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... through the stable door, and vanishing into the wood, and scattered and traversed the whole meadow, calling her loudly by name. The girl had vanished; and riding thoughtfully into the town, her late companion, for the second time since daybreak, wondered whether he was under the spell of some unholy witchcraft, or was really awake and in his right mind.

## CHAPTER X.

### MARLBOROUGH DOWNS.

"Ah! them was good times for we! I often wish as we'd Galloping Jack back again." The speaker, a lame old ostler, clattering about his stable-yard in wooden clogs, with a bucket in each hand, addressed himself to an unseen individual at the taproom window who blew out large clouds of tobacco-smoke in reply.

"Ho was free, he was!" continued the ostler, "as free with a guinea as you and me with a shilling. I'll wager a quart as he was a gentleman born, right or wrong. Such gold lace as he wore! and such horses as he rode, to be sure!"

"The old man seemed lost in admiration of the rhenories called up by Galloping Jack. "What's gone with him?" asked the unseen smoker in the taproom.

"What's gone with 'em all?" said the other angrily. "A nightcap and a nosebag, I doubt, like the rest. But he loved his profession, did Galloping Jack; an many's the pleasant ride he took across the Down, and what not, afore he mounted his wooden horse on Tyburn Hill."

"We'll hope it never came to that," replied the other, with something amusing in his tone.

"Ah! I'm feared it's past hoping and praying for, too," said the ostler. "But it's a gentleman's trade," he added, reverting to his own professional view of the highwayman's calling, "a gentleman's trade—I've always said so. Look what cattle they can afford to keep!"

"You're a judge of such matters, I suppose," observed the smoker in the taproom.

"Man and boy," answered the other, "I've been about horses nigh fifty year. If I don't know a good nag when I see 'em, master, well, I'd better give out, an' take on with some likelier trade."

"That's the right sort you dressed over a while ago," continued the smoker, leaning out of the window, and showing a tall, active frame, surmounted by a swarthy face, with the eager expression of a hawk.

The ostler set his bucket down, and winked.

"You're a judge," said he, "you are, and so you ought. There's a many passes through your hands, Master Cooper, but I never see you with such a nag as this here. He's a cut above you, every way—he is."

"That's a good one," answered the dark man, with a boastful laugh. "Why, Ike, you old fool! I tell you I owned that very horse myself, and I gave him—gave him away as a present to a friend of mine."

"But how came Galloping Jack to part with him?" asked the ostler, much interested. "I knowed the horse, bless ye, as well as the horse knowed me, when he came into the yard not two hours back; but he's in the hands of a real gentleman now, and as pretty a rider as ever drew a rein through his fingers. There was something about his seat as put me in mind of Jack, too, and something in the way he carried his hands; but I can't call to mind seeing Jack without a mark on. Speak up, Master Cooper: It couldn't be the man himself, could it now? I never heard as he'd swung for sure."

... with approval as he rode out of the inn-yard an hour before sunset. His wife and her maids lavished admiring glances on the handsome coat and graceful seat of this comely horseman; while old Ike, drawing his hand down Katerfelto's firm smooth quarters, blessed him as he went. Golden opinions had the stranger won from each and all; yet each and all, if examined on oath, would have sworn they believed him to be the man who earned his daily bread by crimes that the law punished with death. Who but a highwayman would order so costly a dinner, such choice wine, and leave both almost untouched? Who but a highwayman would bow to the kitchen skullion like a courtier, while he scattered a handful of silver in her dirty apron, or flung a guinea (his last guinea) at old Ike's head, whilst the ostler held the stirrup for him to get on. They looked meaningly in each other's faces as he disappeared, riding steadily towards the endless down, and old Ike, with the tears standing in his eyes, clattered back to his brooms and stable-pails, muttering, "He always were free-headed, an' now he's gone his ways again for good, an' I sha't never see him no more!"

John Garnet rode slowly on at a pace that should husband Katerfelto's powers. The sun was already set when he arrived at the clump of trees where he meant to lie in ambush; but he passed it, unwillingly enough, and affected to proceed on his journey; for lonely as seemed the wide expanse of down, its solitude was broken by a motionless figure, to all appearance intent on the watch.

His business admitted of no observers. After a moment's hesitation he turned on his track, and rode straight to the figure, as if to ask his way.

In the twilight he made out a tall dark man, who might have been a shepherd but for want of sheep and sheep-dog, and who never moved a limb while he approached.

"My friend," said the horseman, "I have forgotten something at the inn I left an hour ago. If you will take a message back you shall have a crown-piece for your pains."

The other pointed to the London road. "I can earn a crown-piece without walking three miles for it," said he, "and so can you, Master Garnet, if you'll stay where you are."

John Garnet faintly started at the sound of his own name.

"Who the devil are you?" he exclaimed, "and what are you doing here?"

"I am here on your business," was the unexpected answer. "You're about a tough job, sir, and you'll do it, never fear, but not single-handed."

"I don't know what you mean," replied the other; adding, after a moment's consideration, "did I not see you this afternoon smoking in the tap-room of the inn?"

"Very like," said the man composedly. "I've seen you many more times than ever you've seen me. Why, now, you look quite astonished that a gentleman can be put down by a plain man! Well, it's no us beating about the bush, I'm here to look after you because Thyra bade me come."

"Thyra!" repeated John Garnet, what an air of sudden enlightenment: "what, Waif do you mean! Why you must be Fin Cooper!"

"That's my name in your patter," said the gipsy; "now I'll tell you my business. Stay, all that will keep: I hear the roll of wheels. In ten minutes the coach we are both looking for will be plodding up the hill. Go on with a will! Do it your own way, there'll be plenty to help when the time comes. Take what you want, and leave us, Romonies, the pickings. There's half a score here that go shares and shares alike."

John Garnet had little time to demand an explanation, or indeed to make up his mind.

... had a dozen figures sprang like magic from amongst the trees; a cloak was thrown over my lord's head, while he was dragged to the earth; the servants were securely gagged and bound; my lady and Mistress Rachel compelled, with hideous threats, to keep silence; and the original aggressor found himself at liberty to rifle the carriage unmolested, and take what he required.

There was no difficulty in finding the warrants. With these, and the hundred guineas he had lost, safe in his pocket, John Garnet turned Katerfelto's head towards the down, pausing one moment to thank the gipsies for their timely aid, and impress on them the necessity of mercy towards their captives. In that moment Waif's hand clasped his own, and Waif's voice murmured in his ear:

"My tribe have done you good service, leave the rest to me. I do not say farewell, for it would break my heart to think we should not meet again!"

## CHAPTER XI.

### A PECULIAR PEOPLE.

It is only fair to state that Lord Bellinger writhed and struggled with a vigor not to have been expected from his attenuated frame, much to the delight of his captors, who were inclined to treat him more leniently than if he had submitted, like his footman, without show of resistance. This champion they kicked and belabored to some purpose, while they pinioned his fellow-servant, from whose ready hands they had wrested the harmless blunderbuss, and threatened him in frightful language if he ventured to stir a finger. To my lady, though, insisting that she should retain her seat in the carriage, they behaved with extreme politeness. She was afterwards heard, indeed, to protest that the robber-chief, as she called Fin Cooper, seemed a perfect gentleman; that he had a distinguished air, and for a black man—though, in a general way, she could not abide black men (Lord Bellinger being black as a crow)—was by no means ill-looking.

Mistress Rachel, too, while frightened and hysterical, as behoved her station, clung persistently to the arm of a stout gipsy, who mounted guard over her person, entreating him, in piteous terms, to respect her youth, and, above all, to protect her from the insults of his comrades; lavishing on him tender glances, and contrasting his assured demeanor with the cowardice of her admirer, whose very teeth chattered for dismay. My lord, in the meantime, with a swarthy fellow at each limb, lay helpless on his back, cursing volubly, but losing neither presence of mind nor temper. Indeed, when he had sufficiently relieved his feelings by such ebullitions, and perceived that no violence was offered to Lady Bellinger or her maid, the situation seemed to strike him as ludicrous, and, bursting into a laugh, he called on the gipsies to release him, promising, on his honor, that no further resistance should be offered by himself, or his servants, to the continuation of their frolic.

Fin Cooper took him at him at his word. Exchanging a few short sentences with Waif in his own Romany language, unintelligible to the captives, he raised Lord Bellinger to his feet and restored the rapier which had been wrested from that struggling nobleman.

"You are a Gorgio Raia," said he, "and I but a Romany Chal. Nevertheless, there is honor among thieves, and I'll trust yours if you'll trust mine." "I cannot speak your language," answered his lordship; "but your manners are those of a perfect gentleman. Pray select from my coach whatever articles you fancy, except her ladyship, my

... reflecting that, by all the rules of fair play, this enterprising highwayman was now riding into safety with his money on his horse.

"Drink up your liquor, my good friends, and let us make some arrangements for the future. I presume you do not wish us to remain unsheltered on the downs all night?"

"Not an inch will I stir without my diamonds!" exclaimed his wife. "Mind that, my lord. If they go into captivity, I go too!"

"And I humbly hope, as is my bounty duty, to attend your ladyship," added Mistress Rachel, trying hard to blush, while she stole another look in her guardian's gipsy face.

Fin Cooper scratched his handsome black head in some perplexity. Of all incumbrances, the last he would have chosen was a lady of quality, with her waiting gentlewoman. How was he to get them to the tents? What was he to do with them when there? If retained as hostages they would give more trouble than they were worth; and such a speculation promised no great profit, for Lord Bellinger's easy indifference seemed to infer neither high ransom nor prompt payment. Fin would rather have foregone jewels, lady, and lady's maid, than be hampered with all three.

Again he consulted Waif, and, after the interchange of a few brief sentences in their own language, of which my lord, listening intently for all his assumed carelessness, could only catch the words 'fakement' (a piece of work), 'fashono' (fictitious), and 'balancer' (a pound sterling), cleared his brows, and made a profound bow to her ladyship, with all the politeness of a dancing-master.

"The Romany in his tent," said he, "can be courteous as the Gorgio in his castle. If the Rownie (lady) sets such store by her gew-gaws, let her keep them and welcome! When she walks in her jewels among the great ones of the earth, she will think not unkindly of the Romany raklo (the gipsy lad) who wished her good luck and good speed on Marlborough Downs."

He had learned from Waif, whose experience while in the Patron's service taught her many a strange secret, that the diamonds were but paste, and, with characteristic promptitude, seized the opportunity of affecting a princely magnificence at trifling cost.

Her ladyship, who must have known, while she obstinately ignored, the truth, was disappointed beyond measure. In her own circle many romantic stories were told of the courtesy shown by highwaymen to ladies of gentle birth. She expected no less than to redeem her jewels by some such harmless gallantries as those practised in a game of forfeit, and would have felt little disinclination to dance a rigadon by moonlight on the level turf with this well-made gipsy for a partner. It seemed a bad compliment that he should give her up the best share of his booty, and never so much as ask to kiss her hand in return.

My lord bust out laughing and offered his snuff-box. "By St. George," said he, "you must be the king of the gipsies himself. A man who presents a lady with a set of diamonds, and makes no more to-do than I would about a bunch of flowers, ought to sit on a throne; and excuse my freedom, in an unpatched pair of breeches. May I ask the gentleman's name to whom her ladyship is so deeply indebted, and whose generosity is only equalled by the simplicity of his dress?"

The gipsy's black eyes shot a cunning glance in his lordship's face. Its expression was so good-humored and mirthful, that it was obvious no insult could be intended; and the slender hand that had stolen like lightning to a knife in his girdle was as quickly withdrawn.

... on his back. Am I a fool to trust him, my sister, or is he fool enough to respect my trust? We could hardly, without hurting them, tie them up so tight but that they might release one another in the space of two hours; and this job will look quite black enough as it stands, without cruelty. It's highway robbery, Thyra, and, I fear, something like what the Gorgios call high treason to boot! You are wise, my sister, and know these Gentiles well; counsel me what to do."

Waif reflected for a moment ere she answered, gipsy-like, by a parable.

"Do you remember, brother," said she, "how one night in the apple-water country, on the banks of the Wye, we took a rooster off his perch, and brought the poor dazed chirico (bird) into our empty barn by the light of a single lanthorn? How Mother Stanley bade us lay the fowl's bill against the bare boards, and draw from it a line of white chalk to the far edge of the threshing door? and how the helpless creature never so much as lifted its beak from the spot to which it believed itself tied? Brother, you speak the truth when you say I know the Gorgios. They are like that foolish barn-door fowl. The Raya here is a game-cock of their choicest breed. At his own time, in his own way, he will strut, and fight, and crow as lustily as the best chancier of them all; but tie him up in his word of honor, and he will no more stir an inch out of that imaginary circle than Aunt Stanley's fowl moved from the line of chalk on our barn floor. I have spoken, brother; let us go hence."

The gipsy turned to the prisoner. "My lord," said he, "I will trust your lordship's word. You shall promise, as a gentleman, not to stir in your own person, nor to permit one of your people to leave this spot, till two hours of the night are fairly past. On this undertaking your whole party shall at once be set free, and the Romanies will take their leave, humbly wishing your lordship good-night."

"You'll give me back my watch," said Lord Bellinger, feeling in his empty fob, with a shrug of his shoulders, "or how shall I know when the time is expired, and we may put the horses to?"

Fin Cooper laughed. He liked a man who never threw a chance away, while at the same time he knew the value of a heavy gold watch set in diamonds.

"Look well at that fir-tree, my lord," said he, pointing upwards; "when the moon, now rising, has cleared the second branch from the top two hours will have elapsed, and you can depart."

"If you know the time so exactly without a watch," replied his lordship, "you can have no use for mine. However, it's a pretty keepsake enough, and you're welcome to it. But barky'e, my friend, one word before you go. Is there no chance of our being beset by other gentlemen of your profession? You've left nothing for them to take, 'tis true, except the clothes on her backs; but the disappointment might make them hard-or to deal with than you have been yourselves. You couldn't afford us a guard, could you? That pretty boy, for instance, glancing at Waif, who shrank hastily behind the others, "and a couple of stout fellows, in case there should be a fight."

"Nobody but Mistress Rachel seemed disappointed at the gipsy's answer.

"It is needless," he said; "our patron will hold you unharmed, as if your coach was surrounded by an escort of Light Horse."

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

The prize list for the Guelph Central Exhibition has been issued. The show will be held on the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th of October. Eight thousand dollars will be offered in prizes.









Philadelphia	15 to 18
Brooklyn	15 to 18
Quaker City	21 to 25
Gardner, Me.	22 to 25
Rock Island, Ill.	August 29 to Sept. 2
Point Breeze Running	Aug. 29 to Sept. 1
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 29 to Sept. 1
Dubuque, Ia.	Sept. 4 to 9
Macomb, Ill.	" 4 to 8
Davenport, Ia.	" 4 to 9
Springfield, Mass.	" 6 to 9
West Chester, Pa.	" 6 to 9
Elmira, N.Y.	" 12 to 14
Mystic Park, Boston	" 12 to 15
Joromo Park (Running)	Sept. 30 to Oct. 14
Pottstown, Pa.	Oct. 3 to 6
Washington, D.C. (Running)	Oct. 24 to 27

CANADIANS.

Caledonia Springs	Aug. 23 to 25
Waterloo, Ont.	Aug. 29 to 30
Kinston	" " " "
Canadian Stadium Race	Sept. 9
Woodbine, Toronto	Sept. --

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Waterloo.....Aug. 26

Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, is our present address.

A BAD PRACTICE.

It has no doubt been apparent to the careful observer of trotting races that, in many cases, horses could be noticed helping one another to win to the disadvantage of some entrant who had no friend in the race, but whose speed was sufficient to bring him to the front, providing his course had been an unimpeded one. If one of the combination should get on the lead, then it is more than ever that the unfortunate outsider is harassed in his progress. The final heat, where it is win or lose for one or the other, is the time when such unsportsmanlike practices are used to their fullest extent. Providing the outsider gets the best of the send-off, then one of the confederation is sent running after him, and every effort used to thwart him in his endeavors to reach the goal. There need be no lack of instances in Canada this season, if necessary to recount them, to maintain the proposition. It is, no doubt, a fraudulent practice, and should meet with exemplary punishment from the ruling powers. Usually, it is so managed when there is a combination in the race that the actual winner of the heat has in no way apparently transgressed the laws of good morals, the offending parties doing the work for the benefit of a mutual friend. In this way one of the evil-doers escapes any possibility of punishment, while the others are frequently lost sight of from their final position in the race. The wrong, however, has been accomplished, and its perpetrators secure the benefits of their unjustifiable actions. It is, indeed, seldom we hear of adequate punishment being meted out to this class of offenders, and it is pleasing to be able to draw attention to a case in which the punishment due to such practices has

been prevented from winning the race; also Dan Mace and E. E. Reed for jockeying and unfair driving. The first results of the decision were that Albermarle could not start at Rochester, and Mace would not be allowed to drive Fullerton in the free-for-all. So far as Van Ness is concerned, this is a severe penalty, as Albermarle could have won every race in his class throughout the circuit; and Mace will be prevented from entering, starting or driving a horse on any National Association Track.

We are thus particular in recounting the main incidents of the race, as the ruling of the Buffalo Park will form a precedent in such cases. When a horse interferes with the progress of another, runs alongside of him to make him break, or runs for the purpose of gaining ground, or in any other way impedes the progress of another horse, or a fairly settles his own position, would seem to be just causes for the action of the judges.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR CALEDONIA SPRINGS RACES ON 17th INST.

THE GREAT EVENT.

Every indication points to the fact that the interest in the Stallion Race is rapidly increasing, and before the eventful day there will be an absolute fever respecting it. From all quarters are heard the most satisfactory accounts of the horses engaged, who are being got ready for the coming struggle.

To correct a misapprehension that appears to exist in some quarters, it will be said the SPORTING TIMES, has not asked for or received any outside pecuniary assistance, except the voluntary contribution of Messrs. Quimby & Forbes, the popular pool-sellers, who, when the race was first spoken of, promised their services gratuitously to the SPORTING TIMES, turning in the whole proceeds of the box to assist in making the race a success. With this incentive, it was quite possible for us to donate a larger sum of added money, which necessarily goes directly into the pockets of the owners of the leading horses. Outside of this, we have received or solicited nothing, and the kindly action of Messrs. Q. & F. in thus making such a handsome contribution must at once be recognized by all horsemen who are at all interested in the breeding of fine trotting stock in this country.

Another misunderstanding appears to be quite prevalent, and that is that the race should be a good speculation for us, as we have eleven entries which, as said, will be more than sufficient to pay the purse. This has already been explained some time ago, and it is only referred to now because it has come prominently under our notice. In explanation it will be proper to say, the entrance and forfeit monies are added to the purse and medal which we give, and no benefit is received by us except what is realized from the receipts of the race. And it will be easy enough to understand that these will have to be considerable to reimburse us, when to the given money and medal is added the expenses of advertising, billing, printing, care of track, normal expenses of the race

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Sporting Gossip.

A circuit of races through Ohio has been extensively advertised as the "series of Centennial expositions," which were to take place at Akron, Minerva, Piqua, Zanesville, Quaker City, Ohio, and at Wheeling in West Virginia. Flattering inducements were offered for horses. It now turns out the whole affair is a grand centennial fraud. Mr. C. H. Moore, a popular horseman, of Columbus, Ohio, writes the Spirit of the Times that he has been unable to find anybody in Ohio who knows anything of the "series."

Frank Crawford, of Belleville, and the brown gelding Bailiff, who were suspended by the Lockport, N. Y. Association in 1874, for non-payment of entrance have been reinstated, the default having been made good.

Mr. Sam Davis, of Hamilton, offers to play any resident of that city a billiard match on the Ocean House tables, for \$50 to \$100 a side. His deft is good till September 1st.

It is proposed to give races at Dominion Springs, near Ottawa, about the end of the month. The present intention is to have the programme consist of flat and hurdle races.

The Ottawa horse, Deceit, won third money in the 2:45 race at Rochester, N. Y. in the last day of the Summer Meeting. The Moose was drawn. The fastest heat was 2:25 1/4.

Leponsie, the rubber, who was charged by Capt. Poole before the Police Magistrates here, with tampering with the mare Magnet, as mentioned in last week's paper, was committed for trial; the evidence being quite clear. He was heard to say after administering water to the mare, "There, that will do for her chance of winning." An example should be made of him.

At the Caledonian games in Brockville, last week, Tim Brown, of Ottawa, won the four mile race beating Goodall of Belleville easily. The time was 20:19. Brown says it is his last race.

Considerable excitement is being created in Minnesota, on account of the match for \$6,000 between two 8-year olds, named Swiftwing and Nicollet, owned respectively by Messrs. De Graff and King. The latter

is a partner of the famous stallion

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CANADIAN HORSES AT SARATOGA.

On the 8th., at Saratoga there was a three-quarter mile dash for a purse of \$400. It had nine starters, among whom was Dr. Smith's mare

INSPIRATION.

The following description of the betting and race is from the N. Y. Herald of 9th inst:—

THE BETTING.

Freebooter	\$110	150	210	510
Inspiration	75	100	150	250
Faithless	65	150	200	600
Madge	65	75	85	225
Idalia	40	50	140	150
Glasgow	35	40	40	100
Gray Nun	35	45	90	185
Field	30	35	45	
Romney	—	—	—	120

The Race.—After a few ineffectual attempts on the part of Captain Connor to get the horses abreast at the string, he at length accomplished his object, and the flag dropped to a capital start, Madge with a trifle the best of it, Romney second, Freebooter third, the others bunched together as close as could be. When they reached the furlong pole in the shute, Madge was showing the way, Romney second, Freebooter third, Faithless fourth, Idalia fifth, Bambino sixth, Inspiration seventh, Glasgow eighth and Gray Nun ninth, also having made a few buck jumps at the start. When the horses passed out of the shute, Freebooter having crossed the track behind Madge, went to the front with a rush and led on to the regular track three lengths ahead of Idalia, who was second, Madge third, Romney fourth, Inspiration fifth, Faithless sixth, Bambino seventh, Glasgow eighth, Gray Nun ninth. Freebooter showed the way around the lower turn, and he came into the homestretch with a commanding lead, Madge second, Idalia third, Inspiration fourth, Romney fifth, and the others close together. A merry run up the homestretch brought Freebooter a winner to the goal by three lengths, Madge second, two lengths ahead of Romney, Inspiration fourth, Gray Nun fifth, Idalia sixth, Bambino seventh, Faithless eighth, Glasgow ninth. Time, 1:16.

Again on Aug. 10, she appeared in a dash of a mile and a half, 100 lbs. up with allowance for mares and geldings. The story of the race is told in the following manner:

THE BETTING.

McDaniel's	\$1,200	1,200	500
Piccolo	930	1,025	605
Aaron Pennington	700	740	225
Inspiration	350	285	200
Burgoo	240	225	100
Galway	—	—	—

THE RACE.—The start was a good one, Madge leading, Aaron Pennington second, the others so bunched that it was next to impossible to separate them, except that Mattie A. was last. The horses ran rapidly around the lower turn, and as they swung into the homestretch Madge was a length in front of Aaron Pennington, Piccolo third,

times while Dick Parth, Cyril fifth. As the horses ran around the upper turn, Arc-turus next the fence, led nearly a length; Mecco second, nearly two lengths in front of Bill Bruce; the others parallel, and all running as if they meant it. When they passed the quarter pole, Arc-turus led half a length, Mecco second, half a length in front of Bill Bruce, the latter half a length in advance of Cyril, Willie Burk close up. The race was a sharp and close one down the backstretch, and as the horses passed the half mile pole Arc-turus just had his head in front of Mecco, the latter one length in advance of Bill Bruce, who was two lengths in advance of Cyril, who was one length ahead of Willie Burke. Going around the lower turn Mecco hung at the neck of Arc-turus, and it was a grand struggle. Cyril ran up and passed Bill Bruce, the latter and Willie Burke being beaten hopelessly at this time. As the horses swung into the homestretch Arc-turus and Mecco seemed to be parallel, with Cyril about a length behind, and this trio came rattling up the homestretch to the furlong pole before the spectators could arrive at a certainty as to the result. At that point Arc-turus was leading, and running strong from there to the stand won the race by a length, Mecco second, one length ahead of Cyril, who was six lengths away from Bill Bruce, the latter four or five lengths ahead of Willie Burke. Time—1:44.

Quoiting.

QUOITING CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

Sir—In the Globe of the 10th inst. a bogus article appeared, stating that I was defeated at pitching quoits, by John Rippon and James Rennie of Toronto. This statement on the part of the Globe's informant, was both cowardly and ungentlemanly. Being in Toronto, and having a little spare time on hand, I went to the grounds of the Caledonian Quoiting Club, on Mutual Street where the members daily meet for exercise and practice. While there, merely for amusement, I threw a light pair of quoits backwards and forwards a few times with the persons above named. I played no match game with either of them, nor did I try to defeat them—in fact, I rather tried to encourage them to make a good shot, in the same way that I often do with young lads who are learning to play. But since Messrs. James Rennie and John Rippon are so fond of having their names published in a bogus manner, as having defeated me, I will give them a chance to have it done in a decent and honorable manner. I will play a bona fide match with either of them, or both of them, for any sum ranging from \$100 to \$500 aside—distance either 18 or 21 yards—games 61 or 71 points. Stakes to be placed in the hands of any responsible party mutually agreed upon. Hoping to hear from Messrs. James Rennie and John Rippon immediately, so that, without any delay, I may be enabled to fix upon the place where the match or matches shall take place, and date of pitching the same. I am, Mr. Editor, yours truly,

ALEXANDER MUIR,

Champion Quoit Player of the Dominion.

BEAVERTON, Aug. 14, 1876.

THE BELLEVILLE CLUB.

The Belleville Quoiting club had a tournament among themselves on Friday 11th inst. The premiums consisted of money prizes and a gold quoit. There were seventeen entries. James Fleming won the first prize, N. J. Deamon the second, and J. Taylor the third. Very fine play was made.



the programme only two put in an appearance. Of these Grey Cloud had the call at \$5 to \$3. After several false starts they got away, running like a double team till the head of the stretch was reached, when the Rurie colt pulled away from the son of Thunder, and won easily in :50 1/2. The next heat was almost a repetition of the first, Oscar winning handily under a heavy pull.

Same Day.—Sweepstakes. \$25 each, with \$50 added. Province bred. Running half-mile heats. Handicap.  
J Grand's b g Oscar, (late Rurie colt), 5 yrs, by Rurie, dam unknown, 107 lbs. .... 1 1  
Jonathan Scott's g h Grey Cloud, 5 yrs, by Thunder, dam by Sir Tatton, 111 lbs. .... 2 2  
Time—:50 1/2, :54.

### TROTTING AT HAMILTON.

A day's racing took place at Hamilton on Monday, under the management of Mr. Fred. Ashbaugh. There were three events on the programme—two trots and a steeple-chase, but the latter did not fill.

HAMILTON, Aug. 14—\$40; trotting, 3:00 class, in harness. \$25, 10, 5.  
Mr Graves' Star ..... 1 1 1  
Dr Bethune's Comet ..... 2 2 2  
Owner's Delta Girl ..... 3 3 3

No time.  
Same Day—\$30; trotting. Road horses to road wagons. \$20, 10.  
Owner's Hooky ..... 0 1 0 1 1  
Owner's Forester Girl ..... 1 0 0 0 0  
Owner's Little Prince ..... 0 0 1 0 0  
Owner's Bay Billy ..... 0 dr

### TROTTING AT OSHAWA.

The following are the correct summaries of the late races at Oshawa:  
OSHAWA, Aug. 2—\$100 Trotting. For 2:50 class.

W Kennedy's ch g Avenue Boy ..... 2 1 1 1  
T C Eck's g g Fearless ..... 1 2 2 2  
John Wilson's b m Nelly Please ..... 3 3 4 3  
W K Smith's ch m Annie Kelly ..... 4 4 4 4

No time.  
Same Day—\$60. Green trot.  
W McClellan's blk m Kitty Mothersill ..... 1 1 1  
W Stevens' g m Janey ..... 3 3 2  
R Mothersill's blk g Spiteful ..... 5 2 3  
J M Wick's ch g Jeff Davis ..... 2 4 4  
Jno. Wilson's b g Billy Montgomery ..... 4 5 5

No time.  
Some Day—\$— Match Trot. Half-mile heats.  
Sam Hall, b m Gypsey ..... 1 1  
F J Drew g g Grey George ..... 2 2  
No time.  
Same Day—\$— Match trot. Mile heats, 3 in 5.  
T G Hawthorn b h Hector ..... 2 1 1 1  
Geo. Maby b m Ino ..... 1 2 2 2  
Best time 3:10.

### OUR RACE.

#### CONTEMPORANEOUS COURTESIES.

THE "SPORTING TIMES" STALLION RACE.—Toronto Mail, Aug. 14.—This sensational event, which promises to be the turf event of the season, is set down for September 9th, at the West End Driving Park in this city. The conditions of the race are for trotting stallions having made the season in Canada; \$50 each, \$25 forfeit, with \$400 added by the proprietors of the CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES. The entries closed on June 1st with the following nominations:—Capt. Tom, Whirlwind, Matt Cameron, Warr-Hulet, Toronto Chief, Frank Allison, Erin Chief, Charles Douglas, Young Harry Clay, Fulton, and Douglas, eleven in all. Such a grand field of horses has never before graced an entry list in this country; and the numerous nominations not only show the general interest in the race, but are likewise a compliment to

the programme only two put in an appearance. Of these Grey Cloud had the call at \$5 to \$3. After several false starts they got away, running like a double team till the head of the stretch was reached, when the Rurie colt pulled away from the son of Thunder, and won easily in :50 1/2. The next heat was almost a repetition of the first, Oscar winning handily under a heavy pull.

At about 4 o'clock the single scull shells were started. The premiums were the Championship belt and \$25 added; the winner to hold the belt against two challenges during the year, and to receive \$25 on returning it to the club. Two miles; open to all.

BOAT. ROWER.  
John Hanlon ..... E. Hanlon—1  
Duke of Beaufort ..... W. McKin—2  
Time—12:38.

The next contest was for single scull outriggers, 2 miles. 1st prize, silver cup; 2nd silver medal. Amateurs.  
Jessica ..... J. Phillips—1  
Argonaut ..... R. Lamb—2  
Time—17:52.

The third race was for double-scull lapstreak outriggers, 23 ft. in length or under, open from stem to stern; 2 miles. 1st, two silver cups; 2nd, two silver medals.  
Dolly Varden (J. W. Rutherford, C. Calleglian) —1  
Argonaut (S. Porter, J. W. Beatty) —2  
Time—13:44.

Fisherman's Race, for fishing boats in actual use this summer; three pairs of sculls; two miles. \$20 to first; \$10 to second.  
Old Snoozer (E. Hanlon, W. McKin, A. Elliott (stroke))—1  
Pride of the Wave (G. Gough, W. Montgomery, W. Ward (stroke))—2  
Skimming Dish (P. Gray, F. Smith, J. Carroll (stroke))—3  
Time—14:03.

Four-oared lapstreak outriggers; 3 miles; first, four silver cups; second, four silver medals.  
Argonaut No. 1 (G. F. R. Harris, W. H. Perram, W. M. Richards, H. Lamb (stroke))—1  
Argonaut No. 2 (C. E. Ryerson, G. M. Burns, G. B. Moffat, H. Beaumont (stroke))—2  
Georgie (G. P. Elliott, C. Callighan, J. Henderson, V. Sankey (stroke))—3  
Time—18:31.

Yawl Race, for yawls manned by crews from vessels in the harbor and in commission; 2 miles. Prize, \$25, presented by Harbor Master Carr.  
Masters—J. Muir, J. Ryan, J. O'Neil, J. Rodden—1.  
Canadian—J. Sheehan, J. Wilson, R. McGuire, E. Boyle—2.  
Time—19:00.

200 yards Swimming—W. Trainer, 1; W. Tinning, 2; F. C. Law, 3; J. W. Leslie, 4.  
500 yards, Swimming—W. Trainer, 1; V. Sankey, 2; J. W. Leslie, 3.

The duck hunt followed—Mr. John T. Scholes was the duck, and Mr. R. Myers, the dog. Messrs. Hanlon and Elliott pulling the boat. The dog was unable to catch the duck within the prescribed time.

ARRIVAL OF THE DWARF YACHT.—The dwarf Centennial yacht put into Abercastle, Pembrokeshire, Wales, on Saturday, 12th inst., for provisions, and then proceeded to Liverpool. Johnson reports that the Centennial was capsized once during the voyage, but he succeeded in righting her.

The following letter from the New York Clipper of last Saturday contains Mr. Charley McDonald's version of the "scraping match" between him and Mr. Steve Taylor, in the Park here. Out of justice to the Canadian champion we find space for his story.

The Madeline crossed the line at 7:11. 11s., and the Countess at 8h. 3m. 58s. which, with the allowance to the Madeline, made her the winner by 27m. 14s.

## The King.

### THE TAYLOR-McDONALD AFFAIR.

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BUFFALO, N.Y., Aug. 3, 1876.

"I would like to say a few words in regard to the so-called prize fight between Mr. S. Taylor and myself. James Mace had a benefit on Friday evening, July 28, at the Queen's Theatre, Toronto, on which occasion it was understood that Steve Taylor and I should set-to. Before going on to the stage he made a remark to give and take, which I did until he tried to push me off the stage. I saw then that he meant business, and on the next round he made a rush at me and I stepped aside, and he went down on all fours on the stage. The next round, after a couple of sharp hits, we clinched, and I threw him heavily. The last round and wind-up we had another sharp encounter, and he threw me. If I say it myself, I had the best of the sparring all through. Coming off the stage I was the first one in the dressing-room, and he took off his left glove and hit me behind my back, claiming that I had hit him on the stage when I threw him. I asked him if he was crazy. I had no chance to return the compliment, and I let it go. Through Mace's proposition we then shook hands, and I was invited to take a hack ride with them to a certain sporting-man's house. We drank there until I got as drunk as a man could and be able to walk. We had had some more words there, and about four o'clock in the morning we went up to the park to fight it out. It was proposed to fight a stand-up fight first, but we agreed to have a rough-and-tumble go. I thought I would have more chance that way, being so terribly under the influence of liquor that I could not put up my hands. Taylor took off his coat, and before I had time to take off mine he rushed at me. There was not a hit made with the hands. I dropped and caught him by the legs and threw him, but he, being the stronger man and some 35lb heavier, rolled me over. We got up again and clinched, but my hold gave way and he got me down in the ditch. He hit me with his fist in the eye, and got up and commenced kicking me in the head and ribs. After he had kicked me once or twice I said "Enough," but he kicked me three or four times afterwards, and I think if it had not been for Mace he would be kicking me yet. I got up then and went home, and was around all the next day with a nice big head on me that I got from Taylor's big shoes. It is my friends' intentions to match me against him some of these days in a 24-foot ring. I had but one friend there, and Mace and another principal party met me at the Marlborough House on Sunday evening and acknowledged that the sympathies of the crowd were altogether against me. I had to acknowledge that he licked me that morning, but it was no prize-fight—it was the roughest kind of a rough-and-tumble, and it all came from me being more expert with the gloves than he was. I am not satisfied, and when I get all right I will have another go with him, but I will bar out his big shoes. By inserting thus you will do me nothing but justice, for I swear that everything I have said is true. CHAS. McDONALD.

"P.S.—My friends are eager for me to make the match now, but for certain reasons I will not be ready for a week or ten days. McD."

### Amusements.

We read in the Bible, which no one denies, That Pharaoh succumbed to a legion of flies— Had the obstinate monarch though only been born In these latter days he'd have laughed them to scorn— He'd have bought a nice fly trap at Pizer's dry goods, And Israel might then have never been free. HARRY PIPER, 75 & 77 Yonge St., Toronto.

## Amusements.

The excessive heat of the past week has told upon the audiences at the Queen's, the only place of amusement open in the city. The stock company continues unaided this week, in a passable variety bill.

Mr. Jos. Murphy, in his sensational dramas, will open the Royal Opera House, Mr. J. Gobay, manager, on Monday evening next. It is unnecessary to speak of Mr. Murphy's wonderful talents in his peculiar sphere, his reputation sufficiently establishing his merit. He will be supported by an efficient company.

GENERAL.  
The Academy of Music, Montreal, this week is running with Mr. Jos. Murphy as the stellar attraction in Kerry D'hu. He is very highly spoken of by the Montreal press. Hartz, the Wizard, is at the Theatre Royal, Montreal, for the week. He will visit this city early in September.

The Holman Opera Company have engaged the Town Hall, Guelph, during the Central Exhibition week.

## Go Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

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

FRANK, Ottawa.—All right. Will send as requested.

R., Waterloo.—We send Dominion Rules, have not the others.

CAMPBELL'S QUININE WINE.—Report from Dr. J. Baker Edwards, Ph. D. D.C.I. F.C.S. Professor of Chemistry and Microscopy.

I hereby certify that I have carefully analysed the samples of "Quinine Wine" submitted to me by Messrs. Kenneth Campbell & Co., with the following result.

No. 1—Dark in color and turbid, deposits a muddy sediment on standing, has a sweet and acid taste, Orange Flavor and scarcely bitter, yields on evaporation a thick syrup of inverted sugar, contains only a microscopic trace of Quinine and Quinidine. Is made with Orange Wine Sample X—Dark color, with dark muddy deposit on standing, has an acid and slightly bitter taste, contains Cinchonine but no Quinine. Is made with an acid wine, not sherry.

No. 3—Campbell's—Light color, clear, with no deposit, contains Disulphate of Quinine in the proportion of 1 grain to two fluid ounces. Is made with sound sherry wine.

N.B.—The latter (Campbell's), is the only genuine "Quinine Wine" of the three samples examined.—Signed,

JOHN BAKER EDWARDS, Ph. D. D.C.I. F.C.S. Prof. of Chemistry and Microscopy Bishop's College and College y t utreal.

### SECOND DAY.

No. 4—Purse \$200 Running. For 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

### Rules and Regulations.

1. Trotting to be by 3 in harness.
  2. Three to enter two to start.
  3. Trotting to be governed by rules of National Association.
  4. Entrance fee ten per cent on purse and must accompany a nomination.
  5. Running to be conducted under Dominion Rules.
  6. Entries to close on Saturday August 20th 1876.
  7. Horse disturbing the field will receive no money.
  8. Horses to be eligible at date of bill.
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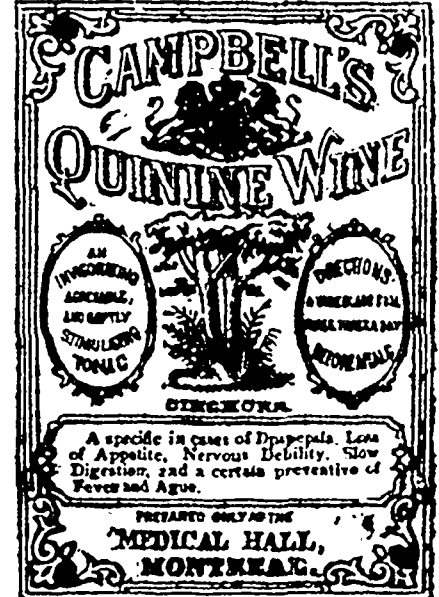
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...and over 200 pounds, and measured over ten feet in length. The mouth is surrounded by a row of sharp teeth. It is one of the largest specimens ever seen.

Seven milch cows belonging to three farmers living in the parish of Glouanec, near Mallow, were attacked lately nearly simultaneously, with a very fatal disease, called "charbon," and before anything could be done to relieve them four of them died. When the veterinary surgeon was called to see one of those attacked, he bled the animal to relieve the great oppression in its breathing, but the blood would not flow, and was of the consistency of and as black as tar. Some of the intestines of one of the animals that had been cut up and given to the ducks, which did not live two minutes after eating them. So the disease must have been a very poisonous one. The police had the carcasses buried, as the disease is highly contagious.

A turkey at the Grove Farm, Woodbridge, a few days ago, commenced the duty of incubation on her own eggs. Her mate partner was desirous of assisting in this office, and took his station by the side of his spouse, and shared the same nest with her. The farm bailiff, perceiving that he was in earnest, put nine hen's eggs under him, when in twenty-one days were all hatched, and the chickens are in good health, and he struts about with pride and majesty with his young progeny, while Mrs. Turkey devotes her care solely to the members of her own family. Both broods live together on most affectionate terms, and at night the chicks retire to rest under the ample wings of their accepted father, while the young turkeys seek repose under the wings of their mother.

William Whittaker Barry, a London lawyer, who was an enthusiastic pedestrian, and had written several books about his remarkable tours afoot, was last fall lost in the mountains of Tyrol. He registered at a hotel at Krimme, and said that he was going to walk over the apex of the mountain, 9,000 feet high, to Kasern on the other side. The path which he took is only used in summer, and at that time the weather was cold and the snow was falling. He wore thin clothing, and, under all the circumstances, the exploit was foolhardy in the extreme. On the way up the mountain he met a shepherd who was going down, and who tried to dissuade him from going any further; but, although darkness was gathering, a snow storm was commencing, and at least five hours of fast walking would be required to take him to his destination, he persisted in his attempt. He was never seen after that nor has his body been found, although extensively searched for.

**HORSE SUICIDE.**—The Canadaigua Journal says: "On Monday last a strange case of horse suicide occurred at Seneca Point. A large fine black horse, belonging to William Sutton, who lives some two or three miles west of Seneca Point, was turned out to grass. Breaking from the enclosures the horse made his way to the point, and after coursing around the track and making splendid time, rushed madly into the lake near the dock, and held his head under the water until he was drowned. The horse was without doubt laboring under temporary insanity, and therefore should not be judged too harshly for committing the rash act."

**SINGLE-STICK FIGHT FOR £150.**—A novel match took place on Monday night at the Islington Hall, for no less a sum than £150, between Shaw, of Woolwich, and "John Smith, of London," the latter staking £100 against the former's £50 that he get the best of 100 cuts, the weapons of offence being single-stick, and those of the defence the same, in addition to the ordinary helmets worn as guards, and a light jersey shirt worn above the waist. The encounter began at eight minutes before nine o'clock, the com-

...made him go through the unusual, and ended by directing him to "charge that Dutchman," which command the dog executed so vigorously that the Dutchman was driven off.

### TROUT FISHING EXTRAORDINARY BY CORMORANTS AT ELDRIDGE CASTLE.

Great sport was afforded by Captain Salvin, at Elridge Castle, on Wednesday last, with his three tame cormorants, named respectively, "Detective," "Sub-Inspector," and "Chang." The gallant officer's man having been safely inserted in his waterproof impenetrables and the collars of the cormorants adjusted to prevent their swallowing the trout, the sport began under the guidance of the venerable park-keeper. The water running past the Smugglers' Cave was first drawn and several fish were caught, but the stream being considered too shallow and muddy, a move was made after lunch on to Steel Bridge. Here the real fun of the day commenced. The master followed his pack up the stream, and several excited volunteers plunged into the water above to prevent the birds getting on too fast. At length a pool was found in which were several fish. Here "Detective" collared two, and the master, in his anxiety to catch him and relieve him of his prey, fell head-over-heels into the water, a misadventure which afforded great amusement to the spectators. Above the next bridge it was discovered that the man in the watertights had sprung a leak by running on a stake while making a rush at "Sub-Inspector," who had taken a flib. trout, but, notwithstanding this accident, he persevered and continued in the water all day. Several brace of fine fish were captured, and at length, the birds being somewhat tired, a halt was called. At the word of command the cormorants mounted their cage, where their collars were removed, and the "small fry" were given to them, and they displayed great quickness in catching the fish as it was thrown to them. This novel and successful plan of fishing afforded no small amusement to the guests whom the Marquis of Abergavenny had invited, and greatly astonished the keepers, who had never such a system before, and had armed themselves with bill-hooks to keep the voracious looking birds at arms length. Too much cannot be said of Captain Salvin as a master of cormorants, and also the falcon, which ancient sport he still very successfully practices.

### THE HISTORY OF IRENE.

"C. S." of Philadelphia, furnishes the following particulars of the gray mare Irene winner of the 2:36 class at Buffalo, on Aug. 1st. It will be seen from her pedigree that Canadian blood has materially contributed to her speed.

"I inclose you pedigree and history of gray mare Irene, foaled 1870, sire Canavan's Gray Eagle, a gray stallion brought from Canada, by John Goodier, for Joseph Canavan, about 1866 or 1867. He was nearly white, of handsome conformation, and as fine limbs as a thoroughbred horse, and could trot a mile in 2:30. The dam of Irene was Minnie, by Abdallah. She was a dark bay mare with dark points and a small white strip in her face. John Wheeler at one time rode his mare a mile in the saddle in 2:30. On the authority of Mr. Chas. P. Reif, owner of Mambrino Pilot, and, in years gone by, owner of Zachary Taylor, Mac, and Old Lancet, all old-time trotters, this mare Minnie, in her day pulled a wagon two miles in 2:40. Mr. Reif bought her of Samuel McLaughlin, near New York City, and sold her when eight years old to Joseph Keller, of Philadelphia. Mr. Keller drove here on our roads for six years, and sold her to Mr. J. Canavan when fourteen

### WOMEN AND DEVILS.

Old Winston was a negro preacher in Virginia, and his ideas of theology and human nature were often very original. A gentleman thus accosted the old gentleman one Sunday morning:

"Winston, I understand you believe every woman has seven devils. How can you prove it?"

"Well, sah, did you never read in de Bible how seven debbles were cast out'er Mary Magdalin?"

"Oh, yes! I've read that."

"Did you ever hear of 'em bein' cast out of any oder woman, sah?"

"No, I never did."

"Well, den, all de oders got 'em yet yet."

### Horse Notes.

**DEATH OF A VETERINARIAN.**—We regret to announce the death of Dr. Charles C. Grice, the oldest veterinary surgeon of New York. He graduated from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, London, in 1826, and been in active practice in New York since 1830.

**SUSIE.**—The handsome little chestnut mare Susie, having gone amiss, has been sold to Mr. J. H. Batchelor (owner of John H.) for \$2,000. Susie was a game little mare; she had a record of 2:27.

**TROTTING STALLION FOR AUSTRALIA.**—Mr. H. O. Rogers, of San Francisco, Cal., recently purchased the brown trotting stallion Frank Medley, Jr., 9 years old. Patchen and Morgan stock, for Geo. Hill, of Sydney, Australia. Price paid \$3,000.

**SALE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON.**—Thomas Jefferson, "the Black Whirlwind of the East," was recently sold by his owner, W. B. Smith, to J. Hart Welch, of Hartford. The exact price paid for the stallion is unknown, as the horse and the Jefferson stables on Farmington avenue, Hartford, were sold in a bunch. Mr. John Woodbridge, of Hartford, purchased the trotting mare Lady Sheridan.

**PEDIGREE OF VERSAILLES GIRL.**—She was sired by Swift's Stephen A. Douglas, he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam black mare Nancy, by a horse from Montreal, Canada, said to be Tippeo stock; was bred by me; foaled May 1, 1869; now owned by Parker & Frost. I make this statement for the purpose of having it corrected in your next issue as regards pedigree. Yours, D. N. PARKER.

"Trotter wanted to hire, for two or three months. One that can trot his heats in 2:30 or better. Records or expulsion no objection."

We cut the above advertisement from a New York sporting paper. It will be seen by its terms that the advertiser wants the use of a horse for swindling purposes. Our friends and subscribers in the neighborhood of Toronto had better look out, as the author of this precious advertisement evidently intends cheating on a large scale. We have no doubt that it would have been rejected if the editor of the Spirit of the Times had observed the wording of it.—N. Y. Sportsman.

### THE KIND OF CARDS SHE WANTED.

A smart looking boy about 12 years old called into a Detroit bookstore yesterday and said his mother wanted some cards. The clerk supposed he meant playing cards, and accordingly wrapped up a pack. The boy came back in the course of half an hour, flung the cards down, and said: "Mother don't want that kind—she's got five or six packs in the house now. She wants some with marked backs, so she can deal lone hands and warm it to dad!"

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THURSDAY--No. 3--"County Steeplechase," for horses owned in the County of Prescott. Catch weights, \$5 to first, 9 to second.

1--"Dominion Steeplechase," \$175; about two and a half miles. Handicap, 117 top weight, 150 lbs, open to all Dominion bred horses. \$25 to first, 25 to second.

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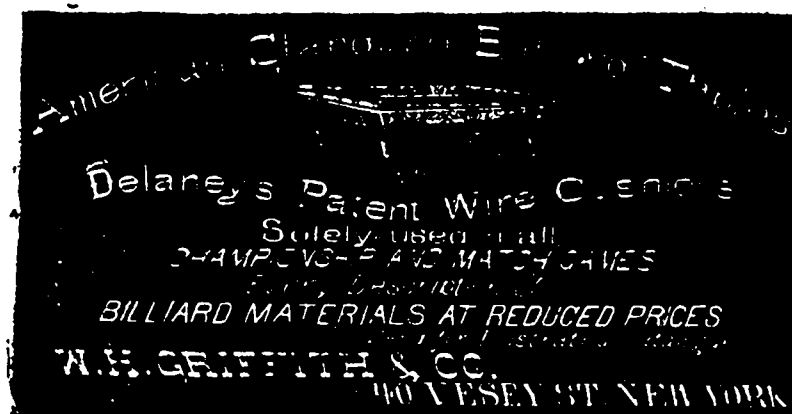


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