 10 seconds. The judge declared the race a dead heat. Mr. Chitty was the umpire.

The Standard says just at the White Hart Oxford's bow broke his rowlock, but was still able to row.

HANLAN AND ROSS.

It is said the friends of Wallace Ross, the craftsman, in New Brunswick, will meet to consider Hanlan's challenge for a three or four mile race on Toronto Bay in June. It is not likely that Ross will agree to row on Toronto Bay. He will certainly decline to row so soon as June. He holds that the weather will prevent his practising as soon as Hanlan.

SHOOTING OF W. W. GREENER'S CHOKE-BORE GUNS AT MEMPHIS.

"A large majority of the prizes was won by those using the Greener guns, among which was the Association's gold medal. One gentleman who captured many of the best prizes, to the astonishment of his acquaintances, had always been previously beaten. His success he attributes to the extraordinary shooting of the gun. Mr. William's own gun was shot at least 1,000 times, having been used by a half dozen different parties each day. The comments in favor of the gun were universal, and that it is an extraordinary hard-hitter there is no doubt. The winners had their success ascribed by their opponents more to the gun than to their skill at the trap. Mr. South, the champion of the West, has ordered a pigeon gun to be made that will kill at 75 yards. If all Greener's guns shoot in this style, our makers will have to look about them."—*Rod and Gun.*

Messrs. Mason, Marsh and Coen, No. 5 Front St., Toronto, are the agents in Canada for the Greener Gun.

To Correspondents.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

BARRIE.—We know nothing of the breeding of the horse. Send us the pedigree advertised and it may assist. Wallace makes no mention of him.

TWO GENTS.—Lightning, by Lexington, died at Walnut Hill Stud Farm, March 30, 1878, aged 16 years.

PAT DAVEY.—We have a letter for you.

J. A. B.—Mr. S. D. Bruce, Turf, Field and Farm Association, 37 Park Row, New York.

J. H., Guelph.—You will see it is right this week.

FRANK PEARSON.—We have a couple of letters for you.

Amusements.

CITY.

The elements conspired against the first appearance of Miss Lizzie Safford at the Grand Opera House on Monday evening last. Notwithstanding the small audience her reception was quite warm and enthusiastic. She chose for her debut at this house the play of Jane Eyre, the Orphan of Lwood, in which she appeared as the heroine. The piece was nicely mounted, and was presented with due attention to detail. Miss Safford's abilities were readily recognized as the unfortunate orphan, and the support she received from the stock was good. Tuesday, the same bill; Wednesday and Thursday, East Lynne; no performance this, Good Friday; to-morrow matinee, East Lynne; evening, Lucretia Borgia and a farce. Next Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walcott, in the spectacular play of Amy Robsart, for which extensive preparations have been made.

The Philharmonic Society will give Rossini's Stabat Mater, at Shaftesbury Hall, on April 5.

In our description of the new Opera House at Belleville, last week, we said the scenery was painted by Mr. Davis. It should have been Mr. Morris, and this gentleman had the superintendence of the work after the accident which resulted in the death of the architect.

\$5,000.

The "Canadian Sporting Times"

DERBY SWEEPSTAKES 1877.

At the request of a large number of gentlemen, the proprietors of the CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES have undertaken the management of a Derby Sweepstake, for 1877. One Thousand Tickets will be issued, at Five Dollars Each, and the stake will be divided as follows:

- First Horse - \$1,500
- Second Horse - 1,000
- Third Horse - 500
- Leaving to be divided among the other starters - \$2,000

Subject to the usual percentage of deduction for expenses. The allotment will be made on FRIDAY, MAY 18th, under the supervision of a committee of ticket-holders, and its result will be published in MAIL OF 19th, and SPORTING TIMES OF May 25th. The premiums will be paid on receipt of BILL'S LIVE, containing report of the race, which will be run on May 30th. Should the total number of tickets not be sold, the amount subscribed will be divided according to the above proportions.

Gentlemen outside of Toronto, making application for tickets; are requested to enclose an addressed stamped envelope. All letters to be addressed

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TURMAN is a beautiful bay, 16½ hands high, and has great bone and substance; is a first-class racehorse, and has won at all distances.

TURMAN is sired by War Dance, the by Lexington out of Reel, by imp. Glencoe; dam Lass of Sydney, by imp. Knight of St. George; 2nd dam imported mare by Lucretia.

TERMS.—Thoroughbred mares, \$15; other mares, \$10; to insure, \$20 and \$15. Pasturage, \$1 per week.

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LaCHINE, March 23, 1877.

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Dark chestnut, with star; about 15-8; seven years old; by Royal Revenge (sire of Fred Hooper) record 2:20, 1st dam a Grey Eagle, 2nd dam a Fox Hunter. Won 1st prize at Peel Co. Fair as yearling, and prizes at Toronto Co. Fair and Provincial Fair at Kingston at 2 years old. Never been trained, but shows fast gait and good action; is a splendid driver, quiet and sound; has made two seasons, is a sure foal getter; colts are large, and show good speed.

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STALLIONS

FROM KANSAS.

KANSAS, March 24, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR,—Since the last time I wrote you the bay mare, "Little Wonder," has been sold for a high figure, and she now belongs to Mr. David Atchison of this city, who thinks a good deal of her, and holds her for a high figure, \$2,500. He has procured a trainer and a driver from the east, for the purpose of handling "Little Wonder" this season. I have sold my Royal George stallion, "Cataract Chief" to the same gentleman, and he is making the season this year in Missouri. Price \$750, greenbacks. We have now training at the track here, and preparing for this summer campaign, the little horse, "Joe Green," record 2:26; "Kansas Girl" and this highly talked of mare "Pineleaf, whose owners say that she showed them last year, in private, 2:21½, is indeed a fine looking mare. "Netherland, a bay stallion of Hambletonian stock, who is a very promising young horse; a bay gelding of Hambletonian stock, whose owners claim that he showed a private trial, close to 2:20, and the grey stallion "Border Eagle." These horses are all the property of the well known turfman, Capt. Tough. The bay horse "Stranger," belonging to a gentleman here, whose name I can't remember, "Little Wonder; bay horse "David," half brother to White Stockings; a spotted colt, a converted pacer, belonging to Mr. Tanner, a livery-man here, who considers that Dexter would be no account when he gets round about next July; also the chestnut pacing mare, "Copperbottom" the property of your humble servant; also the imported thoroughbred stallion, "Earl Marshall" who is taking his morning's breeze under the same degrees, and the last, the least of all, is your humble servant's chestnut colt, St. Paul, and if an accident does not him befall, he is sure to be with them.

Yours truly,
REMBLER PAUL.

FROM ST. CATHERINES.

St. CATHERINES, March 26th, 1877.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR,—A pigeon shoot took place at Clinton, on 23rd, between R. Fulton, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and J. C. Woodruff, of St. Catharines, for \$25 a side, at 15 birds each. Mr. Woodruff proved the victor by one bird. The following is the summary:

Woodruff.....111111001011111—12
Fulton.....010011111111110—11

Mr. Charles Marvin is in town buying horses for the American market. He is the driver of Smuggler, and I believe they are being purchased for the owner of the above stallion.

If you intend to make a Derby sweep there will be a large number of tickets bought here.

Orders are advertised for the erection of an Opera House, to be built immediately.

We are promised a large entry for our pigeon shooting tournament.

Yours,
Nix.

FROM COBOURG.

COBOURG, March 27, '77.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—W. Jakes does not seem to want much money in his pockets now-a-days. It is not anyway one-rious, for he is taking out of practice. He lost both games with Watson, but beat Frank Dion with a one-leave of eight points in five hundred. The Cricket Club give a ball on Friday evening of next week—biggest thing of the season.

The course was the usual one on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake, four miles two furlongs. The number of spectators was small, with not half as many steam vessels and launches as usual. The start was made at 8.27, the Oxford crew taking the water first. They were eight feet ahead in half a dozen strokes. This lead they held to the Duke's Head, where Cambridge drew up, and became level half way between the Duke's Head and Summons' yard. Off the latter place they went ahead about four feet. At the London Rowing Club's boat house the crews occupied about the same positions, though Cambridge rowed somewhat the better. At Craven Cottage, six furlongs from the start, the boats were about level. Oxford forged ahead, and when about a mile had been traversed led by about a third of a length. At the Crab Tree, Oxford led by only a few feet. At the Oil Mills, two miles and slightly over a furlong from the start, Cambridge drew up alongside. At the bottom of Chiswick Eyot, Oxford was again in front, being better together than Cambridge, who seemed much troubled by the rough water. At Chiswick church, three miles having been rowed, Oxford had increased their advantage to two-thirds of a length, and the race was apparently no longer in doubt. Rounding the bend into Horseshoe reach the water became smoother, and Cambridge gained, but Oxford drew away and were nearly a length ahead off the Bathing place, nine furlongs from the winning post. Cambridge made another effort, but only reduced Oxford's lead to two-thirds of a length. No further change occurred up to Barnes' bridge, five furlongs further on, through which Oxford passed nearly a length ahead, and off the White Hart, four furlongs from the winning goal, was over a length in advance. Off the Limes, but slightly further on, Cambridge reduced the lead of Oxford, who momentarily got all abroad, and their bowman was noticed to be in difficulties, and unable to use his oar properly. Cambridge drew up to within a third of a length, and a terrific race then ensued to the finish, Oxford striving to retain their lead and Cambridge to head them. From the Ship to the winning post, which was stationed some distance above the Ship, Cambridge drew up, and the gun fired as the two crews raced past the judges, level amid a scene of the wildest excitement. Time 24 minutes 10 seconds. The judge declared the race a dead heat. Mr. Chitty was the umpire.

The Standard says just at the White Hart Oxford's bow broke his rowlock, but was still able to row.

Bell's Life says Oxford would have won the race had not their bow oar, Cowles, met with the mishap of breaking his oar.

The Pall Mall Gazette, after describing the race, complains of the unbusiness-like way in which the judge acted, and says it will be a warning to the University Presidents to abstain in future from employing waterman judges in general, and John Phelps in particular.

The following are the names and weights of the respective crews:

OXFORD.

	st. lb.
Bow. D. J. Cowles, St. John's.....	11 8
2. J. M. Boustead, University.....	12 10
3. H. Pelham, Magdalen.....	12 8
4. W. H. Grenfell, Balliol.....	12 10
*5. H. J. Stayner, St. John's.....	12 12
6. A. C. Mulholland, Balliol.....	12 8
*7. T. C. Edwardes-Mcass, Brasenose.....	12 8
*Str. H. P. Marriott, Brasenose.....	13 2
F. M. Beaumont, New (cox).....	7 6

RESERVED FOUR.

Bow. W. Brinton, Christ Church.....	11 5
2. J. P. Stainton, Christ Church.....	11 2
3. J. W. Booth, Pembroke.....	13 0
W. C. Burns, Keble (stroke).....	11 0
*W. D. Craven, Worcester (cox).....	8 0

CAMBRIDGE.

	st. lb.
Bow B. G. Hoskyns, Jesus.....	10 12
*2. T. W. Lewis, Caius.....	11 11½
3. J. C. Fenn, First Trinity.....	11 8½
*4. W. B. Close, First Trinity.....	11 13½
*5. L. G. Pike, Caius.....	12 11
*6. C. Gurdor, Jesus.....	13 8½
*7. T. H. Hookin, Jesus.....	13 2
*Str. U. D. Shafto, Jesus.....	12 4
*G. L. Davis, Clare (cox).....	7 7
*Members of last year's crews.	

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PAT DAVEY—We have a letter for you.

J. A. B.—Mr. S. D. Bruce, Turf, Field and Farm Association, 87 Park Row, New York.

J. H., Guelph—You will see it is right this week.

FRANK PEARSON—We have a couple of letters for you.

Amusements.

CITY.

The elements conspired against the first appearance of Miss Lizzie Safford at the Grand Opera House on Monday evening last. Notwithstanding the small audience her reception was quite warm and enthusiastic. She chose for her debut at this house the play of Jane Eyre, the Orphan of Lood, in which she appeared as the heroine. The piece was nicely mounted, and was presented with due attention to detail. Miss Safford's abilities were readily recognized as the unfortunate orphan, and the support she received from the stock was good. Tuesday, the same bill; Wednesday and Thursday, East Lynne; no performance this, Good Friday; to-morrow matinee, East Lynne; evening, Lucretia Borgia and a farce. Next Monday, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walcott, in the spectacular play of Amy Robsart, for which extensive preparations have been made.

The Philharmonic Society will give Rossini's Stabat Mater, at Shaftesbury Hall, on April 5.

In our description of the new Opera House at Belleville, last week, we said the scenery was painted by Mr. Davis. It should have been Mr. Morris, and this gentleman had the superintendence of the work after the accident which resulted in the death of the architect.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—This being Passion Week, the Academy of Music has been closed. Harry Robinson's Minstrels, Mechanics' Hall, April 2, 3 and 4.

HAMILTON.—An amateur dramatic entertainment on Monday next, at St. Patrick's Hall. The White Horse of the Peppers, and singing, constitute the bill.—Miss Maud Branscombe is at present residing in Hamilton, and intends shortly to give an entertainment in Mechanics' Hall.

PETERBOROUGH.—Profs. Randolph and Cecil, spiritual exposition, at Opera House, March 29. They are coming west.

BRANTON.—Blind Tom, at Concert Hall, March 30.

GUELPH.—Miss Sophie Miles and Star Dramatic Co. closed a fine season.—Blind Tom at Town Hall, April 6.

HALIFAX.—Last week of season at the Academy of Music. On Monday, 19th, Mr. Belvil Ryan took his benefit in Blow for Blow, and To Oblige Benson. On Tuesday, 20th, it was repeated. On Wednesday, 21st, Lizzie May Ulmer's benefit in Rosedale, repeated on Thursday, 22nd. On Friday, 23rd, Manager Nannery's benefit in Saratoga, which will be repeated at matinee on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday night (the last of the season), The Colleen Bawn.

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OSMO, ch c, 3 years, 15-8, by imported Eclipse, dam Oleata by Lexington. Would make a fine race horse or stallion.

MARES.

HELEN BENNETT, ch m, 5 years, 15-8, by Ulverston, dam Helen Douglass. Would make an excellent brood-mare.

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Miscellaneous.

What fun to some men and boys to set a ferocious bull dog on a stray pig. It's supposed such men like to spite their relatives.

In Londonderry township, Bedford county, Pa. lives a boy twelve years of age, whose weight is 187 pounds; height, 6 ft. 2 in.

A bear was caught in a steel trap in Vermont the other day, and he knawed off his foot and went limping off on three legs, but he was easily tracked and shot.

A cock-fighting contest came off on Saturday, for \$50 a side, between Montreal and Quebec cocks, resulting in a victory for the latter. The police did not disturb the proceedings.

It is said that a French woman at Mechanicville, named St. Augustine, has given birth to a two-headed baby. This freak of nature, if true, will become quite an object of interest, and the mother will consider herself a lucky woman.

Mr. G. O. H. Jerome, the State Fish Commissioner, put 50,000 whitefish fry into the St. Clair River at the Grand Trunk depot, Fort Gratiot, on Saturday morning. They were hatched in Detroit one week ago and were in good condition.

Chicago eclipses the cherry-stone business. It has a young man in whose interior are growing a large number of potato-vines. The doctors say, moreover, that there's nothing serious in the case, and he needn't dig out till he pleases.

"Yes," said Mrs. Blauk, as she sat gossiping with her sister, "you have no idea how much my Jack thinks of you. Only this morning as I went to wake him, I heard him calling out in sleep: 'Oh, come, ante, will you.'"

The York Herald of a recent date had the following challenge to printers:—"I hereby challenge any printer in the County of York to set any kind of type from nonpareil upwards, to set any job, fancy or plain. The judgment to be decided by city printers. NED O'BRIEN, Richmond Hill."

A Fort Worth, Texas, paper says the slaughter of buffaloes is immense. On an average, one thousand will approximate closely to the number killed each day during the pleasant days of the hunting season, fifteen hundred men being on the range, engaged in killing and preserving the hides and meat.

An English institution of game preserves has been introduced into Berks county, Pa., by a local Sportsmen's Association. They have leased 3,000 acres of forest, field and stream, which they will stock with birds and fishes. They pay each of the fifteen farmers who own the land five dollars a year and divide the proceeds of fines for "poaching" with the farmers on whose territory game is killed. Several hundred quail and pheasants will be set at liberty this spring.

Arrangements are being made to carry on the fishery at Port Stanley on a large scale. A large pound net will be used in the spring. A large quantity of ice has been stored, and houses engaged for the families. Mr. H. Hough has procured a net from Boston, and purchased several lots on the beach from Major Elison, where he will have ample room to push the work with more than usual energy.

The London Fish and Game Protection Society held their annual meeting on the 10th. The report showed 80 members on the roll and a flourishing financial condition. Wm. Woodruff, M. D., was re-elected President; Col. Walker, Vice-President; Dr. Nivens, 2nd Vice-President; B. O. Marshall, Secretary, and J. A. Mahon, Treasurer.

The waters of Rice Lake and tributaries, together with the River Trent down to the Bay of Quinte, and also that portion of the Ontario river, extending from its inlet at the said lake to Lock's Bridge, Peterboro', all within the Counties of Hastings, Northumberland and Peterboro', in the Province of Ontario, and set apart, by proclamation in the Gazette, for the natural and artificial propagation of fish during the space of two years, from May 1, 1877.

Says the Rond Eau News:—Quite a novel rig hauled up at the Vester House, about five o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon. It was a common cutter and contained three men, two in the cutter and one hatched in the rig.

Some people like oysters on a half-shell, others quail on toast; but as for us, we prefer eagle on ten dollar gold pieces.

Weston, the celebrated pedestrian, completed his task, at Edinburgh, of walking 380 miles, including three backwards, in six days, twelve hours each.

They had a tough subject in the inquiry room this week. Moody wrestled with him and Sankey sang with him, but the man seemed to despair of forgiveness. Finally Moody asked him what heavy sin burdened his mind, and he confessed to having beat a newspaper publisher out of three years' subscription. The evangelist informed him that they did not profess to perform miracles, but if he would settle up his dues, with compound interest, and pay for three years in advance, although they could not open the doors of the church to him, perhaps he might be snaked in under the canvas.

A few weeks ago John Harris left Detroit to walk to Toronto, a distance of 240 miles. With the exception of a two-mile lift from a priest, who overtook him on the road, he footed every inch of it, and did it in the following stages: First day, Chatham, a little food and a night's lodging in the lockup; second day, London, lodging ditto; third day, Hamilton, ditto; fourth day, Toronto. Roads slushy. Average marching, sixty-two miles. The hardy pedestrian has just returned to Detroit by rail.

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TO CLEAN OIL PAINTINGS.

Pettenkofer, of Munich, discovered the process for cleaning oil pictures, and was rewarded by the king of Bavaria with a gift of 100,000 francs. Wash the picture gently, if it is dirty on the surface, with water and a sponge, and wipe quite dry with a soft cloth. Then take a wad of cotton wool in each hand, one wet with spirits of turpentine and one dry, and gently rub the surface, a bit at a time, with the wet cotton, and dry it with the other, changing the cotton as often as it gets dirty. Then get a box or tray made of wood, or cardboard for very small pictures, a little larger than the stretching frame and about three inches and a half deep, with no cover. On the bottom, inside, place a layer of cotton wool or coarse blotting paper, half an inch thick or less, and fasten it down with tacks or cross-strings, so that it will remain in place when the box is inverted. Lay the picture on the floor or on a table, face upward; saturate the cotton or paper with strong alcohol, making it quite wet, but not so wet as to drip; and then turn the box upside down and place it over the picture. Being a little larger than the picture each way the box will not touch it, but will rest with its edges on the table or floor. The fumes of the alcohol will dissolve the varnish, penetrate through the old coats of it, and clarify the whole. After a quarter of an hour it is well to raise the box a little, and make sure that the paper or cotton does not touch the picture, and that the spirit is not dripping or running down. The box is to be replaced and left for about an hour. When it is lifted off again, if the surface be as soft and even and the varnish as clear as if just applied, the operation is finished. If parts are still rough or clouded, the spirits should be renewed and the box put on again for half an hour or an hour more, and then the picture may be left to dry like any newly varnished and may be stood up while drying; as less likely to collect dust.

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Arrangements are being made to carry on the fishery at Port Stanley on a large scale. A large pound net will be used in the spring. A large quantity of ice has been stored, and houses engaged for the families. Mr. H. Hough has procured a net from Boston, and purchased several lots on the beach from Major Ellison, where he will have ample room to push the work with more than usual energy.

The London Fish and Game Protection Society held their annual meeting on the 16th. The report showed 80 members on the roll and a flourishing financial condition. Wm. Woodruff, M. D., was re-elected President; Col. Walker, Vice-President; Dr. Dyren, 2nd Vice-President; B. O. Marshall, Secretary, and J. A. Mahon, Treasurer.

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Says the Rond Eau News:—Quite a novel rig hauled up at the Vester House, about five o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon. It was a common cutter and contained three men, two in the cutter and one hitched in between the shafts. They were from the Bentley settlement, nearly six miles away, and had started less than two hours before. The trip was the result of a wager that one of them could haul the other two to town, and he won his money in splendid style, much to the amusement of people all along the way and to the surprise of the overgrown citizens who formed his cargo."

The Kingsville Recorder says: A ewe, belonging to the flock of Mr. Horatio Scratch, gave birth to a lamb last week which causes some confusion as to whether the pronoun used in speaking of it should be in the plural or the singular number. This strange creature, having a single spinal column and body, also possessed two distinct mouths and tongues; and while it had the usual number of front legs there were four perfectly developed hind ones. Upon dissection the thoracic and abdominal cavities were found to contain two separate systems of viscera, lying side by side with nothing dividing them.

A few weeks ago we chronicled an egg laid by one of Mr. Alfred Gammon's hens, and although the weight was a mistake, being 4 1/2 ounces instead of 8 1/2, yet we think the following is far more strange. Mr. Wm. Dunn, of Washington, about ten years ago purchased some chickens of the Black Spanish breed, and the simile is often used, "as black as the ace of spades." One of them turned white, but not all at once, it became speckled. Some time after it turned from white to its original color (black) and now, strange to say, it is white again. Can any of our ornithologists account for this transmutation of color. The bird, although ten years old, is a good layer.

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TO CLEAN OIL PAINTINGS.

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The public sale of racing stock belonging to the well-known Ohio breeder of thoroughbreds D. J. Crouse, at his farm at Killiknick, near Chillicothe, on March 14, was suddenly brought to a termination in consequence of the lack of bidders. There were 28 head announced for sale, the produce of the high-bred stallions Revolver, by Revenue, and Chillicothe, by Lexington, and all of them were out of mares that had proved the dams of winners. In the absence of buyers, the bids were at such preposterously low figures that, in sheer disgust, Mr. Crouse stopped the sale. Only six years ago Mr. Crouse sold a single two-year-old, Gray Planet, for the large price of \$10,000, to Mr. Belmont. Culpepper, Business, Huckleberry, and other well-known successful race-horses were bred by him.

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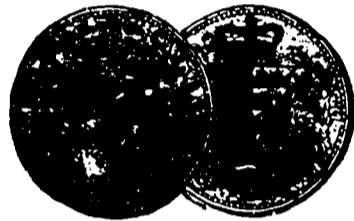


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