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American Turf.

RACING AT CHARLESTON, S. C.

Monday, Feb 11.—Purse \$250, for year-olds; \$50 to second; mile heats.
 1st c Jim Bell, by John Morgan, by Brown Dick, 90 lbs. 1 1
 2nd c Burgundy, by Bonnie, dam La Bluette, 90 lbs. 2 2
 3rd c Annie G, by Phaeton, by Lue Anderson, 87 lbs. dis
 Time—1:30; 1:52.

Monday.—Purse \$600, added to a sweep-stake of \$150 each, for all ages; second to rest; four miles.
 1st c Judge Hancock, 4 yrs, by ... 1
 2nd c Little Peb, 5 yrs, by Rebel, dam by ... 2
 3rd c Hatters, 5 yrs, by Red Dick, by Planet, 110 lbs. 3
 4th c Wash Booth, 4 yrs, by ... 0
 5th c Vandalia, 104 lbs. 0
 Time—8:10.

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 3rd c Arnie, dam ... 3
 Time—1:51.

Monday.—Purse \$200, for all ages, of which the second; two miles, over ...
 1st c Dalgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney, dam Lucy Fowler, 147 lbs. 1
 2nd c Bisk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam ... 2
 3rd c ... 155 lbs. 2
 Time—4:08.

Billiards.

SEXTON vs. DION.

The grand match between these experts, ...
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Aquatic.

HANLAN AND ROSS.

A despatch from St. John of date of 18th, says: "Wallace Ross' friends are awaiting an answer from Hanlan, to whom an offer was privately sent, expressing a willingness to match Ross against Hanlan for a 5-mile race for \$1,000 a side, to take place here in June. Should this communication not be attended to, it is the intention of Ross to challenge Hanlan through the press." Hanlan is innocent of any private offer made on behalf of Ross, but will, no doubt, give the maritime giant a chance to get even with him. The race would, however, hardly take place in June, as Hanlan has an engagement with Morris, of Pittsburg, that month.

HALIFAX.—There is talk in Halifax of sending a "four" to row at the Paris Exhibition. The personnel of the proposed crew will be Samuel Hutton, Elijah Ross (both of the old crew), Geo. McLaren (who comes from a family of oarsmen), and Samuel Reed, of Pisarisco. In the opinion of one of the men named, the crew would be better than ever.

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ICE-BOAT RACE.—This Friday afternoon, weather permitting, an ice-boat race will take place on the Bay for a valuable silver cup, presented by Mr. Edward Hanlan, and a purse of money. The course will be from the foot of York street three times round the Bay, finishing at the place of starting. About eight boats are expected to compete.

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MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday evening of last week. In the unavoidable absence of the President and first Vice-President, Mr. C. J. Alloway occupied the chair. Mr. Chas. Winslow, Rockland, Mass., ...

ONTARIO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held their usual meeting in the Lecture Room of the College last Thursday evening, 14th inst. Mr. Duncan, V.S., of Goderich, in the chair. After the usual routine business, Mr. Derr, of Wooster, Ohio, read an excellent essay on "Parturient apoplexy." The gentlemen commenced by saying "Parturient apoplexy" is a disease that is not confined to any particular breed of cattle, but all cows that are heavy milkers, and in a plethoric condition, are liable to it. It usually occurs at the third and later periods of parturition, and never follows difficult parturition, protracted delivery, retention of foetal membranes, or haemorrhage, and usually makes its appearance in from twenty-four hours to three days after delivery. Mr. Derr then remarked that, with regard to the etiology of this disease, there has been and is now much difference of opinion. He then proceeded to give the symptoms and treatment, after which he cited a very bad case that he had treated with entire success, and concluded his paper amid deserved applause. Mr. Deacon, of London, then read an interesting and instructive paper on "Urinary Calculi," which was followed by a warm debate. After the election of essayist for the next evening, the meeting adjourned.

Base Ball.

A first-class professional base ball club will, in all probability, be organized in Hamilton, Ont., with good financial backing. A third base-man is wanted, and a few general players might also find employment by addressing the manager.

Auburn, N. Y., is anxious for a female base ball club. If a big angle-worm should be discovered on the grounds, every mother's daughter of 'em would squeal and make a home run.—Syracuse Times.

'Landlord,' 'Yes, sir.' 'What's that?' 'Butter, sir.' 'Does it belong to the League?' 'Sir?' 'Has it any ambition to excel as a base-ballist?' 'I don't grasp your meaning, sir.' 'Well it should, for it's the best fly-catcher I ever saw.' 'Oh, I see, John, take this away and bring the gentleman some of the muffin butter.'

A New York ball manufacturing firm pointedly called the attention of all to a damaging blow to the extension, as well as the prosperity of the national game, in the adoption of the base ball ...

POOLS ON HORSE RACING.

Messrs. Lawrence Jerome and Perry Belmont appeared on Feb. 14, before the committee of the Senate of New York State, to which was referred the bill relating to racing associations, and argued in favor of the bill, the object of which is to relieve the legally organized racing and betting associations of the State from the ruinous effects of the Pool bill of last session. That bill, they argued, was originally designed to forbid pool-selling on elections. No wish of any one had been expressed to apply it to racing associations. In the twelve years since racing was revived not a solitary request has ever been made to the Legislature to have pool selling on the race courses forbidden. And yet, in a moment without warning, without cause or provocation, this vast amount of property accumulated in racing and breeding establishments is turned to ashes. The racing grounds are turned into waste lands, the buildings are useless, the thoroughbred stock is reduced to less than 25 cents on the dollar, and the trotting stock is also greatly depreciated. The legislation of all other countries is and has ever been to encourage racing, with the design of improving the breed of horses. England, France, Germany, and Austria make special appropriations for this purpose (see Tattersall's letter). The only country or State in the world that has ever passed a law against pools—which are simply a public sweepstake—is the State of New York. The Senate of Ohio has just passed a bill forbidding pools on elections but allowing them on races. Unless relieved by this bill, every racing association in this State is ruined. The receipts of Jerome Park, which has been steadily increasing every year from its opening, and which in 1876 amounted to \$71,661, fell off last year under the operation of the Pool bill to \$26,487, or nearly two-thirds.

All the other associations are similarly affected. Of course, with a loss of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year no race club can be expected to go on. Abolish the racing associations, and the improvement of the breed of horses ceases. In 1865, before the opening of Jerome Park, there were three stables in this State. In all they had about eighteen thoroughbred brood mares, and the total of all the money "hung up" (the old Saratoga track) was about \$4,000. To-day there are in New York and its immediate vicinity, owned by eight large breeders, 285 mares, 17 stallions, 176 foals and 160 horses in training, or in all 677, besides many small stables not estimated. Add to this 150 horses from a distance that come here to run, and stay about five months, and the grand total is 727; that is to say, there are over seven hundred thoroughbreds which have to be supported in this State annually. All these want the best hay, oats, straw, &c., besides employing a large number of men. A lively export of horses to Europe has begun. It will cease unless the racing clubs are kept up, as they alone can preserve and improve the breed. The better our stock, the more we will export. There is no better country in the world for breeding horses of rich blood and great value than New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

CANADIAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

(From Bell's Life, Feb. 2nd.)

The Canadians are evidently determined to make this trade only second in importance to that of live cattle. It is estimated that nearly 3,000 Canadian horses have been exported to Europe during the last few years, and these shipments are to be vastly supplemented during the coming season. Last spring a special sale of 600 horses, selected to suit this market, was held at Toronto. This was attended with such marked success that three sales are being arranged to take place this spring, commencing at Toronto on the 9th, 10th and 11th of April, when 500 horses will be offered, 500 more at Hamilton on the 16th, 17th and 18th of April, and another 500 at London on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of April. As all these cities are only about 40 miles apart, and situate in the Province of Ontario, one of the best horse-breeding districts on the American continent, they must offer great advantages to buyers. In the advance of regular horse fairs in Canada similar to those held in this country, it is confidently expected that these sales will supply this deficiency, and afford English buyers a better opportunity than has heretofore existed of selecting suitable horses for this market without having to scour the country. As an instance of the superior quality of the Canadian horse a pair of bay carriage horses sold by auction in Glasgow a few days ago to Mr. Coats, Woodleigh House, Paisley, for 820gs., a Canadian trotter realized 820gs., 290gs. were refused for a pair of cobs, and a very large number of these horses have been sold by Messrs. Lucas & Co., of Liverpool, at high prices. More than one witness examined before Lord Rossberry's committee gave testimony to the valuable qualities of the Canadian horse. Col. Somme Jenyns told the Prince of Wales, who took great interest in his examination that "Canadian horses are fairly bred and make excellent hacks, wonderful sound, and hard, capital fence, in short admirable animals. Among the purchasers of Canadian hunters and carriage horses may be mentioned Col. Anstruther Thomson, Lord Londsdale, Lord Leigh, Col. Leigh, M.P., Capt. Machell and several of the Liverpool merchant princes. From recent returns it appears that 40,000 horses were imported from foreign countries into Great Britain in 1876, and 24,379 during the first eight months of 1877. Under such circumstances the success of this new trade will be watched with great interest on both sides of the Atlantic. Canada has the horses we want; according to the census of 1871, there were more than 1,000,000 in the Province of Ontario alone, every hundred of the population ...

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The grand match between these experts,
sits up, for the round sum of \$4,000,
giving odds of 200 points, was a remark-
performance on the part of the champion.
The Theatre, New Orleans, was the scene
of the battle, and it was crowded to excess
of the 5th inst. The champion was a
rite at 2 to 1. Sexton went in with a
exception to his general style of play,
not quit until he had wiped out 177 of
For seven innings safety play was the
both sides, Dion creeping up. The call
the close of the eighth inning 277 to
Dion's favor. The ninth inning Sexton
6 sending him into the lead, with an av-
erage far of over 32. Dion failed to score,
Sexton went in, and, by fine play, gave his
et another crusher to the tune of 136.
1 to 280 (all) in Sexton's favor. It was
ars to cents that the odds given would
a walk-over. Dion picked up 94 in his
th and added 74 in his next essay, which
his friends a ray of hope, as once more he
the fore, call 503 to 474 in his favor.
e of affairs was but temporary, as the
on, an inning or two later, set up 228,
the ivorys bunched, from which cluster
scored 58, the call standing 726 for Sexton
er Dion. Sexton's average up to this
was 42 1/2. This was wonderful billiards.
veral innings singles was the rule; in the
seventh the champion got to close work
and ran 138, the call holding 905 to 620.
struggled gamely for 71, but it was useless.
ay was over in the thirty-sixth inning,
a going out with a score of 1,000 to 765
1-7; time of game three hours and
fifty minutes. Col. J. A. Walker, prop-
er of Crescent Hall, has kindly furnished
all score of this remarkable game:

117 1 0 1 0 0 9 1 96 136 2 1 6 41
34 228 6 0 6 0 4 0 25 138 9 3 4 41 24
1 13; total, 1,000.
3 2 32 19 9 1 9 2 0 8 1 18 14 22 0
19 58 2 1 5 0 1 0 32 2 6 71 7 1 24 3
; total, 565; add odds, grand total, 765.

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ely. J. Phelan and Sam. Davis are show-
marked improvement in their execution with
ery spheres.

WILCO.—In the match between Burleigh
Colbath at the Continental Hotel, Buffalo,
Friday evening, Feb. 8, Burleigh to dis-
Colbath, 400 up, three-ball game, the
er won by a score of 400 to 194.

MR. ROWAN.—A match game of billiards was
ed at Port Rowan last week between J. P.
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of the Shoulder (Shoulder-Slip, or Sweeney), an
injury which often arises from the pressure of
a badly-fitting collar on a young imperfectly-
broken colt, especially when used in plunging
in soft or uneven ground,—consisting of sprain
of the muscles covering the blade-bone, follow-
ed first by swelling and ending in wasting of
the muscles, often to such an extent as to leave
the bone nearly bare. He explained the repro-
ductive process, by which, in time, with rest
and proper treatment, the muscles were re-
developed and restored to action.

Mr. Jakeman next read a paper on
Shoeing, in which he referred to the
early history of this art, of which, though
no doubt existing, in however rude a form,
from a very early period in the world's history,
no authentic records are to be found earlier than
the 9th century. Up to this date iron shoes
were not made use of. The Greeks and Romans
were accustomed to protect their horses' feet
with a hempen or rush covering which they
called *Solea Spartea*.

The essayist pointed out the necessity for
more instruction on the part of horse-shoers in
the structure of the foot, and to the use of its
different parts; also the injury constantly being
done by the abuse of the drawing-knife and but-
tress in thinning the sole and paring away the
natural protection. He pointed out the usual
errors into which farriers fell in preparing the
foot—some cutting the heels too much, leaving
the toe too long as a lever operating injuriously
on the tendons and muscles. Sufficient care
was not taken to leave the foot level, more es-
pecially during the winter season, when the
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The discussion which followed was entered
into with spirit, especially upon the different
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the international association, as it has the in-
terest of the game at heart, should be against
encouraging any monopoly or adopting a ball of
any individual maker.

Mr. George Sleeman, the manager of the
Guelph Maple Leaf Club, will take part in the
Base Ball Convention this week at Buffalo.

Pedestrianism.

SNOW-SHOEING IN MONTREAL.

The second annual steeplechase of the
Montreal Athletic Snow Shoe Club, took
place on the evening of the 14th. The start-
ers were: Wm Bates, H Bulmer, A C Cros-
bie, J Crowley, W Hughes, J Paterson, Jas
Murray, G Murray, Wm Milner, Jas Wat-
lace, and J Wingham. The start was one
of the best ever witnessed, and Bates led off,
but on reaching McTavish street he lost his
position, and after a hard run the pines were
reached in the following order:—W Hughes,
G Murray, W Milner, and A Crosbie, the
others pressing hard for a position to secure
a prize, but notwithstanding the above
named four came in winners in the follow-
ing order: 1st, Geo Murray, time 18m 83s;
2nd, Wm Wilner, 18m 50s; 3rd, Walter
Hughes, 19m 3s; 4th, A C Crosbie, 19m 5s.
The winner, Mr Murray, was the only run-
ner who went over the pines, the others
going round. The prizes consisting of gold
and silver medals, a silver cup and a breast
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so says Mr. Fester, of the Sportsman, and there
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horse according to his judgment of breeding,
condition, rider or driver, and previous perfor-
mance. It is a venture precisely the same in prin-
ciple as a sweepstakes between the owners of the
horses. If one is immoral and against public
policy when entered into on the race course, and
on the race day, so is the other. The people
like the pools; not one in a thousand who go to
the races object to the pools, whether they buy
them or not. They are the life and soul of the
meeting and absolutely indispensable to its suc-
cess, and, left in the hands of the officers of the
association, are sure to be well and acceptably
managed.

Turf, Gun and Feather.

The other day a Sullivan, N.Y., county
hunter, with a torch in one hand and a navy
revolver in the other, entered a wildcat's den
and shot the occupant, which was as big as
a hound.

The fishery regulation fixing a close time
for pickerel and maskinonge in the Province
of Ontario, adopted by the Governor-General
in Council on the 3rd April, 1875, is suspend-
ed in so far as it applies to the Detroit and
St. Clair rivers in that Province.

Captain Bogardus, on his return to New
York last week, took his son, thirteen years
old, with him with the intention of offering
to match him against Ira Paine. The Cap-
tain looks as hale and hearty as ever, and
says he does not feel the slightest effect from
his recent wonderful feat.

There are to be games of lacrosse between the
famous clubs of the country in Gilmore's Gar-
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this market without having to scour the
country. As an instance of the superior
quality of the Canadian horse, a pair of bay
carriage horses sold by auction in Glasgow a
few days ago to Mr. Coats's, Woodside House,
Paisley, for \$20,000, a Canadian trotter real-
ized \$20,000, 280gs. were refused for a pair of
cobs, and a very large number of these
horses have been sold by Messrs. Lucas &
Co., of Liverpool, at high prices. More than
one witness examined before Lord Rose-
berry's committee, gave testimony to the
valuable qualities of the Canadian horse.
Col. Soame J. nuns told the Prince of Wales,
who took great interest in his examination
that "Canadian horses are fairly bred and
make excellent hacks, wonderful, sound, and
hard, capital fenceers, in short admirable
animals. Among the purchasers of Cana-
dian hunters and carriage horses may be
mentioned Col. Anstruther Thomson, Lord
Lonsdale, Lord Leigh, Col. Leigh, M.P.;
Capt. Machell and several of the Liverpool
merchant princes. From recent returns it
appears that 40,000 horses were imported
from foreign countries into Great Britain in
1876, and 24,379 during the first eight months
of 1877. Under such circumstances the suc-
cess of this new trade will be watched with
great interest on both sides of the Atlantic.
Canada has the horses we want; according
to the census of 1871, there were nearly 500,
000 in the Province of Ontario alone, or for
every hundred of the population 27 horses.
We have the money, which will be paid to
none more readily than our loyal brethren
in the Dominion.

A CHALLENGE FROM SMUGGLER TO BARUS.

As the partisan admirers of Barus are so con-
fident that the bay gelding can beat Smuggler
on the turf, we are authorized by Col. H. S.
Russell to make the following proposition: He
will match Smuggler against Barus, three races,
mile heats, three in five, in harness, for \$1,000
a side each race; the first race to be trotted at
Cleveland, where Barus now is, between the
15th of June and July 1; the other two races
to be determined hereafter, but not to occur
more than two weeks apart. In each race the
forfeit shall be \$500, and the forfeits for the
three races, amounting to \$1,500, to be put up
on the acceptance of this challenge. The Turf,
Field and Farm to be stakeholder and to con-
duct the correspondence. This challenge is to
remain open ten days from to-day, Friday, Feb.
15, 1876. If Mr. Conklin thinks that his great
horse can beat Smuggler, let him promptly cover
Col. Russell's money. The stallion is now in
California, but at last accounts the weather was
so bad that Marvin could do nothing more than
jog him. Three races between Barus and
Smuggler, to decide the championship, would
excite deep feeling and draw immensely. As
Mr Conklin has intimated that he would like to
match Barus against Smuggler, Col. Russell has
kindly consented to oblige him.—Turf, Field
and Farm.

Mr. N. P. Leach, of the Quebec Game Protec-
tive Club, Montreal, has just lost a very valuable
Norfolk spaniel, winner of the first prize in Mon-
treal in 1876, and one of the best ruffed grouse
dogs known. His death was caused, it is be-
lieved, by a kitchen girl in a hotel throwing him
a piece of hot meat just off from the coals. A
post mortem examination showed his stomach,
lungs, and intestines near his stomach to be
badly inflamed, while the intestines further
downward were white and hard as a whip
cord.

THE Master of the Hounds

CHAPTER XVII.

(CONTINUED.)

On accepting Beauchamp's arm, Blanche said, anxiously, 'I fear you are acting very impudently in dancing to-night, William?' 'No, dear Blanche; a little exercise will do me good now; but I shall not exceed two or three dances, and then sit down to criticise the performance of others, and make all kinds of ill-natured speeches, as some people will of me to-night.'

'What do you mean, dear William?'

'The Throsby Hall lady looks daggers at me, and I verily believe, in her heart, would rather have seen you in the power of that villain and made wretched for life, than witness your happiness with those you love.'

'Indeed William, I hope not, and trust you are mistaken.'

'I am not singular, dear girl, as Bob Conyers also thinks she hates me, cordially, for my interference; but notwithstanding her forbidding looks, she shall receive no mercy from me on your account, although I hope never to see you under her control again.'

'Indeed, William, I am so happy with dear Aunt Gordon, that I never wish to leave the Priory, where I feel quite at home, which I never did at Throsby.'

Blanche's beaming looks and light happy spirits, when dancing with Beauchamp, would have satisfied any but the most determined sceptic that Lord Vancourt was not the object of her choice; and the anxious, thoughtful glance sometimes directed to his face, did not escape the observation of some, who could read the language of love. Captain Melville was one of that number, who, turning to Conyers, said, 'My surmises are now confirmed, Bob; Beauchamp has won the prize, and, barring myself of course, there is no man I know more deserving, and whom I would rather see the husband of that sweet girl.'

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CHAPTER XVIII.

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Vernon, after the ceremony had been performed by the blacksmith, which, according to the laws of Scotland, riveted him to Miss Mervyn, thought it advisable to visit Paris, until Lord Mervyn's anger had cooled down a little. He was lounging one day down the Boulevards, when he met Lord Vancourt, and accosted him as usual, who, drawing haughtily up, and refusing his proffered hand, said, 'After the dishonorable trick you have served me, Mr. Vernon, I must beg to decline your further acquaintance.'

'Pray explain yourself, my lord,' replied Vernon, 'as I am the person aggrieved, and your conduct to me in refusing to fulfil your engagement and pledged word of honor, at Marston Castle, is a much more dishonorable transaction than any I can have committed against your lordship.'

'My meaning, sir, is very plain; by forestalling the horses I had ordered, and assuming the same name I had taken, you would have left me at the mercy of my pursuers.'

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'It is out of my power to make up the sum in so short a time, unless luck favors me at the gaming-table. So what say you to meeting me to-night? and perhaps you will not object to introduce me to Count B—?'

'Oh, most willingly, Vancourt. So now, *au revoir*, as I have a call or two to make.'

A thought had suggested itself to Lord Vancourt, that, by an introduction to the Count, he might put him up to Vernon's tricks with dice and cards; and when detected, a duel would be the inevitable result, in which he hoped to get quit of Vernon's importunities and threats together; believing, from Stowell's account of the death of the man who had already robbed him of so large a sum of money.

Punctual to his appointment, Major Stowell met Lord Vancourt at the gambling-house, where he soon had the opportunity of introducing Count B—, who was much pleased with his lordship's manner and address; and, as both had travelled a great deal, they were soon engaged in earnest conversation, and from that night became intimate friends. Vernon was there also; but suspecting Lord Vancourt, he lost instead of winning, his usual run of luck appearing to have deserted him. Lord Vancourt also lost rather a considerable sum to the Count, which being immediately paid, put him in good humor with his new acquaintance.

The next day, Count B— called on Lord Vancourt, who, after a few common-place observations, alluded to his want of success the previous night.

'Ah! milor,' said the Count, who spoke English very imperfectly, 'you lose to me, but your contremain, Monsieur Vernon, play de very devil wid me de every night. Such luck I never see—he win every game, and clear my pocket so'—showing its empty inside.

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Without another word, the ground being measured, the pistols were delivered by their guards into the hands of the Count and Vernon, who stood fiercely surveying each other, the face of the latter being pale as death; but, knowing his life depended on a steady hand, by a violent effort he stifled every other thought, and awaited the signal. The intense, agonizing suspense of such a moment, to a thinking mind, who can describe? Men rush into battle, facing death in every shape, even to the cannon's mouth; balls waiste round their heads, comrades fall beside them, wounded, disabled, dying, dead; hand to hand, with flashing, bloody sword, the strife continues—no thought of fear or flinching for a moment crosses the soldier's mind—excited, maddened, he still presses on over heaps of slain. These men are fighting the battles of their country, not their own. They have no private vengeance to gratify, no private wrongs to redress, no fine-spun ideas of honor to maintain; but their war-cry is, '*Pro aris et focis*,' for our altars and our homes.

CHAPTER XIX.

The signal was given; both pistols were discharged simultaneously, making almost one report; and, as the smoke cleared away, Vernon was seen lying on the ground, shot through the body; and the Count staggered back into his second's arm, his opponent's ball having struck through his right shoulder, shattering the bone into splinters. In a moment, the surgeon, with Fitzgerald was kneeling by Vernon's side; the former tearing open his waistcoat, whilst Fitzgerald supported his sinking head upon his knees.

'It's all over with him, Pat,' exclaimed the doctor; 'the bullet has passed through his lungs, I fear; but stay! feeling his pulse, he lives still! quick with the bottle; pour a little down his throat, if you can, whilst I staunch the blood.' A faint sigh escaped the wounded man. 'Ah!' cried the surgeon, 'he revives! give him a little more of the liquid. By the powers! he's coming round; but, poor devil, with that air-hole through his body, recovery, I fear, is hopeless.'

The Count's friend, seeing what was taking place, hurried him from the ground, believing Vernon to be mortally wounded, if not already dying; but from the pain and the resuscitating remedies used, the sufferer gradually recovered his consciousness, and begged, in a faint voice, to be carried home. His next inquiry was about the Count. 'You winged him, Vernon,' was his friend's reply; 'but now, drink the rest of this bottle, and we will try and get you into the carriage; only don't attempt to speak any more just yet, as the doctor won't allow it.'

Fitzgerald and his friendly assistant, O'Brien, having carried the wounded man to the carriage, placed him in a recumbent position, and by the aid of cushions and their over-coats, formed a tolerable couch for him to recline upon; and he was then driven back to his lodgings and placed in bed: Fitzgerald having preceded him, and prepared his young and timid wife for the calamity which had befallen her; who, almost frantic with grief and horror, implored to be allowed to see her husband, if only for one moment, to be assured he was not killed. 'On my word of honor, my dear young lady,' replied the kind-hearted Fitzgerald, taking her hand to prevent her leaving the room, 'your husband is not killed, although seriously wounded; and any fresh excitement might be fatal; pray, be guided by me; you shall see him directly the doctor will allow you to do so; but let me entreat you, for his sake, to subdue your feelings as much as possible.'

The surgeon, on examining his patient, discovered the ball lodged in his back, just under the skin, and it was, therefore, easily extracted, without much more suffering to Vernon's already tortured frame. Soon after his wound was dressed, he fell into a fitful doze; in which state he was left by the doctor, after having given all necessary directions to his wife's faithful maid how to treat him until his return.

For two days Vernon hovered between

to every little comfort it was in her power to bestow, which greatly tended to his recovery, and he was soon permitted to sit in his easy chair for a few hours during the day. Lord Vancourt, being apprized of the issue of the duel, called several times at Vernon's lodgings; and having on the third day met the doctors there, and being told that his case was hopeless, he immediately left Paris, dreading to be implicated in the affair, which was communicated to Vernon by Fitzgerald; and also that he had learnt from the Count's friend some additional information as to Lord Vancourt putting the Count up to his tricks at play, and inciting him to challenge Vernon. Fitzgerald also hinted at the necessity of Vernon's applying to his friends for pecuniary assistance, as the tradesmen whom he dealt, on hearing the cause of the duel, had refused to supply more goods, and were clamorous for their little accounts being settled. 'I have done as much I can to assist you, Mr. Vernon,' added Fitzgerald, 'more, I must confess, out of regard to your wife's wretched position; but now, as you are so far recovered, your own exertions are absolutely necessary to prevent her being left in a state of utter destitution; as, unknown to you, she wrote to her mother for pity and aid in her forlorn situation to which no answer has been received.'

Vernon, feeling grateful for Fitzgerald's kindness, made a full confession of his past delinquencies and Lord Vancourt's refusal to pay the money he promised for his assistance in the plot to carry off the heiress.

'It was a rascally business, Mr. Vernon,' replied Fitzgerald; 'and I must say you have only reaped your deserts for aiding to ruin a young, defenceless girl by throwing her into the power of such a scoundrel, who, by your own account, is suspected to be a married man. Even an Irishman, sir, wild and impetuous as we are, would never have been guilty of such an act as this.'

'Well, then,' said Vernon, 'I will write to Lord Malcolm and offer to give him every information about Lord Vancourt, on condition of his sending me a draft on some banker in Paris for two hundred pounds.'

'Then, Mr. Vernon,' said Fitzgerald, 'I must beg, for the future, we may be strangers to each other, as we were before this unhappy affair.'

'Stay, Fitzgerald; tell me what you would have me do, for I am indeed most grateful for all your undeserved kindness.'

'Sign the letter I shall dictate, containing a full confession of your sorrow and contrition for your unmanly conduct, with all you know of Lord Vancourt and his proceedings, and the promise that you will give evidence, if required, at the trial, without any reservation or stipulation whatever. This, sir, is the course which any man, pretending to the name and character of a gentleman, would without hesitation pursue, and I shall add a postscript informing Lord Malcolm of your condition, and your wife's unfortunate and destitute state.'

'It shall be done,' said Vernon, without hesitation.

Fitzgerald then resumed his seat, and wrote from Vernon's mouth all the particulars, to which his own name and that of the servant girl were attached as witnesses.

'Very well, Vernon, that is a step in the right direction, and I trust the severe lesson you have received will prevent you ever again using false dice or conniving at the abduction of an inoffensive girl. You have now a young wife dependent on your rectitude of conduct, unless you would also consign her to misery and disgrace; throughout your severe sufferings this poor girl has watched and tended you, night and day, with all the care and anxiety of a ministering angel, and for her sake I implore you to lead a new life.'

'I know and feel it all, Fitzgerald, and for her sake, I now swear never to touch dice or cards again.'

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William Beauchamp returned thanks in a short, unpretending speech, thanking Sir Lucius and Coventry for the high compliment paid to his father and himself, and expressing his hopes that 'they might always deserve the good opinion of their brother fox-hunters, as well as the gentlemen of the country who did not participate in their sport.' This speech was much applauded; and soon after the gentlemen returned to the ball-room, Mr. Harcourt beginning to entertain a more favorable opinion of Beauchamp, from the evident cordiality with which his name was received by so large and respectable a company.

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'Eh! aw! yeas! rather uproarious! bad taste, I dare say. Drank Will Beauchamp's health and fox-hunting—couldn't stop the fellows—would have it—hip! hip! and all that sort of thing. Gwynne said, he was a damned plucky, high-spirited young fellow, after that little affair of yours, Miss Douglas, on the common—everybody agreed with him—three cheers more—but didn't forget the ladies—Mrs. Gordon's health drank vociferously. Now, Miss Douglas—believe I have the honor—next quadrille. With which the captain walked off with the heiress.

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'Devilish awkward business, Vancourt, and I hear Lord Malcolm swears he will transport you, if he can, for this attempt on his cousin.'

'That he can't do, Stowell, as I have her guardian's letter, accepting my proposals for his ward, and wishing me success in my addresses.'

'Well, that's something in your favor, Vancourt; but depend upon it, it is a serious matter; and if you will take my advice, don't show your face in England until the trial is over.'

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Vernon was so thunderstruck at the sudden discovery of his villany, that he sat as one entranced for a moment, until roused by the insults and abuses poured upon his head, when he rose, and confronting the Count, accepted his challenge, and offered to fight any other man in the room who might feel himself aggrieved.

'Von at a time, sar,' replied the Count. 'I have de first claim on Monsieur Vernon; and I tink it vara likely he find me von too much; for I will have his life, or he must have mine, before we leave dis house.'

The owner of the rooms now interfered, declaring no duel should take place there; an arrangement was therefore made for the hostile meeting in the Bois de Boulogne on the following morning, at an early hour: a young Irishman, named Fitzgerald, who was slightly known to Vernon, volunteering to act as his second. He made the necessary preparations of pistols, and engaged a friend of his own, a native of the Emerald Isle also, then practising as a surgeon in Paris, to attend, in case of accident to his principal.

About eight o'clock the next morning, which was dull and gloomy as the thoughts of Vernon, who, from his antagonist's hatred and well-known skill, dreaded a fatal issue to the combat, a carriage, containing himself, the surgeon, and Mr. Fitzgerald, drove rapidly up to the appointed place. The Count was on the ground before them, impatient to take vengeance on his adversary; but Fitzgerald, although, like the generality of his countrymen, as ready for a fray as a feast, knowing the Count's deadly aim, felt it incumbent on him to make some show at least of attempting to save the effusion of blood or loss of life; and, accordingly asked the Count's second if a reconciliation could be effected. The offer was received with derision, which roused the Irishman's cholera in an instant, who replied—

'I should not ask that for another, sir, which I would not accept for myself; and I wish all here to remember that my overtures for a settlement have been rejected.'

'Place your man, sir,' was the reply. 'We mean fighting, not talking.'

liquid. By the powers! he's coming round; but, poor devil, with that air-hole through his body, recovery, I fear, is hopeless.'

The Count's friend, seeing what was taking place, hurried him from the ground, believing Vernon to be mortally wounded, if not already dying; but from the pain and the resuscitating remedies used, the sufferer gradually recovered his consciousness, and begged, in a faint voice, to be carried home. His next inquiry was about the Count. 'You winged him, Vernon,' was his friend's reply; 'but now, drink the rest of this bottle, and we will try and get you into the carriage; only don't attempt to speak any more just yet, as the doctor won't allow it.'

Fitzgerald and his friendly assistant, O'Brien, having carried the wounded man to the carriage, placed him in a recumbent position, and by the aid of cushions and their over-coats, formed a tolerable couch for him to recline upon; and he was then driven back to his lodgings and placed in bed: Fitzgerald having preceded him, and prepared his young and timid wife for the calamity which had befallen her; who, almost frantic with grief and horror, implored to be allowed to see her husband, if only for one moment, to be assured he was not killed. 'On my word of honor, my dear young lady,' replied the kind-hearted Fitzgerald, taking her hand to prevent her leaving the room, 'your husband is not killed, although seriously wounded; and any fresh excitement might be fatal; pray, be guided by me; you shall see him directly the doctor will allow you to do so; but let me entreat you, for his sake, to subdue your feelings as much as possible.'

The surgeon, on examining his patient, discovered the ball lodged in his back, just under the skin, and it was, therefore, easily extracted, without much more suffering to Vernon's already tortured frame. Soon after his wound was dressed, he fell into a fitful doze; in which state he was left by the doctor, after having given all necessary directions to his wife's faithful maid how to treat him until his return.

For two days Vernon hovered between life and death; and, on the third day, being quite delirious, Fitzgerald called in one of the most eminent physicians of Paris, who pronounced his case almost hopeless. Still no efforts were relaxed to reduce this fevered state of body; and being blessed with a good constitution, the crisis was at last passed, and he began gradually, though slowly, to amend. During this severe trial to his young, affectionate wife, who loved her husband intensely (the only being around whom her young heart had ever been entwined, even from childhood), Fitzgerald, who became deeply interested in her helpless condition, was a constant visitor at the house, saying and doing all in his power to alleviate the poignancy of the grief, watching, himself, by her husband's bedside during his delirium, day and night, until he was considered out of immediate danger. Her joy at the prospect of his prospect of his recovery, and gratitude for Fitzgerald's care, were almost unbounded; and she would sit for hours together by her husband's bedside, with his hand in hers, and pour out her thanks for his rescue from a violent death. Even Vernon's stern, unfeeling nature gave way before the deep affection shown by this young, artless girl, whom he had seduced from her father's roof, more from the love of her money than any other feeling; but now, sobered down by the sufferings he had undergone, his heart responded to her fervent, deep attachment. 'Oh! Emily,' he would exclaim, 'I am, indeed, unworthy your love and anxious care; but should my life be spared, I will endeavor to make some amends for the injury I have done you, in taking you from all your friends to link your fate with such a monster as myself.'

'Oh, speak not thus, dearest Richard; you are all, everything to me; my father and mother have never loved me as you do.'

'Well, poor child, I must try hard to recover now, for your dear sake, and repay you for all your gentle, loving attentions.' Vernon was soothed and gratified by her unceasing attendance and endearing regard

banker in Paris for two hundred pounds. 'Then, Mr. Vernon,' said Fitzgerald, 'must beg, for the future, we may be strangers to each other, as we were before this unhappy affair.'

'Stay, Fitzgerald; tell me what you would have me do, for I am indeed most grateful for all your undeserved kindness.'

'Sign the letter I shall dictate, containing a full confession of your sorrow and contrition for your unmanly conduct, with all you know of Lord Vancourt and his proceedings, and the promise that you will give evidence, if required, at the trial, without any reservation or stipulation whatever. This, sir, is the course which any man, pretending to the name and character of a gentleman, would without hesitation pursue, and I shall add a postscript informing Lord Malcolm of your condition, and your wife's unfortunate and destitute state.'

'It shall be done,' said Vernon, without hesitation.

Fitzgerald then resumed his seat, and wrote from Vernon's mouth all the particulars, to which his own name and that of the servant girl were attached as witnesses.

'Very well, Vernon, that is a step in the right direction, and I trust the severe lesson you have received will prevent you ever again using false dice or conniving at the abduction of an inoffensive girl. You have now a young wife dependent on your rectitude of conduct, unless you would also consign her to misery and disgrace; throughout your severe sufferings this poor girl has watched and tended you, night and day, with all the care and anxiety of a ministering angel, and for her sake I implore you to lead a new life.'

'I know and feel it all, Fitzgerald, and, for her sake, I now swear never to touch dice or cards again.'

'Keep to your good resolution, Vernon; we may then still be friends, and you may rely on my assisting you in every way I can. Now no more—I will post the letter, and see you again the morning.'

A few days afterwards a letter was received from Lord Malcolm, expressing his sorrow for Vernon's deplorable situation, with a draft on his bankers in London for a hundred pounds, and, by the same post, a few lines from Will Beauchamp, enclosing a note for fifty pounds, which ran thus:—

'VERNON,
'I heartily forgive your ill-founded hatred towards myself, for which I never could assign a cause, and trust you may return to this country a happier and better man. Accept this trifle from yours truly,
'WILLIAM BEAUCHAMP.'

'There, Fitzgerald,' said Vernon, handing him Beauchamp's letter; 'that hurts and cuts me to the quick—that man I have injured, traduced, and vilified more than all, and it was from hatred to him that I joined this infernal plot to give Miss Douglas into Vancourt's power, fearing she loved Beauchamp; envy and jealousy led me on, as I once tried hard to gain her myself.'

'Well, Vernon, this is a pretty confession; but now, what are your present feelings towards him?'

'All that I can do to help his cause and Malcolm's shall be done.'

'That's right, Vernon; you have been tramping long enough and too long to the tune of the 'Rogue's March,' and I hope you see that 'Honesty is the best Policy.'

To be Continued.

'Ten dollars fine for driving over this bridge faster than a walk.' What does that mean?' asked a little Indianapolis boy, who was riding with his father. Father explains: 'If we whip up and go fast the policeman will stop us and take us to the mayor; and he will not let us go till we pay \$10.' Silence in the carriage. Meditating boy speaks: 'Papa! if it warn't for the policemen and God what lots of fun we could have, couldn't we?'

Aquatic.

COURTNEY vs TRICKETT.

We have received the following clipping from the Sydney (Australian) Morning Herald, from a member of the late Australian Olympic Team. We publish it entire:

"TRICKETT, HANLAN, AND COURTNEY.—A correspondent signing himself 'A Sydney Oar' writes to the Brisbane Courier as follows: Noticing under the above heading an extract from The Spirit of the Times, I thought it might be of interest to some of your readers to learn that the race designated by the article referred to as the fastest scull race ever rowed would be considered a very slow race in Sydney. The first mile took 7m 10s. Let us suppose—what is very unlikely—that the race was rowed all through at the same pace, we shall then have a three-mile course done in 21m 30s. The Spirit of the Times says 21m 29s was the official time. Now not only Trickett, but Rush and other Sydney men have done the champion course on the Parramatta River, three miles and a half, in less than 21m 29s. In the last Trickett vs Rush race, this course was rowed in 23m 26 s-10s, the first mile being done in 5m 58s. Trickett was not asked to row after the first mile, and stopped more than once to acknowledge the cheers of his friends, finally winning by 22s. So, if Mr. Courtney can even do his three miles in 20m 29s, he will be left a long way behind by Trickett when they row for the championship on the Parramatta River; and The Spirit of the Times will have to change its tune about the fastest scull race ever rowed."

We know nothing of the course spoken of on the Parramatta River, but from the time given we think the races there are rowed with the current. If so, the fast time is easily accounted for. The "Sydney Oar" evidently has not received news of Courtney's race at Owego, the 17th of October. This was the fastest time on record for the distance, three miles with a turn, 2m 14s. If they have such a large number of oarsmen in Australia they can row three miles and a half with a turn in less than 21m 29s, and the course is over dead water, we agree with the writer that they have some first-class men, who could give Courtney all the business he cared to attend to. Should Trickett and Courtney meet then the problem will be solved, and in no other way, satisfactory.—Spirit of the Times.

A "FOUL" PARAGRAPH.

The sculling race between Boyd and Higgins on the Tyne, was brought to a sudden close by a deliberate foul, whereupon the London Sporting Times sarcastically remarks:

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The professional oarsmen will have to turn over a new leaf. If they do not conduct themselves differently, they will bring boating into bad repute, and then they will have to work a little harder for their bread and butter than they do now.—Turf.

ENGLISH TURF AND HORSE GOSSIP.

LADY BREEDERS OF ENGLAND.—Like Queen Anne of old, who used to send her horses Mustard, Pepper or Star to race at York, there are several of the gentler sex who not only own brood stock, but run the produce of their mares on the English turf. Her Majesty, the Queen, has had possession of a breeding stud since her coronation forty years ago, and other ladies of position devote a portion of their time and money to the improvement of thoroughbred horses. Lady Emily Peel has been a breeder of racing stock for many years, and since the death of Baron and Baroness Meyer Rothschild, their daughter, Miss Hannah—who will shortly be the Countess Roseberry—has had possession of the extensive haras for blood stock at Mentmore. All these ladies have annually sent their yearlings to be sold by the Messrs. Tatnall, under the hammer. It appears, however, that the three ladies of rank above mentioned find that the production and sale of thoroughbreds is more profitable than racing them. The purchase of a horse like Per Gomez for a sire, at 3,000 guineas, from Sir Joseph Hawley, showed excellent judgment on the part of some one connected with the establishment of the present stud at Bonehill. The selection of the very best bred mares about the country is not a matter of small importance.

lump of money, and the most expedient way to get it was by disposing of some one of his many fine horses. But the spirit of speculation would not, even in an emergency, permit him to part with the horse in the usual "hundrum style," as he called it, and he determined to "raffle" the animal. The horse was valued at \$1,000, and Old Bob placed the "chances" at \$10 a piece, it thus requiring one hundred "chances" before the "raffle" would be complete. The scene of the affair was a famous saloon, the resort of many army officers going to and returning from the plains. The first night after Old Bob had perfected the details of his little speculation, he was challenged in the bar-room by an officer of very bluff manners, who inquired what he had there? Bob replied, in no way pleased at the manner of salutation, to the effect that it was a raffle for a horse, but managed to keep down his "bile" and asked the officer if he would take a chance. The officer "allowed" he would, and handed over the \$10. Presently the officer demanded when that d—d raffle was going to come off, anyhow? "Why," replied Old Bob, beginning to lose all restraint, "you're the first, and only man, so far, that's taken a chance. But," continued Bob, "if you want to raffle so d—d bad, come ahead. I'll take the other ninety-nine chances." They went to work at the dice-box, and Old Bob impetuously demanded first throw. This was willingly acceded to, and the results of his three casts was a seventeen, an eighteen, and sixteen—total, 51. This was an astonishingly high throw, and the officer determined to try his luck at once and end the uncertainty. To the astonishment of all present he threw 52, which nearly caused his opponent to break a blood vessel. Old Bob now hopelessly and mechanically went to work. Throw after throw was made, but it was of no use, and Old Bob could never touch 53. The officer next morning rode off on the horse, and thanked his lucky stars for the grand cast which had made him the possessor of a splendid charger for \$10. Of Bob's rage, the writer does not speak. He refused to drink with the officer, and went away cursing his own precipitancy and the blind luck of some people. This story is based on an actual occurrence.

A NEW ZEALAND DOG STORY.

The Maori of New Zealand presents, perhaps, the best specimen of aboriginal man. Honest and brave, he seems to have had few, if any, vices; surpassing the American Indian in eloquence, he was never cruel in war. In his interpretation of the phenomena of nature he has given us one of the most poetical and beautiful mythologies in all the world. But, alas! even the Maori has been contaminated by his intercourse with foreigners. From his European conquerers, the simple, truth-loving native has learned the art of—what should we say? Perhaps the following extract from a New Zealand newspaper will show sufficiently how totally changed the whole Maori cast of mind has become:

"There is a dog at Tambo, and also a young pig, and those two afford a curious example of animal sagacity and confidence in the bona fide of each other. These two animals live at the native pa on the opposite side of Tapuarharuru, and the dog discovered some happy hunting grounds on the other side, and informed the pig. The pig, being only two months old, informed the dog that he could not swim across the river, which at that spot debouches from the lake, but that in time he hoped to share the adventures of his canine friend. The dog settled the difficulty. He went into the river, standing up to his neck in the water, and crouched down; the pig got on his back, clasping his neck with the forelegs. The dog then swam across, thus carrying his chum over. Regularly every morning the two would in this way go across and forage around Tapuarharuru, returning to the pa at night, and if the dog was ready to go home before the pig, he would wait till his friend came down to be ferried over. The truth of this story is vouched for by several who have watched the movements of the pair for some weeks past."

A BEAR UNDER CHLOROFORM.

It will be remembered that some months since the neighborhood of Southampton was in a state of excitement owing to the escape of a Russian bear belonging to Mr. Welsh, of the Bassett Hotel, Zoological Gardens. After a good day's sport it was captured on Southampton Common, and a thick leather collar being placed round its neck, Bruin was removed to the den, where it remained unmolested until Thursday morning last. Having grown considerably, the collar had become very tight, and lately, as the animal had become very restless, it was feared that she might be strangled if the collar were not removed; but this being no easy task to perform, it was suggested that the bear should be put under the influence of chloroform. To that end Mr. Welsh succeeded in procuring the services of Mr. John Baker, assistant to Dr.

show it not far different with the trotter. But this opens up a subject as to whether colt trotting will result in improving or deteriorating the trotting horse. It has been shown above that capacity for extreme achievements belong mainly to certain strains of blood, and, in consequence, that if selections from those strains are used in large quantity, the standard of trotting capacity, of which speed and endurance are prime elements will be increased. If on investigating the colt records we find that a large proportion of the best performers spring from the same strains that produced most of the matured performers, we may reasonably infer that colt-trotting will encourage the same line of breeding that tends to the improvement of the matured horse. It will also cause greater numbers to be bred of those strains, than would be the case without colt-trotting, and hence a wider dissemination of the choice blood, which is likely more than to counteract the effects of injury by overtaining a portion of the youngsters. At all events, without an extensive system of colt-trotting, well established over the country, that will make a demand for young trotters, the business of breeding will be a losing one, and even with the wealthy, enthusiasm soon droops if unsupported by a fair balance sheet. We see thoroughbred yearlings that are fashionably bred bringing high up in the thousands. This is because there are attractive and valuable engagements in which they can be put to ready use. When such engagements are made frequent and permanent for trotting colts, a filly like that which Colonel R. West, of Kentucky, recently sold to Mr. Robert Bonner, of New York, for \$3,000, after a trial over his private track (several seconds slow) in 2:28, as a three-year old, will quickly bring three times the price. Good horsemen rate this equal in 2:25 over the Lexington track, which would make her the peer of any three-year old that ever came out, and her breeding would warrant expectation of improvement, being by Cuyler (by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam by Harris' Hambletonian), out of a mare by Alexander's Naumtan (sire of Lula, 2:15, May Queen, 2:20, &c); 2nd dam thoroughbred. With several eligible engagements, such as thoroughbred youngsters compete for, this filly, considering her comparative capacity with those of her age, would quickly bring \$10,000. Mr. Bonner buys only for private use—never trots his horse publicly, and although he can afford and has the spirit to pay for anything he fancies in horse-flesh, and all that it is worth for turf uses, he of course buys to such advantage as he can, and there being no important turf use for a three-year old he gets it for a third of the sum he would quickly pay if necessary, for he has been, and is to-day, the most spirited buyer in America, provided the article is in his opinion first-class, and his example has been of great assistance to breeders."

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIG HORN.

One of the strangest creations known to naturalists is this member of the animal kingdom the Big Horn or Rocky Mountain sheep. Whether descended from some patriarchal family of "storthorns" who came over on the Ark, or from the common stock that produced the Mexican sheep, is unknown, and probably will forever remain so. It is, however, more than likely that they are a race separate and distinct from all others on this hemisphere, as their forms and habits are entirely different. They may be related to the sheep which inhabit the Ural Mountains of Russia, or the Cashmere for Thibet tribes; but even this is questionable.

These animals are to be found only in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and portions of Montana. They herd among the higher portions of the range, feeding and living at a great elevation. In form the mountain sheep is much like his prototype of the lowlands, being, perhaps, a little larger and more strongly built. Their wool is short and thick and very warm. This coat they retain throughout the year, its growth being so rapid that even their wild habits and the rough usage which they endure never perceptibly thins it. Their heads are disproportionately large, resting upon short, thick necks; their legs thin, but of wonderful strength, and their feet the surest in the world. A sheep never slips off falls. From the head of the buck grow strong, crooked horns. These issue just above the eyes, curve at first outward and downward, then as their growth continues, inward and upward again, until when mature the leaders of the herd often carry horns fully three feet in length, and in some cases weighing from fifty to sixty pounds.

The hunter's fable of the habit which this animal had of striking upon its horns instead of its hoofs when spring from any great height has long since been exploded; but the wonderful leaps which the Big Horns will sometimes make when frightened are as astounding as any tale which has been told of them. When hunting in Colorado I have seen an entire herd jump from cliff to cliff across chasms twenty feet in width, or down precipitous cliffs and even forty feet high, and bound away without the slightest apparent injury.

Billiards.

RAIL BILLIARDS vs SCIENCE.

Apropos of the results of the tournament, the New Orleans Times remarks that the question of "rail billiards" has again come to the surface as a subject of discussion by those who are inclined to view the game from a purely scientific stand-point. The "nurse" enters now-a-days so largely into the department of professional billiards as an essential element of success, that the player, however skillful in general execution can scarcely hope to take rank with the leaders unless he possesses the capacity for pushing the balls along the rail for an hour or more without cessation.

It has got so now that the players of the day care very little for developing the skillful beauties of the game beyond the development of the nursing process, and really there is no occasion for their doing so, inasmuch as it pays them better to play billiards for big runs than to study the intricacies of angles, cushion computations, follow forces, kisses and the like:

Take the "nurse" from the majority of our American players, and where would they be, compared to such experts as Garnier, Rudolphe, and Dion? And yet, under the present existing style of billiards, neither of the three could be backed to win against Slosson, Daly or Shaefer, who are essentially nursers, and liable to run two or three hundred in a single inning. Sexton is not mentioned in either category, for the reason that he stands so far above all players in this country as a general player that the comparison is not called for. He is a billiard player par excellence, and is not only the greatest nurser of them all, but equally as good in general skillful play as any player living.

At the recent rate of progress, the time is not far distant when rail billiards will be brought to such perfection that the extent of a player's run will be measured simply by the length of time he can stand up and punch the balls.

It is beyond question that a game played by such a player as Rudolphe, is vastly more attractive to the admirer of billiards than a display by a player whose chief forte is the nurse, and it is this burden of public sentiments that is destined at no late day to work revolution in the game of billiards as played at the present day, and to make it, instead of an exhibition of "punching," a game in which the study of billiard science in its fullest sense may hold sway.

The subject of reform, in these premises, has already been freely agitated in New York, and it would not be a matter of great surprise to see it brought to the head within a twelvemonth.

FIFTEEN BALL POOL.

To George Tower, of Boston, belongs the credit of pocketing the largest number of balls in one inning. On Oct. 27, 1875, at the Hub Billiard Palace, in one inning, he pocketed sixty balls in succession. In doing this he had to win four straight games. Previous, in June of that year, he won the prize of \$100 gold (\$116 greenbacks) offered by John J. Murphy to any one who would beat his (Murphy's) run of 87. Towers made 88. At this time, we believe, Clarke Wilson had also 87 to his credit. In the Winter of 1875 we were an eye witness to a test performed by the latter played on a pool-table. It was at the room then kept by Ex-Alderman Thies, in Cedar street. Wilson placed the balls on the table to suit himself and then pocketed them all in one inning consecutively—that is, commencing with the number one ball, then number two and so on to the fifteen ball. At first sight this may look very easy of accomplishment, but a trial will readily convince the skeptic to the contrary. We should not be surprised to see these performances eclipsed. The hosts of worshippers at the shrine of the six-pocket table are steadily increasing, and the clatter of the triangle and the hollow voice of the jug are heard all over the land, and many are converts thereto.—Turf.

MOOSE-HUNTING.

There are three modes of hunting the moose, termed still-hunting, fire-hunting and calling. There was another mode, which, I

the cow-moose, in a manner so startling an I truthful that only the educated ear of an Indian could detect the counterfeit. If the call is successful, presently the responsive bull-moose is heard crashing through the forest, uttering his blood-curdling bellow or roar, and rattling his horns against the trees in challenge to all rivals, as he comes to the death which awaits him. Should the imitation be poor, the bull will either not respond at all or approach in a stealthy manner and retire on discovery of the cheat. Moose-calling is seldom attempted by white men, the gift of calling with success being rare even among the Indians.

Fire-hunting, or hunting by torch-light is practiced by forming a bright light, formed by burning bunches of birch bark, in places known to be frequented by moose. The brilliant light seems to fascinate the animal, and he will readily approach within range of the rifle. The torch placed in the bow of a canoe is also used as a lure on a lake or river, but is attended with considerable danger, as a wounded or mangled moose will not infrequently upset the canoe.

The mode of hunting which generally prevails is that of still-hunting or creeping upon the moose, which is undoubtedly the most sportsmanlike way, and affords the greatest pleasure. Still-hunting can be practiced in September, and all through the early winter months, until the snow becomes so deep that it would be a sin to molest the poor animals.—Scribner.

MICHIGAN NOTES.

BY ARCHER.

Three inbred Michigan horses have lately received considerable attention in the National Live Stock Journal, at the hands of "Observer." Fisk's Hambletonian Star, owned in Coldwater, who has a double cross to Abdallah through his sire, and Lady Irwin, his dam. He is said to have sired more trotters than any stallion of his age in the State. Edward, the fastest five year old in Michigan, with a record of 2:29, is one of his get. Dan Robinson is another horse of State celebrity, and is strongly impregnated with Hambletonian blood, his dam being by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, and his sire's dam by Vermont Hambletonian; his great grand sire was Vermont Black Hawk. Louis Napoleon is another popular stallion being the strongest inbred descendant of Messenger that ever stood in the State. He is owned in Owosso, and was sired by Volunteer, out of Hattie Wood, by Harry Clay. As Volunteer's descendants have won nearly 800 heats in 2:30 or better, and performed the best three-mile time to be found in the annals of trotting, it is fair to suppose that the get of Louis Napoleon when "weighed in the balance" will not be found wanting.

A Stock Association has been organized at Langesburg, Shrewsbury County, and a committee, appointed for the purpose, have purchased a Norman Percheron stallion, five years old, 16 1/2 hands high, weighing nearly 1,800 pounds. These Percherons are anything but handsome horses, and very much doubt the utility of a cross of so heavy weight animals on the small native mares of the country. It is not the largest stallions that begot the largest offspring; a great deal depends on the size of the mares. A prominent fact of breeding is constantly lost sight of, viz., that the mixing of two utterly distinct races, with the view of uniting the valuable properties of both, is extremely reprehensible. While there is some foundation for the fact that the horse tends to contribute more to the locomotion and external organs, nerve, and vigour, we must to a great extent look to the mare for size, and internal organs, and the greatest excellence should be obtained in both. One cannot too severely condemn the practice as common among American farmers, of breeding and raising inferior, diseased, and mutilated animals. When we remember how transmissible morbid constitutional taints are, we are at little loss to understand how few good horses there are. These heavy Percherons are slow, available only for heavy farm work, or for use in the lumber woods. They are not adapted to the cart or truck, but for general work is almost useless. For the horse of all work, such as is usually in demand by American agriculturists, the small Percheron would

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The professional oarsmen will have to turn over a new leaf. If they do not conduct themselves differently, they will bring boating into bad repute, and then they will have to work a little harder for their bread and butter than they do now.—*Turf.*

ENGLISH TURF AND HORSE GOSSIP.

LADY BREEDERS OF ENGLAND.—Like Queen Anne of old, who used to send her horses Mustard, Popper or Star to race at York, there are several of the gentler sex who not only own good stock, but run the produce of their mares on the English turf. Her Majesty, the Queen, has had possession of a breeding stud since her coronation forty years ago, and other ladies of position devote a portion of their time and money to the improvement of thoroughbred horses. Lady Emily Peel has been a breeder of racing stock for many years, and since the death of Baron and Baroness Meyer Rothschild, their daughter, Miss Hannah—who will shortly be the countess Roseberry—has had possession of the extensive haras for blood stock at Mentmore. All these ladies have annually sent their yearlings to be sold by the Messrs. Tattersall, under the hammer. It appears, however, that the three ladies of rank above mentioned find that the production and sale of thoroughbreds is more profitable than racing them. The purchase of a horse like Pero Gomez for a sire, at 3,000 guineas, from Sir Joseph Hawley, showed excellent judgment on the part of some one connected with the establishment of the present stud at Bonehill. The selection of the very well bred mares about five years ago was either effected by Lady Peel, proprietress of the Bonehill stud, or her agent, who quite understood the value of good running blood. In course of time Musket was added to the haras as a second sire, but he is now receiving royal patronage at Hampton Court, and Roseberry, the hero of the Cesarowitch and Cambridgeshire, reigns in his stead. As regards Pero Gomez, it may be remarked that from the very first season that his yearling stock was noticed his success at the stud was confidently predicted, and he has the advantage of being "self-made." He has had very few, if any, of what are termed the "Belgavian mothers" of the stud-book to assist him in the production of good horses, yet at the commencement of the twelfth year his subscription list is full at fifty guineas, and there are already several more applications for his services that cannot be entertained. He commenced his stud career at Bonehill in 1872 at 20 guineas, dams of vianers 20 guineas. His stock have therefore been running during the past three seasons, and although he has not yet attained the "pinnacle of fame" as a racing stallion, he is readily but surely travelling in the right path to the desired end. Indeed many good judges think that two of his now three-year-olds have decidedly good chances to win the Derby. These are Sir Joseph and Metador, the former of whom was bred by Mr. Edwin Weaver, the trainer, and the latter at Bonehill. Metador ran only once, when he cut down a field of thirteen for a Maiden Plate at the Houghton meeting.

A BIG CAST AT DICE.

The following story was related to us by a gentleman, who assures us that if it has ever before been published he has never seen it. It is said to be thoroughly characteristic of the hero, who will at once be recognized by old residents of the great city of St. Louis. Old Bob McE. was a famous breeder and lover of the horse. Once upon a time (about twenty years ago) it happened that he needed a certain lar-

the Maori has been contaminated by his intercourse with foreigners. From his European conquerors, the simple, truth-loving native has learned the art of—what should we say? Perhaps the following extract from a New Zealand newspaper will show sufficiently how totally changed the whole Maori cast of mind has become:

"There is a dog at Tampo, and also a young pig, and these two afford a curious example of animal sagacity and confidence in the *bona fide* of each other. These two animals live at the native pa on the opposite side of Tapuarharuru, and the dog discovered some happy hunting grounds on the other side, and informed the pig. The pig, being only two months old, informed the dog that he could not swim across the river, which at that spot debouches from the lake, but that in time he hoped to share the adventures of his canine friend. The dog settled the difficulty. He went into the river, standing up to his neck in the water, and crouched down; the pig got on his back, clasping his neck with the forelegs. The dog then swam across, thus carrying his chum over. Regularly every morning the two would in this way go across and forage around Tapuarharuru, returning to the pa at night, and if the dog was ready to go home before the pig, he would wait till his friend came down to be ferried over. The truth of this story is vouched for by several who have watched the movements of the pair for some weeks past."

A BEAR UNDER CHLOROFORM.

It will be remembered that some months since the neighborhood of Southampton was in a state of excitement owing to the escape of a Russian bear belonging to Mr. Welsh, of the Bassett Hotel, Zoological Gardens. After a good day's sport it was captured on Southampton Common, and a thick leather collar being placed round its neck, Bruin was removed to the den, where it remained unmolested until Thursday morning last. Having grown considerably, the collar had become very tight, and lately, as the animal had become very restless, it was feared that she might be strangled if the collar were not removed; but this being no easy task to perform, it was suggested that the bear should be put under the influence of chloroform. To that end Mr. Welsh succeeded in procuring the services of Mr. John Baker, assistant to Dr. Winfield, who proceeded to the den with him. They found the bear very quiet, having just partaken of one pint of rum and one pound of honey. Several gentlemen were present, and the bear's paws were very cleverly lassoed, much to her disgust. Notwithstanding this, however, Mr. Welsh and Mr. Baker entered the den, and Mr. Baker speedily administered the chloroform, while Mr. Welsh let the collar out a hole or two. The next proceeding was to ringle the bear, and, after the supply of chloroform had been replenished, this operation was cleverly performed by Mr. Welsh. Mizka's paws being released, Mr. Baker quickly brought her round. A hearty cheer rang forth from the spectators, and the party adjourned to the hotel, where Mr. Baker informed them that he had only used two ounces of chloroform. The whole of the proceedings lasted about an hour.—*Southampton Times.*

COLT RACES.

In his third paper on the "Trotting Horse," published in the Country Gentleman, "Hark Comstock" refers to colt races as follows: "There have already been many colt races trotted, and some records that now appear very extraordinary have been accomplished by animals of various ages, ranging from yearlings up to five-year olds. The wisdom of beginning at so baby-like an age as the yearling form—at most within 18 months of foaling—may be questioned, and it will doubtless be affirmed by nineteen-twentieths of those who read this letter that such a course is a foolish and ruinous one. Yet there can be found men of great practical experience who will affirm the contrary, and it was the expressed belief of the late Admiral Rous, highest authority in general matters pertaining to the British turf, that no animal was likely to make a successful racehorse that was not trained as a yearling. Some very good authorities differ with him upon this ground. Wherever the real equity of the case lies with race-horses, I presume experience will

ample has been of great assistance to breeders.

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIG HORN.

One of the strangest creations known to naturalists is this member of the animal kingdom the Big Horn or Rocky Mountain sheep. Whether descended from some patriarchal family of "storthorns" who came over on the Ark, or from the common stock that produced the Mexican sheep, is unknown, and probably will forever remain so. It is, however, more than likely that they are a race separate and distinct from all others on this hemisphere, as their forms and habits are entirely different. They may be related to the sheep which inhabit the Ural Mountains of Russia, or the Cashmere for Thibet tribes; but even this is questionable. These animals are to be found only in the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and portions of Montana. They herd among the higher portions of the range, feeding and living at a great elevation. In form the mountain sheep is much like his prototype of the lowlands, being, perhaps, a little larger and more strongly built. Their wool is short and thick and very warm. This coat they retain throughout the year, its growth being so rapid that even their wild habits and the rough usage which they endure never perceptibly thins it. Their heads are disproportionately large, resting upon short, thick necks; their legs thin, but of wonderful strength, and their feet the surest in the world. A sheep never slips of falls. From the head of the neck grow strong, crooked horns. These issue just above the eyes, curve at first outward and downward, then as their growth continues, inward and upward again, until when mature the leaders of the herd often carry horns fully three feet in length, and in some cases weighing from fifty to sixty pounds.

The hunter's fable of the habit which this animal had of striking upon its horns instead of its hoofs when spring from any great height has long since been exploded; but the wonderful leaps which the Big Horns will sometimes make when frightened are as astounding as any tale which has been told of them. When hunting in Colorado I have seen an entire herd jump from cliff to cliff across chasms twenty feet in width, or down precipices thirty and even forty feet high, and bound away without the slightest apparent injury.

This very fact of their ability to flee where the hunter cannot follow renders the pursuit of them fine sport, and the lover of lamb and green peas will gain an excellent appetite in the chase before the game is his.—F. E. H., in *Forest and Stream.*

WONDERFUL HORSE TRAINING.

Ten well trained horses, the property of Mr. W. C. Coup, were exhibited for the first time yesterday afternoon at the New-York Aquarium. The animals are prettily marked and quite uniform in size. A military drill, as an introduction, was gone through with by eight of the horses, each seeming to understand its name when called by the ringmaster. Then at the word of command a handkerchief was picked up and passed to each other; when Bravo and Bonito pushed a barrel separately and together about the ring. They also went to a box when ordered, and, putting back the lid, took out a handkerchief and did many neat things with it. Kittie selected particular colored flags when told and carried them across the ring, and Cupid jumped a gate, while other of the horses waltzed, and one of the number leaped through a hoop in flames. The newest and, indeed, a very creditable performance was the see-saw—Bonito and Bravo, balancing themselves singly and again together, and then playing the old game that every schoolboy, and for that matter every schoolgirl, knows so well. Flora, a pretty animal, rolled a barrel up an inclined plane, and when dogs and goats were introduced they were carried about and allowed to perform all manner of antics on the backs of the horses. The Aquarium has been arranged to exhibit these trained animals.—*New-York Herald, Feb. 9th.*

The fisherman of St. Joseph are setting their nets and raking in the whitefish daily in great quantities.

revolution in the game of billiards as played at the present day, and to make it, instead of an exhibition of "punching," a game in which the study of billiard science in its fullest sense may hold sway.

The subject of reform, in this promise, has already been fully agitated in New York, and it would not be a matter of great surprise to see it brought to the head within a twelvemonth.

FIFTEEN BALL POOL.

To George Tower, of Boston, belongs the credit of pocketing the largest number of balls in one inning. On Oct. 27, 1875, at the Hub Billiard Palace, in one inning, he pocketed sixty balls in succession. In doing this he had to win four straight games. Previous, in June of that year, he won the prize of \$100 gold (\$116 greenbacks) offered by John J. Murphy to any one who would beat his (Murphy's) run of 37. Towers made 38. At this time, we believe, Clarke Wilson had also 37 to his credit. In the Winter of 1875 we were an eye witness to a leap performed by the latter played on a pool table. It was at the room then kept by Ex-Alderman Phess, in Cedar street. Wilson placed two balls on the table to suit himself and then pocketed them all in one inning consecutively—that is, commencing with the number one ball, then number two and so on to the fifteen ball. At first sight this may look very easy of accomplishment, but a trial will readily convince the skeptic to the contrary. We should not be surprised to see these performances eclipsed. The hosts of worshippers at the shrine of the six-pocket table are steadily increasing, and the clatter of the triangle and the hollow voice of the jug are heard all over the land, and many are converts thereto.—*Turf.*

MOOSE-HUNTING.

There are three modes of hunting the moose, termed still-hunting, fire-hunting and calling. There was another mode, which, I am happy to say, legislation has in a great measure suppressed. I refer to the wholesale slaughter of the unfortunate animals when the deep-lying snows of a protracted winter had imprisoned them in their yards, and rendered them only a too easy prey to the unprincipled butchers who slew them for the sake of their skins.

To be successful in still-hunting or creeping upon the moose, necessitates the aid of a skilful Indian guide; very few, if any, white men ever attain the marvelous precision with which an Indian, to whom the pathless forest is an open book which he reads as he runs, will track to its death an animal so exceedingly sensitive to the approach of man. This gift or instinct seems born with the Indian, and is practiced from his early childhood. It is not uncommon to find little Indian boys in the forest several miles from the wigwam, armed with a bow and arrows, the latter having an old knife blade inserted in their heads. One little fellow named Sootoma was a very expert shot, and we beside *mitchees*, the grouse, and *mataguis*, the hare, if they happened in the way of Sootoma when he was on the war-path; and although he could not thus be killed, even *moooin*, the bear, would be likely to feel the "stinging arrow."

The finely modulated voice of the Indian is especially adapted to imitate the the different calls and cries of the denizens of the forest, and with a trumpet of birch bark, he will imitate to life, the plaintive low of the cow-moose, and the responsive bellow of the bull. Early morning, twilight or moonlight, are all favorable to this manner of hunting. The Indian, having selected a favorable position for this purpose, generally on the margin of a lake, heath or bog, where he can readily conceal himself, puts his broken trumpet to his mouth, and gives the call of

Napoleon is an early paper standing being the strongest in the State of Missouri. It is owned in Owsoso, and was first published by A. Lambert, out of Hatter Wood, by Harry Clay. As Voltaire's descendants have won nearly 300 heats in 200 or better, and performed the best three-mile time to be found in the annals of trotting, it is fair to suppose that the get of Louis Napoleon which "weighed in the balance" will not be found wanting.

A Stock Association has been organized at Langsboro, Surinamese County, and a committee, appointed for the purpose, have purchased a Norman Percheron stallion, five years old, 16½ hands high, weighing nearly 1,800 pounds. These Percherons are anything but handsome horses, and we very much doubt the utility of a cross of so heavy weight animals on the small native mares of the country. It is not the largest stallion that begot the largest offspring, a great deal depends on the size of the mares. A prominent act of breeding is constantly lost sight of, viz., that the mixing of two utterly distinct races, with the view of uniting the valuable properties of both, is extremely reprehensible. While there is some foundation for the fact that the horse tends to contribute more to the locomotion and external organs, nerve, and vigour, we must to a great extent look to the mare for size, and internal organs, and the greatest excellence should be obtained in both. One cannot too severely condemn the practice as common among American farmers, of breeding and rearing, without, diseased, and mutilated animals. When we remember how transmissible morbid constitutional taints are, we are at little loss to understand how few good horses there are. These heavy Percherons are slow, available only for heavy draught, and if bred to heavy mares would probably produce stock available for heavy farm work, or for use in the lumber woods. He is essentially adapted to the cart or truck, but for general work is almost useless. For the horse of all work, such as is usually in demand by American agriculturists, the small Percheron would seem to answer every purpose, he is but from 14½ to 15½ hands high, and in his native land is considered the horse par excellence for the diligence or culture. Although numerous heavy stallions have been imported into Michigan, both English and French, and they get numbers thousands, the lumbermen, I am informed, find it impossible to produce native horses suited to their wants, and have to seek them in Canada. Certainly, this would seem to prove the fallacy of breeding large heavy horses to light mares.

The people of Kalamazoo County are making maple sugar. On the 27th ult., the steamer Hunter arrived at Mackinac from Point St. Ignace, being the latest steamer trip known to any resident of the island.

It is said that the eastern counties of California have been almost completely stripped of deer in recent years. The destruction has made very rapid progress of late, since a glove factory at St. Francisco has hired men to shoot deer solely for the sale of the skins, the carcasses being left behind.

Philo F. Barnum, of Bridgeport, Conn., brother of P. T. Barnum, died on Monday at the age of 71 years. The operation of lithotomy was performed on him last week, Wednesday, and though he seemed in a fair way to recover at first, he soon began to sink. He was a native of Bethel, was for some years proprietor of the Franklin House, was Postmaster of Bridgeport under President Polk, was twice elected High Sheriff of Fairfield County, and was afterward United States Marshal. At the time of his death he was City and Deputy United States Marshal.



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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

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

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

THE POOL AMENDMENT.

In the State Senate at Albany, N.Y., on Feb. 12, Senator Wagstaff introduced a bill virtually repealing the pool bill in that State. It makes it lawful for any racing association incorporated under the laws of New York State, to establish such premiums and chances depending upon trials of speed of horses as they may see fit. Said premiums and chances are to be disposed of upon the grounds of the association during race meetings, in such manner as in the opinion of the officers will be most likely to develop the speed and improve the breed of horses. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The text of the bill, as will be gleaned from the resume of its provisions, is about the same as has been submitted in our columns as being applicable to Canada. It will be noticed there is one important condition

way to lift it from the slough in which it appears to be almost sunken. So long as Racing Associations are conducted simply for the purpose of making money out of them, their success can not be looked upon as certain. A favorable season may show a pleasing financial exhibit, but that will be deemed a chance, and not the normal result which can be confidently looked for. In the first place, outside of any financial consideration, the primary objects of any racing club should be to improve the breed of horses and popularize turf sports in the country. These may be a little expensive at first, but when properly managed and economically conducted, with the confidence of horsemen and visitors secured, the ventures are sure in the end to prove satisfactory. There is nothing that would give this confidence to the same extent as working under a government charter. If an amendment should be introduced to the pool bill in this country, it is altogether probable this clause compelling legal incorporation would be embodied in the Act. This would give our associations a legal status that is not connected with them now, and their investments would be more permanent. The business would be more reputable, not only on this account, but from the better class of men who would become connected with them.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

As was suggested in the SPORTING TIMES some time ago, at the meeting of the members of the National Association of the United States several important amendments were made to the Trotting Rules. As some of our Canadian Clubs advertise their contests to be governed by these rules, it will probably be as well to point out some of the more important amendments introduced into the code. First, in regard to the method of making entries by mail. It was admitted that this privilege had been often grossly abused. Up to this time any entry coming by post was deemed eligible, providing it bore the post mark of the office in which it was mailed, dated the day of closing the entries. Some of the members gave their experience on this question, and stated to their own knowledge that letters had been ante-dated by postmasters in compliance with a request from some friendly horseman. It was shown that after information had been obtained of the list of entries, that entries were enclosed in an envelope that had been already stamped, and under the old rule had to be accepted. There can be no doubt that considerable fraud was practised in this way. The new rule provides that an entry by registered letter mailed the day of closing the entries shall be good; in the case of a common letter, a telegraphic notice of it being sent, must be received by the official taking the entries before the time of closing, viz., 11 o'clock p. m. The rule in regard to a "walk-over" was changed so that in cases where only one horse appeared to trot a race for a purse, he should receive his own entrance money and one-half the entrance money published as due from other persons for the same purse. Under the old rule he was entitled to his own entrance money and one-half of the entry money received from all the other horses entered for said premium. Rule 19 was amended to read so that no heat shall be trotted when it is so dark that the gait of the horses cannot be plainly seen by the judges, &c. The former rule provided "that the horses can be plainly seen." An addition was made to Rule 26, giving the judges power to declare pools and bets off, in case of fraud; with no

being taken in the matter. The changes noted above were about the only material amendments made, and their expediency has been made quite palpable by contingencies that have occurred since the last regular meeting. Some minor amendments were made, which are not of an important character. It is the duty, however, of all Associations who govern their Trotting events by the National Rules to keep themselves thoroughly posted on every change that is made, and they should provide themselves with the revised rules which will be published shortly. A full understanding of the rules and their interpretation, with their import and effect, can only be acquired by their close study, a knowledge that is valuable to every man who visits a race which is conducted under these rules.

VERY LIBERAL!

At a late meeting of the municipal council of the town of Peterborough, the question of licensing billiard tables was brought up, while the general license by-law was under discussion. The local Solons deemed in the first place, that an hotel license in that enterprising burg was worth \$200 exclusive of the government fee. The billiard license was fixed at \$30 for the first table, and \$10 for each additional one. It would naturally be thought that with the excessive impost, the chances of a man in the hotel business would be restricted as little as possible. But we find that the by-law provides in the case of billiard rooms connected with hotels, that they shall be closed from seven o'clock on Saturday night until six o'clock on Monday morning thereafter. It is therefore to be assumed that a room unconnected with an hotel can keep open on Saturday p.m. until such time as it pleases its proprietor to close. If this is not discriminating with a vengeance, we are ignorant of the meaning of the term. The guests of an hotel, which pays a license fee of \$200 to the municipal treasury, are compelled, if they desire to play a game of billiards for mutual pleasure, to leave their domicile on Saturday evening, and seek elsewhere for the enjoyment which such a restrictive enactment denies them in their own home for the time being. We do not know whether any of the hotels in Peterborough have billiard rooms, but if there are any such, they have good reason to object to the law which so seriously discriminates against their business, and favours outsiders whose claims are by no means so strong as those of the publican. The by-law provides that no billiard table shall be used in the same room where liquors are sold, nor shall any bar or other contrivance for supplying liquors be maintained in the same room or apartment where such billiard table is used. What the object can be then in forcing billiard rooms in connection with hotels to be closed at 7 p. m. on Saturdays, and allowing independent rooms to run all night, is very difficult to arrive at, unless it is a deliberate attempt to crush the prospects as far as possible of the hotel keeper. It is bad enough that a noble game like billiards should be restricted at all with a license, but such discrimination as is shown by the Peterborough Solons in their legal regulations is disgraceful to a set of men who control the affairs of such a fine town. This fanatical crusade against billiards is, to use an expressive though unclassical term, about "played out," and it is hoped the "powers that be" in Peterborough will soon fall in line with the march of civilization; in the meantime they should be presented with leather medals which they should wear individually as badges of their

necessary for our Clubs to protect themselves in some way, and nothing at present appears more feasible than giving stakes with added money, in preference to having up big money on the 10 per cent. entry fee.

It has been proposed that an effort should be made to open a Breeders' Stake for colts and fillies. This has heretofore all ended in wind. Everybody thought it would be a good thing, but nobody made any active exertion to bring it about. To-day we are in a position to make a practical start in the matter. A gentleman writes to the effect—I have a 2-year-old colt and if any one will do likewise, I will subscribe to a stake of \$100 each half for a dash of one-half or three-quarters of a mile to be run in September, 1878. This is a commencement, and we trust other breeders will not be slow in coming forward. If this stake were once established, it would be of material advantage and value to the breeders of thoroughbreds, and would probably open way for other races of a similar nature. A 3 year-old stake should fill well, and would bring out the most promising of our youngsters. Now, gentlemen, the ball has been set rolling, and it only requires your individual exertions collectively applied to keep it moving.

THOROUGHBREDS FOR SALE.

A list of youngsters of more than ordinary attractiveness is submitted for sale in advertising columns to-day. They embrace some of the best blood in the province, and to any one on the look out for race horses the notice will be one of more than ordinary interest. First on the list is Exotic, 4 years by Extra (he by Endorser, out of Nannan, a half-brother of the mighty Longfellow, dam the celebrated province-bred mare, Lizzie). If breeding goes for anything a youngster should be a clincher. Amelia, Sharpcatcher (by Luther, dam Maritza, English Flatcatcher) dam Lizzie W. This filly is the Queen's Plate winner, 1877, and is really worth looking over. A full sister, Fanny, a year younger, is a promising filly. Halton, by the great Tartan out of Annie Laurie, should be a race horse all over. Moss Rose, by Sharpcatcher, dam Ada, is blue-blooded enough to be a winner in any class. It is some time since we have been offered for sale, and with the reasonable terms upon which they can be purchased, they should not be long in the market. With the exception of Amelia, all are all eligible for the Queen's Plate. They have been carefully wintered, and are well broken. They are being handled gently and will be fit to go into active training at once. This is a chance that only occurs once in a year to purchase such fine stock, and should not be disregarded.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their letters 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.)

K. B., Belford.—Bay horse, foaled 1866 by Neville, dam Matrimony, by Magpie, 2nd dam, Niobe, by Bay Middleton, 3rd dam, Broken-hearted Lady, by Sir Hercules, 4th dam, Neville, by Napier (son of Gladiator and Marion by Tramp), dam Sally Scobbs, by Sandbeck, a son of Caton. He was not sent out for the Derby.

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 Hudson, Mich. May 29 to 31
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interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

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

THE POOL AMENDMENT.

In the State Senate at Albany, N. Y., on Feb. 12, Senator Wagstaff introduced a bill virtually repealing the pool bill in that State. It makes it lawful for any racing association incorporated under the laws of New York State, to establish such premiums and chances depending upon trials of speed of horses as they may see fit. Said premiums and chances are to be disposed of upon the grounds of the association during race meetings, in such manner as in the opinion of the officers will be most likely to develop the speed and improve the breed of horses. The bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The text of the bill, as will be gleaned from the resume of its provisions, is about the same as has been submitted in our columns as being applicable to Canada. It will be noticed there is one important condition in connection with associations to be relieved from the penalties of the present law, that is they must be acting under a charter issued by the State and incorporated under the laws. The amendment also provides that the chances (pools) are to be disposed of upon the grounds of the association during the meeting. The obligation to have the associations incorporated under the law is a good move, and one we should like to see introduced into this country. One of the main reasons for the decline of the turf in Canada, we think, is to be found in the want of permanency of many of our clubs. Racing management is made too much of an experiment, and if the first year should prove unprofitable or unsatisfactory, those primarily interested become disgusted with the prospects, and withdraw from the field, leaving their places to be filled by others who may fancy they see where errors of mission or commission were fatal to the success of their predecessors. And thus it continues in many cases from year to year. The actual institution of the turf receives no benefit from such a method of transacting business. But if our associations were incorporated and acting under a charter from the Legislature, their management would be controlled more by the established rules of business, and the expediency of this or that for a make shift to carry them over for a time would not be entertained. Again, if incorporated it is more than possible that a superior class of men would be found interesting themselves in the welfare of the turf, which would go a long

method of making entries by mail. It was admitted that this privilege had been often grossly abused. Up to this time any entry coming by post was deemed eligible, providing it bore the post mark of the office in which it was mailed, dated the day of closing the entries. Some of the members gave their experience on this question, and stated to their own knowledge that letters had been ante-dated by postmasters in compliance with a request from some friendly horseman. It was shown that after information had been obtained of the list of entries, that entries were enclosed in an envelope that had been already stamped, and under the old rule had to be accepted. There can be no doubt that considerable fraud was practised in this way. The new rule provides that an entry by registered letter mailed the day of closing the entries shall be good; in the case of a common letter, a telegraphic notice of it being sent, must be received by the official taking the entries before the time of closing, viz., 11 o'clock p. m. The rule in regard to a "walk-over" was changed so that in cases where only one horse appeared to trot a race for a purse, he should receive his own entrance money and one-half the entrance money published as due from other persons for the same purse. Under the old rule he was entitled to his own entrance money and one-half of the entry money received from all the other horses entered for said premium. Rule 19 was amended to read so that no heat shall be trotted when it is so dark that the gait of the horses cannot be plainly seen by the judges, &c. The former rule provided "that the horses can be plainly seen." An addition was made to Rule 26, giving the judges power to declare pools and bets off, in case of fraud; with no appeal from their decision in this respect. It will be remembered at Rochester last August there was a material question came up as to what constituted a start. It occurred through the mare Adelaide running away before the word was given. A great diversity of opinion was expressed, and the sporting authorities were by no means in unison on the question. Many maintained that when the driver weighed and appeared on the track in the sulky even without scoring, that he had started in the race. Others as strongly insisted that the word had to be given before the horse could be considered to have taken part in the race. In this particular case it was a question of some moment, as Adelaide had been pretty well backed in the pool-box; and if she had not started in the race the money would be returned to those holding her tickets, while if she was in the race *de facto* the money was lost. Probably on account of this instance being so prominent the attention of the Congress was directed to it, and Rule 29 was so amended as to provide that all horses that received the word "Go" had started in the race. The Banquo case at Buffalo suggested another explanation or amendment to Rule 37, respecting distances. The new Rule provides that whenever less than eight horses start in a heat, the ordinary distance shall be restored. The question of Colt Records came up before the Association, with a suggestion of not giving a record for colt performances, but the sentiment of the Association was so clearly against the innovation, that it was withdrawn without any action

of an hotel, which pays a license fee of \$200 to the municipal treasury, are compelled, if they desire to play a game of billiards for mutual pleasure, to leave their domicile on Saturday evening, and seek elsewhere for the enjoyment which such a restrictive enactment denies them in their own home for the time being. We do not know whether any of the hotels in Peterborough have billiard rooms, but if there are any such, they have good reason to object to the law which so seriously discriminates against their business, and favours outsiders whose claims are by no means so strong as those of the publican. The by-law provides that no billiard table shall be used in the same room where liquors are sold, nor shall any bar or other contrivance for supplying liquors be maintained in the same room or apartment where such billiard table is used. What the object can be then in forcing billiard rooms in connection with hotels to be closed at 7 p. m. on Saturdays, and allowing independent rooms to run all night, is very difficult to arrive at, unless it is a deliberate attempt to crush the prospects as far as possible of the hotel keeper. It is bad enough that a noble game like billiards should be restricted at all with a license, but such discrimination as is shown by the Peterborough Solons in their legal regulations is disgraceful to a set of men who control the affairs of such a fine town. This fanatical crusade against billiards is, to use an expressive though unclassical term, about "played out," and it is hoped the "powers that be" in Peterborough will soon fall in line with the march of civilization; in the meantime they should be presented with leather medals which they should wear individually as badges of their extreme liberality.

STAKES.

The advisability of giving stake races in trotting contests is exciting discussion just now on the other side of the line. Of course it is not intended that stake races shall be the rule absolutely, but as in running programmes form a material number of the events. One reason why horsemen there are in favor of the sweepstake principle in preference to the 10 per cent. impost on purses is to be found in the fact that in many of their races the number of entries are found to exceed ten, thus, in fact, paying the purse out of the entry money alone. In this way the Association has all the best of the bargain. Another reason is advanced why Associations should give stake races, and that is to the effect, that by adding money on this principle they will know exactly what their disbursements will be, and consequently make their calculations without depending on the very uncertain item—entry money. We have all along been strong advocates for the system of stake racing, and claim now it is the proper basis upon which to issue a programme in any class. The only stake in Canada of any account the past few years has been the SPORTING TIMES Stallion Race, and from the interest taken in that event all over the country, an indication is shown of the popularity of the system. In the present unsettled state of the turf in Canada, through the operations of the Pool Bill, it will be

Sharpcatcher (by Luther, dam Marston, English Flatcatcher) dam Lizzie W. This filly is the Queen's Plate winner 1877, and is really worth looking over. Full sister, Fanny, a year younger, is a missing filly. Halton, by the great Trot out of Annie Laurie, should be a race all over. Moss Ross, by Sharpcatcher, Ada, is blue-blooded enough to be a winner in any class. It is some time since an attractive lot of colts and fillies have been offered for sale, and with the reasonable terms upon which they are purchased, they should not be long in the market. With the exception of Amelia, all are eligible for the Queen's Plate. They have been carefully wintered, and are well broken. They are being handled gently and will be fit to go into active training once. This is a chance that only occurs years to purchase such fine stock, and should not be disregarded.

To 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 telegraph.)

K. B., Belford.—Bay horse, foaled 1868 by Neville, dam Matrimony, by Magee 2nd dam, Niobe, by Bay Middleton; 3rd dam, Broken-hearted Lady, by Sir Bercal; Neville, by Napier (son of Gladiator) dam Sandbeck, by Tramp, dam Sally Snobs, by Maribon, a son of Caton. He was not second for the Derby.

GOULD ST., City.—The original lines were consigned to our waste basket.

WALKER, City.—The gentleman you enquired about is still living, although not in good health.

THE TIME TEST.

The Spirit of the Times contains an interesting discussion on the "time test." Brother to Bassett was a fast horse, a good one, although somewhat out of shape, but he was the equal of Harry Bassett, Enquirer, Joe Daniels, there is scarcely a horseman in the country that would hazard his reputation by setting. Yet, under the "time test," he is the best horse that ever won the Kenner Stake that is to say, carrying equal weights, at the same age, over the same course, he won the event in quicker time than any other horse ever did. Was he the best horse in the list of winners? Gray Planet was the most fearful water breaker ever on the continent. In his trials he out-ran all the time-pieces. Mr. Belmont, trusting to these, bought him at the handsome sum we believe, of \$10,000, and put him in the hands of a skilful trainer. Anything could beat him and still Gray Planet could beat time. This is to the ears of the public, and some of the credulous discredited the truth of the story. Mr. Belmont did not, and a match was made that Gray Planet could beat time. Mr. Belmont backed his horse with confidence for \$10,000, while the public stood by "the old man with the scythe." The result is too well known to bear repetition. Gray Planet won, and down. But this was his last victory. He was handed under the idea: "If you don't succeed, try, try again," but he could not even against inferior fields, so retired under the same disgrace that followed a coward in the same muster out of service by drum-beat court-martial. These facts establish the position that that the public do not, even in America, trust time as a test of merit."

Canadian Turf.

TROTTLING AT OTTAWA.

From our own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10th, 1878.

The races were brought to a conclusion today, and on the whole they must be considered very satisfactory. Although the attendance was not quite so large as last year, this can be accounted for by the fact that this year the track was fenced, and an admission fee demanded, whereas last year the lake was open and a view of the races was free-for-all. The track was in good condition, but by no means fast, being covered with snow. Last season it was glare ice, which will account for the much faster time then. During the meeting the weather continued favorable, and at no time was it too cold for enjoyment. The management are to be congratulated on their efforts, and the winter races at Ottawa, so long as conducted as in the past two years, will be considered as interesting occasions in our winter sports, and always prove attractive to horsemen and spectators, not only in Canada but in the States. Owing to some of the races not having a sufficiency of entries, they were declared off, viz., the 2:38, 2:25, 2:30, and free-for-all, but a race for the latter class was afterwards arranged, in which a good field took part and a fine race followed. Most of the contests, as the summaries will show, were of the most exciting character. The judges were Messrs. Robillard, Young, and Reopelle, with Ald. Lauzon as starter, and their duties were performed to the evident satisfaction of all interested. The following are the summaries of the different events:—

OTTAWA, Crystal Park, Feb 12 and 13.—\$175. Ice trotting. Local horses, bar Deceit and The Moose. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$100, 40, 20, 15.

L King, wh m Lady Barefoot... 2 3 4 1*1 1
W Baldwin, br m American Girl... 1 1 2 2 2 2
J Bourget, ch g Red Jacket... 3 4 1 3 3 3
W McCaffrey, br g Little Trump... 4 2 3 4 ro
Time—2:51, 2:49, 2:46, 2:46, 2:44, 2:43.

* Two last heats trotted on 13th.
Same Days—\$—Ice trotting. Free-for-all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

D Jenkins, b m Nellie Irwin... 4 3*1 1 1
D Gervais, br g Drummer Boy... 1 0 2 3 2
H W Brown, br g Deceit... 2 4 3 2 3
W Van Valkenburg, g g Capt Smith 2 0 4 dr
Time—2:35, 2:36, 2:30, 2:32, 2:32.

* Two heats trotted on 12th.

Feb 13 and 14.—\$225. Ice trotting. 2:38 class, bar Deceit and Alexander. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$125, 50, 30, 20.

D Gervais, b g Farmer Boy... 2 2 3*1 1 1
D Jenkins, b g Jim Ward... 5 1 1 2 4 3
J Bradburn, b g Jim White... 1 7 4 6 5 2
H Covert, blk m Black Jessie... 3 5 2 3 2 4
J Murphy, g g Harry Walter... 4 3 7 4 3 dr
S Hollingsworth, g m Lady Grenville... 6 4 5 7 7 5
D Roy, b m Wild French Girl... 7 6 6 5 6 dr
S Judd, b m Morley Girl... 8 8 8 dr
J Hastings, b m Lady Hastings... 9 dis
O L Fisher, b g Remorse... dr

Time—2:35, 2:34, 2:36, 2:31, 2:30, 2:34.

* Three heats trotted on 14th.

Feb. 15 and 16.—\$175. Ice trotting. 2:50 class; for horses owned in Canada, bar Deceit. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$100, 40, 20, 15.

J Bradburn, b m Miss Tartar... 1 4 1 2*1
H Covert, blk m Black Jessie... 2 2 0 1 2
D Ranger, wht m White Bird... 4 1 0 4 3
J Murphy, g g Harry Walter... 3 5 4 5 4
D Roy, b m Wild French Girl... 5 4 5 3 5
W Baldwin, br m American Girl... 6 7 dr
B Renaud, b g Capt Kidd... 7 8 dr
S Hollingsworth, ch m Lady Grenville... 8 6 dis
W McCaffrey, br g Little Trump... 9 dr
J Bourget, ch g Red Jacket... dr

Time—2:37, 2:36, 2:36, 2:37, 2:34.

* Last heat trotted on 16th.

Feb 16.—\$225. Ice trotting. 2:35 class. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$125, 50, 30, 20.

D Gervais, br g Drummer Boy... 1 2 2 1 1
H W Brown, br g Deceit... 4 1 1 4 3
D Jenkins, b g Jim Ward... 3 4 3 2 2
J Bradburn, b m Miss Tartar... 2 3 4 3 4
O L Fisher, b g Remorse... dr
D Gervais, b g Farmer Boy... dr

Time—2:34, 2:30, 2:30, 2:33, 2:36.

Same Day—\$200. Ice trotting. 2:40 class. Dash of 5 miles, sleighs. \$100, 50, 30, 20.

B Renaud, b g Capt Kidd... 1
J Bradburn, b g Jim White... 2
J Bourget, ch g Red Jacket... 3
J Huntington, ch m Lady Thorn... 4

* Jossie Hoyt and Smuggler trotted a fourth heat to decide for second place. That's how the judges decided.

Feb 15—\$50. Ice trotting. Sweepstakes. Mile heats, 3 in 5 to sleighs.

Owner's Lone Star... 4 8 1 1 1
Owner's Silvertail... 1 1 2 3 2
Owner's Village Belle... 2 2 3 2 4
Owner's Frank... 3 4 4 4 3

Time—3:20, 3:15, 3:11, 3:09, 0:00.

Same Day—\$100. Ice trotting. Free-for-all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

C O Kellett, b g Honest Billy... 1 1 4 3 1
Owner's Little Ethan... 4 3 1 1 2
Ray, ch g Long John... 2 2 2 2 3
J Newell, b g Smuggler... 2 4 3 4 4

Time—2:37, 2:38, 2:36, 2:37, 2:39.

Feb 16—\$70. Ice trotting. For county horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

A N Sexton's Jossie Hoyt... 1 1 1
J Newell's Smuggler... 2 2 2
T McKeown's Bob Moore... 3 3 3

Time—2:41, 2:37, 2:40.

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Sporting Gossip.

The race horse Wash Booth broke his off hind leg in the four-mile race at Charleston, S. C., last week. The fracture was just above the pastern.

Prof. Scott, a horse tamer, is exhibiting his powers over the equine animal in Ottawa.

Mr. P. Rooney, of Montreal, Canada, has had the misfortune to lose his imported thoroughbred mare, Little Maggie, chestnut, foaled 1870, by Mallet (son of Maggie), dam Angela, by Star of Erin; 2nd dam Washerwoman, by Starch; 3rd dam Humbug, by Hedley or Seymour, out of Gramarie, by Sorcerer, &c., &c. She has left as her representative a four-year-old colt, by imp. Rejoinder, for which Mr. Rooney has claimed the name of Ganyanden.

The Massachusetts Board of Agriculture say that horse racing is the only paying feature of their shows, and with the State Bounty is all that keeps some of the agricultural associations alive.

Of the late Mr. Archie Fisher's stock, Kelso and Piccolo have gone to Montreal, where they will go into the stable of Mr. Wm. Carson.

The Michigan Tribune says horses are dying in the vicinity of Battle Creek from a disease of the brain.

The latest information from the Hon. John Morrissey is that he is rapidly recovering from his recent severe and protracted illness. Turfmen everywhere will rejoice to hear of this improvement. Mr. Morrissey will return to New York as soon as winter breaks, and at an early day publish a programme for the annual racing meeting at Saratoga. His purpose is to make it the most attractive ever offered in this country. The number of races to be contested will number one hundred, while purses, stakes and sweepstakes will be liberal beyond precedent.

The owner of the little trotting horse Deceit has offered to match him against Drummer Boy, for \$1,000 a side, the race to be trotted on Crystal Park, Ottawa, within one week from its acceptance.

Prof. Woods, the athletic trainer, has left Montreal for San Francisco where he has been engaged to take part in the fistic drama of "Cooper and Donnelly."

The Congress of the National Trotting Association has elected Col. Woolley, Cincinnati, President, and Edwin Thorn, of Millbrook, N. Y., Vice-President.

Last week four car loads of horses left Perth, for Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two car loads, numbering 84 animals, were shipped on Monday by Messrs. Harvey & Connell; one lot of 18 left on Wednesday belonging to Wm. McLennaghan; and the fourth numbering as many was taken away

ness. Nor has there ever been an arrest for drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or thieving, upon the grounds of the club.—Buffalo, N. Y., Com. Advertiser.

Mr. Frank Martin, Turf Club House, 40 King St. West, has purchased from the estate of the late Archie Fisher the speedy province-bred Maritime, and the trotter Freddy Clay.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett (not the billiard player, but he of the New York Herald) is wintering in Monaco, having for a companion Mr. Carroll Livingston also of the modern Gotham.

The London Field says: "There appears to be an immense deal of illness among race-horses at the present time, very few centres of training being able to exhibit a clean bill of health. We were, at first, inclined to conclude that influenza was the disease from which they were suffering; but it appears to be undoubtedly pleuro-pneumonia, which is creating great anxiety, as even if the horses attacked recover from the immediate effects of the disease, the chances are very great that they become roarers."

In reference to a big score at ten-pins which recently appeared in these columns, an obliging correspondent at Cobourg says that Mr. J. Gilbard, in a game recently played at Alexander's alley in that town, scored 294 out of a possible 300. Our correspondent thinks that such big rolling has never before been recorded in Canada.

A span of good working horses, in fair condition, were sold on the Elora fair ground the other day, for eleven dollars, a set of double harness for four dollars and seventy-five cents, and a neck-yoke for thirty cents.

At the Brighton Ice Races on the first day, 19th inst., the green race was won by Martin's Little William, Sandford's Topsy second, and Jones' Black Squirrel third. The named race was won by Cumming's Trenton, Martin's Anoline second, and Corcoran's Kathleen third.

Mr. Frank Martin of this city, has sold to Mr. O'Brien of Montreal, the province-bred gelding Pilot. He will be used for a saddle horse. The consideration was not made public.

Correspondence.

FROM KINGSTON.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR.—It is now some time since I sent you anything in the sporting line. The fault has not been mine, however; John Frost, Esq., must take the blame. We have had no snow, and the ice has been so bad that our horse owners did not care about risking their valuable stock on it. A change, however, took place some couple of weeks ago, and now our trotters may be seen daily taking their work on the harbor in front of the city. A trot took place on the Island opposite the city last Thursday, when three horses owned across on the Island struggled for first place. Great interest was manifested by the natives in their respective favorites, and considerable dissatisfaction seemed to exist on account of one Islander having secured the services of Mr. Tip Becker, the well-known driver of Deck Wright, to handle the ribbons over his horse. Mr. Becker, however, was not successful in winning first money, although all the "tricks of the trade" were brought into play. A horse named Sleepy Jim proved too wide awake for our American cousin, winning two heats out of three. The county trot was postponed on account of bad track till next Thursday, when most of our city horses will struggle to carry off some of the "hard earnings" of the "home and

Hill also has a span of fast ones, both of which can trot separately in 30. One mare is by Mambrino, and she is a sister to Lady Thorn; the other is by Iron Duke, so you can imagine what a spanking team they make. I was also shown some splendid road wagons, Browster's make, and they beat any thing I have yet seen in Canada. Mr. Hill took me up into his theatre, which is not large, but everything in it shows good taste and a desire to cater to the society which frequents the establishment. (made up by the way of some of the solid men of New York). Take it altogether, it is one of the sights of the city, and should never be overlooked by Canadians; and they can always rest assured that they will receive a welcome worth of the proprietor's well-deserved name for hospitality. Will write from England.—TOE WEIGHT.

FROM LOCKPORT.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR.—Yesterday (Sunday) we had a liberal fall of snow, and sleighing is the order of the day. The trotters are out on "white," the merry jingle of the bell making our streets resplendent with their joyous sound. The sleighing carnival has arrived, and all are out in full regalia. The last of a series of parties given by the Torpshire Club took place on the evening of Thursday last; the occasion proved to be a pleasant one, and the inspiring strains of Jackson's orchestra enlivened the "merry souls" until the "wee small hours." It being St. Valentine's day every guest was presented with a valentine, which increased in no small way the evening's enjoyment. These parties have won a distinction for real pleasure and harmonious intercourse, which others have in vain tried to imitate. Our Opera House is closed, and we are likely to be without amusements for some time to time. The facts as near as I have been able to ascertain are as follows: We are blessed with an uncommon council, who possess selfishness in a great degree and are as greedy as a certain statesman I have in mind (no allusion to spoons). They seem to have only one object in life, and that is gain, and with this view in mind they recently increased the show license of this city from a fair price to an extravagant one. This action did not give general satisfaction, and Mr. Hodge, with his characteristic promptness, immediately closed the doors of the opera house till this action be rescinded; and, as the "wise 'uns" show no signs of weakening, I am afraid that all shows will give Lockport a wide berth. The majority of the people side with Mr. Hodge, and well they may, as it is all "moonshine" to suppose that this city can charge as large a license to travelling troupes as Rochester or Buffalo.—ELL.

FROM OGDENSBURG.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR.—In my last I promised an account of a visit to Mr. J. C. Houghton's stables, but the sleighing has been so poor that I have not ventured out, as it is 10-mile drive, but shall do so very soon. The Maple City's played to a full house here, and gave general satisfaction. They had a very slim house in Brockville, and a fair house in Prescott, and returned home in good spirits, well satisfied with their trip. The Georgians had a good house, and gave a first-class entertainment. Mr. Joseph Labossier, of Montreal, is here to open a school for instruction in the manly art of self-defence, and has a class of ten here and one of 6 in Prescott. He claims to be well adapted to teach. It will be quite a novelty here. All lovers of the healthy and exhilarating

Amusements.

CITY.

Mr. Dominick Murray with his Irish Drama, of Willie Reedy and The Golden Baubon, has been the attraction at our Grand Opera House this week. Mr. Murray is a very attractive man in this city, and his present engagement will in no manner diminish his lustre. The support of the stock company has been very fair, which with the beautiful setting of the piece, has made the pass off very acceptably. Thus, Friday, evening Mr. Murray takes his leave, when we expect to see a bumper house. The next week we will take place to-morrow, and to-morrow-night Mr. Murray will make his last appearance for the season.

At the Royal Opera House a short season of opera has been given Monday (the 6th), Tuesday, Maratana, Wednesday, the Italian Madama Angot, evening, and on Friday, Mrs. Salt, Harman, as usual, was the star, and she showed no less in either the power or sweetness of her voice, while her dramatic ability is much superior to what is generally visible in operatic stars. Business was very good. On Thursday evening Harman's Minstrels commenced a season of three nights and one matinee. They are certainly one of the finest companies ever seen in this city, and among their number are some genuine artists and ornaments to the profession. The attendance has been very large. Next week Stevens' "Unknown" Combination.

Miss Emma C. Thraby and her concert party, consisting of Mr. Will Carleton, tenor; Mr. Alfred Poore, pianist; Mr. Taekent, violinist, and Mr. C. W. Colby, musical director, will give one grand concert in Shafton Hall on the 27th inst.

Among the stars and combinations booked for the Grand Opera House for March are Mr. K. Rankin and Kitty Blanchard in the Dante, Countess Bozenta Modjeska, the sensation of the New York season; and the old favorite Eliza Weathersby and her Opera Bouffe company.

A Dramatic and Musical Entertainment, by St. Patrick's Band Dramatic Club, will be given in Occident Hall, Feb. 28.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Academy of Music Monday, with Frederick Robinson as Farmer and May Howard as Dora.—Wednesday Lady Lyons, entertainment under auspices of the Montreal Cavalry; Thursday and Friday, Joseph Brown, under patronage of Royal Fusiliers. Monday, 25th, The Lingards for one week, opening in Heart and Crown, and the Lingard sketches.—The Theatre Royal was occupied by Haverley's Minstrel Friday and Saturday of last week.

OTTAWA.—Grand Opera House—"Our Own Boys"—Wingfield and Gregory, aerial gymnasts; and the Boon Bros., champion rollers—assisted by local talent, had a complimentary benefit on 13th.—Haverley's Minstrels, 18th and 19th.—Miss Nell F. Brown, elocutionist, 20th.—Lingards 21st, for three nights.

GOVERN.—Sheppard's Jubilee Singers, 16th. Cool Burgess, 18th.

HAMILTON.—The irrefragable Harry Lindley is in treaty for the Opera House. He proposes to open with a first-class variety company.

LOXON.—Holman Opera House.—The Twelve Temptations, to large houses. Miss Clarini Lestorini (Clara Lester in Toronto), and the German Bros., were the leading specialty features.

PR. SARINIA.—Miss Rose Wood, supported by Lewis Morrison's Dramatic Company, on March 5th, in London Assurance.

HULL.—Burrough's Sensation Troupe, City Hall, 16th and 18th.

KINGSTON.—The Lingards at City Hall, on 19th, to crowded house.

Miscellaneous.

A prize fight for \$500 has been arranged between Jim McNulty, of Harve De Graco, and Patey McManus, of Parker's Landing, Pa., for February 25, within one hundred miles of the latter city. Both parties have posted \$100 forfeit.

The enormous number of one hundred and thirteen sprinters came to the mark in the 155 yard handicap held at Lillie Bridge Grounds, London, Eng., on the 26th and 29th ult. The final heat resulted as follows: A. Jelly, 17 yards start, 1; J. Pierce, 23 yards, 2; J. Halhman, 25 yards, 3.

William H. Young, well known as a professional sprinter, died at his residence, 805 Spruce Garden street, Philadelphia, Jan. 31. Several years ago deceased abandoned the elder's profession for the field of spiritualism, becoming a heavy medium, and assuming the title of "Detective." He was afflicted with lung disease for two years prior to his decease, a visit to Florida, in the winter of 1877, having done no good.

D Gervais, br g Drummer Boy..... 1 0 2 3 2
 H W Brown, br g Deceit 2 4 3 2 3
 W Van Valkenburg, g g Capt Smith 2 0 4 dr
 Time—2:55, 2:36½, 2:30½, 2:32, 2:32.
 * Two heats trotted on 12th.
 Feb 13 and 14.—\$225. Ice trotting. 2:38
 class, bar Deceit and Alexander. Mile heats, 3
 in 5, to sleighs. \$125, 50, 30, 20.
 D Gervais, b g Farmer Boy 2 2 3*1 1 1
 D Jenkins, b g Jim Ward 5 1 1 2 4 3
 J Bradburn, b g Jim White 1 7 4 6 5 2
 H Corert, blk m Black Jessie 3 5 2 3 2 4
 J Murphy, g g Harry Walter 4 3 7 4 3 dr
 S Hollingsworth, g m Lady Gren-
 ville 6 4 5 7 7 5
 D Roy, b m Wild French Girl.... 7 6 6 5 6 dr
 S Judd, b m Morley Girl 8 8 8 dr
 J Hastings, b m Lady Hastings. 9 dis
 O L Fisher, b g Remorse dr
 Time—2:35, 2:34½, 2:36, 2:31, 2:30, 2:34½.
 * Three heats trotted on 14th.
 Feb. 15 and 16—\$175. Ice trotting. 2:50
 class; for horses owned in Canada, bar Deceit.
 Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$100, 40, 20, 15
 J Bradburn, b m Miss Tartar 1 4 1 2*1
 H Corert, blk m Black Jessie 2 2 0 1 2
 D Ranger, wht m White Bird 4 1 0 4 3
 J Murphy, g g Harry Walter 3 5 4 5 4
 D Roy, b m Wild French Girl 5 4 5 3 5
 W Baldwin, br m American Girl.... 6 7 dr
 B Renaud, b g Capt Kidd..... 7 8 dr
 S Hollingsworth, ch m Lady Gren-
 ville 8 6 dis
 W McCaffray, br g Little Trump.... 9 dr
 J Bourget, ch g Red Jacket dr
 Time—2:37, 2:36, 2:36, 2:37½, 2:34½.
 * Last heat trotted on 16th

Feb 16—\$225. Ice trotting. 2:35 class. Mile
 heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$125, 50, 30, 20.
 D Gervais, br g Drummer Boy..... 1 2 2 1 1
 H W Brown, br g Deceit 4 1 1 4 3
 D Jenkins, b g Jim Ward..... 3 4 3 2 2
 J Bradburn, b m Miss Tartar 2 3 4 3 4
 O L Fisher, b g Remorse dr
 D Gervais, b g Farmer Boy dr
 Time—2:34½, 2:30½, 2:30½, 2:38½, 2:36.
 Same Day—\$200. Ice trotting. 2:40 class.
 Dash of 5 miles, sleighs. \$100, 50, 30, 20.
 B Renaud, b g Capt Kidd..... 1
 J Bradburn, b g Jim White..... 2
 J Bourget, ch g Red Jacket..... 3
 H Huntington, ch m Lady Thorn..... 4
 M Smith, br h Judge Deavitt..... dr
 Time—14:05½.

The bay gelding, Capt. Kidd, winner of
 the five-mile trot, was sold by Mr. B.
 Renaud, of Ottawa, to a gentleman at Water-
 town, N.Y., whose name I could not learn.
 The consideration reported was \$600. It is
 the intention of his new owner to use him
 or a driving horse. D.

TROTTING AT DUNNVILLE, ONT.
 Dunningville, Feb. —, 1878.—\$100. Ice trotting.
 3:00 class. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.
 B James, b g Red Hot..... 1 1 1
 — Vanderburg, ch m Lottie..... 2 2 3
 Alf Brown's Lady Grey..... 3 3 2
 — Upper's Spotted Colt..... 4 4 4
 No time.

Same Day.—\$100. Ice trotting. Free-for-all.
 Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.
 R James, b g John A..... 2 1 1 1
 Jimmy Bushell, rn g Johnny Gordon... 1 3 2 3
 Benj Gould, blk m Lady Upton..... 3 2 3 2
 No time. DUNN.

TROTTING AT PORT PERRY.
 Port Perry, Feb. 14.—\$60; Ice Trotting.
 For green horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.
 Hugh Henton, blk m Lady Roe..... 1 1 1
 John Cuthbert, b m Annie Cuthbert.... 3 2 2
 Angus McKinnon, blk m Tom Banks.... 2 3 3
 Geo Maybie, g g Grey Ned.
 W Crawford, ch g Silvertail.
 A McCann, g m Village Belle.
 No time.

Same Day—\$80. Ice trotting. 2:45 class.
 Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.
 C. C. Kellett, b g Honest Billy..... 1 1 1
 A N Sexton, ch m Jessie Hoyt 4 2 0
 J Newell, b g Smuggler 2 2 0
 T. McKeown, b g Bob Moore..... 3 4 4
 Time—2:44, 2:38, 2:38½, 2:40.

Of the late Mr. Archie Fisher's stock,
 Kelso and Piccolo have gone to Montreal,
 where they will go into the stable of Mr.
 Wm. Carson.
 The Michigan Tribune says horses are
 dying in the vicinity of Battle Creek from a
 disease of the brain.

The latest information from the Hon.
 John Morrissey is that he is rapidly recover-
 ing from his recent severe and protracted ill-
 ness. Turfmen everywhere will rejoice to
 hear of this improvement. Mr. Morrissey
 will return to New York as soon as winter
 breaks, and at an early day publish a pro-
 gramme for the annual racing meeting at
 Saratoga. His purpose is to make it the
 most attractive ever offered in this country.
 The number of races to be contested will
 number one hundred, while purses, stakes
 and sweepstakes will be liberal beyond pre-
 cedent.

The owner of the little trotting horse De-
 ceit has offered to match him against Drum-
 mer Boy, for \$1,000 a side, the race to be
 trotted on Crystal Park, Ottawa, within one
 week from its acceptance.

Prof. Woods, the athletic trainer, has left
 Montreal for San Francisco where he has
 been engaged to take part in the fistic drama
 of "Cooper and Donnelly."

The Congress of the National Trotting As-
 sociation has elected Col. Woolley, Cincin-
 nati, President, and Edwin Thorn, of Mill-
 brook, N. Y., Vice-President.

Last week four car loads of horses left
 Perth, for Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two
 car loads, numbering 84 animals, were
 shipped on Monday by Messrs. Harvey &
 Connell; one lot of 18 left on Wednesday
 belonging to Wm. McLenaghan; and the
 fourth numbering as many was taken away
 the same day by the owner, Mr. James Al-
 lan. All the owners accompany them to
 Manitoba. The price per horse averaged
 about \$72, or making for the whole seventy,
 about \$5,040.

Mr. Geo. W. Walbridge, one of the pro-
 prietors of the Waverley House, Rochester,
 N.Y., a gentleman well and favorably known
 to the horsemen of Canada and York State,
 died on Monday morning last at his residence
 in that city.

Mr. Ryan, the Montreal champion ex-
 ponent of the manly art, will come to Toronto
 to decide the question of supremacy, if his
 challenge is accepted by any man in To-
 ronto.

Mr. Frank Rogers' chestnut gelding
 Frenchman won the sweepstake race for
 butcher's and drover's horses at Woodbine on
 Saturday last, in three straight heats.

A strong effort is being made to secure a
 repeal of the law passed by the last Legisla-
 ture preventing pool-selling. This move is
 principally made by the horsemen in New
 York City and vicinity. They declare that
 "pool-selling is simply an enlarged sweep-
 stake," and that "if one is immoral and
 against public policy when entered into on
 the race-course and on the race, so is the
 other." It is asserted that from the open-
 ing of Jerome Park, twelve years ago, to the
 present day, there has never been a solitary
 petition, either to the Legislature or to the
 city authorities, for the suppression of pools;
 or complaint of the manner in which the
 American Jockey Club conducted its busi-

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Correspondence.

FROM KINGSTON.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

Sir,—It is now some time since I sent you
 anything in the sporting line. The fault has
 not been mine, however; John Frost, Esq.,
 must take the blame. We have had no
 snow, and the ice has been so bad that our
 horse owners did not care about risking their
 valuable stock on it. A change, however,
 took place some couple of weeks ago, and
 now our trotters may be seen daily taking
 their work on the harbor in front of the city.
 A trot took place on the Island opposite the
 city last Thursday, when three horses owned
 across on the Island struggled for first place.
 Great interest was manifested by the natives
 in their respective favorites, and considerable
 dissatisfaction seemed to exist on account of
 one Islander having secured the services of
 Mr. Tip Becker, the well-known driver of
 Deek Wright, to handle the ribbons over his
 horse. Mr. Becker, however, was not suc-
 cessful in winning first money, although all
 the "tricks of the trade" were brought into
 play. A horse named Sleepy Jim proved too
 wide awake for our American cousin, win-
 ning two heats out of three. The county trot
 was postponed on account of bad track
 till next Thursday, when most of
 our city horses will struggle to carry off some
 of the "hard earnings" of the "bone and
 sinew" of our own country. I understand
 Mr. John Carson, Dr. Horsey, and Mr.
 Wm. Lemmon will send over "Kitty Bos-
 well," "Deserter," and "Merryweather."
 If they carry out their intention a hot race
 with Mr. Tom Horn's white gelding, "John
 Williams," owned on the Island, will take
 place. "John Williams" is a converted
 pacer, and it is said has not forgotten how to
 do a little of it yet. If he is allowed to pace
 the other horses might as well stay at home.
 A series of races will come off on the ice at
 Sydenham in a couple of weeks, when a good
 time may be expected by all who favor the
 popular Secretary, Mr. William Mace, with
 an entry. The bill will be out in a few days.
 BROO.

FROM NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15, '78.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR,—Being called to the Old Coun-
 try in an unexpected manner, I thought
 I would call and see some of the
 wonders of this wondrous city. I paid a
 visit to Mr. Harry Hill's well known place,
 on purpose to see the proprietor, and also to
 see his horse Curiosity. I was not fortunate
 enough to see the horse himself, but I saw a
 very handsome painting of him, and I can
 assure you he is not misnamed. How on
 earth he manages to trot at all is a mystery
 to me. He is a dark sorrel with one white
 hind foot. He is shaped exactly like a giraffe
 on the back, and not like a drumhead, as I
 have seen him described in other papers.
 Anyhow, he can trot like Sam Hill, so the
 proprietor says, hump or no hump. Mr.

facts as near as I have been able to ascertain
 are as follows: We are blessed with an un-
 common council, who possess selfishness in
 a great degree and are as greedy as a certain
 statesman I have in mind (no allusion to
 spoons). They seem to have only one object
 in mind they recently increased the show
 license of this city from a fair price to an
 extravagant one. This action did not give
 general satisfaction, and Mr. Hodge, with
 his characteristic promptness, immediately
 closed the doors of the opera house till this
 action be rescinded; and, as the "wise ones"
 show no signs of weakening, I am afraid
 that all shows will give Lockport a wide
 berth. The majority of the people side with
 Mr. Hodge, and well they may, as it is all
 "moonshine" to suppose that this city can
 charge as large a license to travelling troupes
 as Rochester or Buffalo.—ELL.

FROM OGDENSBURG.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

Sir,—In my last I promised an account of
 a visit to Mr. J. C. Houghton's stables, but
 the sleighing has been so poor that I have
 not ventured out, as it is 10-mile drive, but
 shall do so very soon. The Maple City's
 played to a full house here, and gave general
 satisfaction. They had a very slim house in
 Brookville, and a fair house in
 Prescott, and returned home in good spirits,
 well satisfied with their trip. The Georgias
 had a good house, and gave a first-class en-
 tertainment.

Mr. Joseph Labossier, of Montreal, is here
 to open a school for instruction in the manly
 art of self-defence, and has a class of ten
 here and one of 6 in Prescott. He claims to
 be well adapted to teach. It will be quite a
 novelty here.

All lovers of the healthy and exhilarating
 sport of skating have had an excellent chance
 to satisfy their desires, as the Oswegatchie
 river has had a splendid sheet of ice for the
 last week. On Saturday evening there were
 no less than 600 people on the ice, and it
 was well into Sunday before they could give
 up. Sunday's snow put an end to the sport
 for the present.

Miss Nella F. Brown, of Boston, is to read
 here on the 21st and 22nd.—SCRIBBLER.

A MUSICAL PRODIGY.

Those who have heard Master George
 Fox, son of Mr. C. A. Fox, of this town, per-
 form on the piano will bear us out in say-
 ing that he possesses musical talent of so
 high a character as will scarcely be equalled
 on this continent. Though the lad is only
 seven years old, he gave such proofs of his
 fine appreciation of musical sounds as to as-
 tonish those who heard him. At the concert
 on Monday night he was placed at a distance
 of about ten feet from the piano with his back
 turned toward the piano and facing the au-
 dience, so that it was impossible for him to
 see the keys of the instrument, yet he told
 off every note as quick as it was struck. Not
 only did he tell single notes but he would
 call off as quick as struck any number of ac-
 cords or discords as well in the
 lowest bass as in the highest treble. He
 did this without any hesitation, showing that
 sounds were as familiar to him as physical
 objects are to the eyes of ordinary mortals.
 While Master Fox possesses this high musi-
 cal talent he is by no means an oddity. He
 learns his lessons at school as well as ordi-
 nary boys. We have no hesitation in saying
 that with life and health Master Fox will
 prove one of the greatest musical geniuses
 the world has ever produced.—Walkerton
 Telescope.

ing in Heart and Crown, and the
 sketching. The Theatre Royal was
 Haverty's Musical Friday and Saturday
 week.

OTTAWA.—Grand Opera House.—Dance
 by W. Wingfield and company, assisted by
 a choir—assisted by local talent, had a suc-
 cessful evening on 13th.—Haverley's
 school, 18th and 19th.—Miss Nell F. Brown,
 eloquentist, 20th.—Lancaster 21st, for
 nights.

OTTAWA.—Sheppard's Jubilee Singers, 1
 Cool Burgess, 18th
 HAMILTON.—The Improbable Harry Jan-
 is in treaty for the Opera House. He pur-
 to open with a first-class variety company.
 LONDON.—Holman Opera House.—The Pe-
 Temptations, to large houses. Miss Clarina
 Terini, Clara Louer in Toronto, and the con-
 Bros., were the leading specialty features.

PR SANSIA.—Miss Rose Wood, supported
 Lewis Morrison's Dramatic Company, on M.
 6th, in London Assurance.
 HULL.—Burrough's Sensation Trompeur
 Hall, 16th and 18th.

KINGSTON.—The Langards at City Hall,
 on 19th, to crowded house.

Miscellaneous.

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 sional printer, died at his residence, 805 Spruce
 Garden street, Philadelphia, Jan. 31. Several
 years ago deceased abandoned the cinder path
 for the field of spiritualism, becoming a healing
 medium, and assuming the title of "Doctor."
 He was afflicted with lung disease for two years
 prior to his decease, a visit to Florida last winter
 afforded him temporary relief, and he was pre-
 paring to take another trip to Jacksonville when
 seized with the attack which terminated fatally
 a month later. His funeral was largely attend-
 ed.

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Miscellaneous.

John Morrissey says:—It is not his turn to shuffle—alluding, of course, to the mortal coil.

Mrs. Mary Muldoon died on Monday at Troy, N. Y., aged 101. She was a solid woman.

A law against gambling in the army is proposed. General Sherman thinks it unnecessary. He thinks that good morals are the result of thought and association, not of law.

There is an exhibition in New York aquarium a sun fish seven and one-half inches long and nine and one-half feet growth, which weighed when alive 910 pounds.

A Port Jervis man is said to have a tame partridge that will eat from his hand. Most people would prefer to have ocular demonstration of the statement before believing it.

Will somebody hand us a spade and direct us to some lonely spot.—Rochester Democrat. Yes, let somebody hand you the ace of spades when you are drawing for a flush of hearts, and you'll think it is the loneliest spot you ever saw.—Saginaw Courier.

A San Francisco gentleman owns a pair of tiny Greek fighting cocks—they weigh about a pound and a half each—which will whip anything that wears feathers, no matter what its size. After chasing a bull-dog out of the stable the other day, they tackled a horse sixteen hands high.

Mr. C. McNab, the well-known hunter, after an expedition of one month, has just returned to River du Loup with 24 head of Cariboo, being the largest number killed during the same period in Canada; he had no hounds, and was only accompanied by his Indian attendant.

It is very rarely that a three card monte-man is beaten at his own game, but coming up on the train, near Rochester, N. Y., the other night, one of these biters was most effectually bit. The victim (?) was apparently an unsophisticated granger, but he evidently understood the theory as well as the practice of cards, and when he left the train, he carried away about \$50 of the would-be flooper's money. There was no interference by the passengers.

The following trick has often been played with success at English horse fairs: A good, sound and showy horse is sold at a reasonable price, which has been somehow educated to "roar" on the approach of certain persons, and so soon as the buyer leads it to a stall, pending his departure, one of a swindling gang approaches and the horse begins. "By Jove, sir, you've been let in for a roarer," says the fellow, sympathetically. The purchaser is horrified. Then the fellow knows some one whom he saw about just now who might perhaps take it off his hands at half price, and the trick's played. A sharp farmer who knew the dodge wasn't to be gaumoned, and actually had to be protected on his road home, so furious were the bitten biters.

Big Hogs.—In the county of Burlington, N. J., upon three farms, at the present writing, may be found three pens of fattened hogs, whose average weight, it is claimed, is without a parallel in history—on the farms of Joseph Carter, Samuel Southard, and Richard Harrison. These hogs are of no particular breeding, but only show what can be accomplished by careful management and care during a series of years upon our native breeds. It is claimed that Carter has twenty hogs that will average 700 lbs. each when dressed, and that two of the number will dress 1,300 lbs. The other pens are greater in numbers, and nearly equal in weight. They awaken quite an interest in the country about there, and the pens are being visited by many people.

William Sinclair, of Cambay, Ont., tamed a young crow last spring, and it made warm friends with a hound on the farm, sharing the dog's meat and kennel, and when it was given food it would invariably share it with its canine companion. It would not give it to the dog at once, but fly around just above his head with the morsel in his bill, and then would finally let him have it. But instinct began to be too powerful as the

had that mare shod with gold. Such is the story which I have from New York. Miss Thomson, I believe, fancies that the assumption of an eccentricity almost allied to madness is her best defence against the fortune-hunters who pester her here as much as in America. She wears shoes herself which would hardly disgrace a Lancashire wifekicker, and is otherwise so attired as to shock anyone with aesthetic ideas of the grace of woman's attire. She will be a very Katherine to win, but possibly she may find the Petruchio who will tame her. I don't know whether she is worth the experiment—but I know a good many men who would make it for the sake of the half million of dollars."

SWIMMING THE HORSE.

The following hints as to the manner in which a horse should be taken through a stream are given by the Darling correspondent of the Pastoral (Aus.) Times: "It is astonishing how foolhardy most men are in venturing into deep water on horseback. Many a man has been years in the colony without having had occasion to attempt swimming a horse; but hearing it spoken of as a trifling matter, he fancies it comes as naturally for a horse to swim with a man on his back as to walk or gallop. On the contrary, not above two or three horses in a hundred can carry a man safely over a river or stream of any width, and very few men have the nerve, coolness, and presence of mind to leave a horse alone and let him swim. A horse with a man's weight on his back naturally sinks very deep in water, and many horses, before they attempt swimming, keep feeling for bottom with their hind legs. Unless a man is accustomed to swimming a horse, he gets nervous, begins pulling at the reins, and then it is all up with him. The horse gets frightened, struggles, rolls over on his side, or comes right over backwards, and probably gives his rider a kick that puts an end to all his chances of getting ashore. In my opinion no man should go into deep water of any width who cannot swim, and a swimmer should take off his clothes, put them in front of his saddle, unbuckle his reins, and then he is ready for any emergency. The neglect of this latter precaution generally drowns the horse, as his foot gets caught in the bridle. I have, however, seen many a man who could not swim get safely across a river by driving his horse and catching hold of his tail."

Horse Notes.

JOHN E. TURNER'S STABLE.—This popular Philadelphia trainer and driver has the following string under his charge in the Quaker City: Nettie, 2:18; Nil Desperandum, 2:24; Dora, 2:29; Nellie, 2:32; Mattie Lyle, 2:30; Glenwood and six others not particularly fast. Hannia, now in Baltimore, will be added to the list.

BLANQUE AND BANQUO.—The black horse Blanque, 6 years old, was last week sold to Mr. Wm. Angell as a mate for Banquo, both being in Mr. Golden's stable. Blanque is said to be very fast on the road, and will make an excellent mate for Banquo. It is predicted that they will trot to the pole, on the track, in better time than any yet recorded.

START.—Mr. Sanford's fine filly Start, 4 yrs, by Glenelg out of Stamps, has been allotted 114 lbs. in the Newmarket International Handicap, across the flat (a little over a mile and a quarter.) Mondaine, 5 yrs, 126 lbs., has the highest weight.

PATENT PULLING STRAP.—Peter Mance has invented a simple method for preventing a horse from pulling on either rein, and keeping his mouth closed while he is trotting, this keeping his tongue under the bit. It can be applied to any bridle in single or double harness or for the saddle. It has the further advantage of preventing a horse from running away.

DIFFERENCE IN CLIMATES.—The training season had fairly opened in England by the middle of January, and fully 2,000 flyers were taking regular exercise every day over Newmarket Heath, Boverley, Malton, Stockbridge, Kingsclero, Middleham, Chilton, Halsey, Manton, Lambourne, Stanton, Lewes, Findon, Richmond, Epsom, Hednesford, and Bockhampton. This shows a wonderful difference in the climates of Great Britain and this country, but it is more than probable that there is quite as great a difference between the turf courses of England

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JOHN E. TURNER'S STABLE.—This popular Philadelphia trainer and driver has the following string under his charge in the Quaker City: Nettie, 2:18; Nil Desperandum, 2:24; Dora, 2:29; Nellie, 2:32; Mattie Lyle, 2:30; Glenwood and six others not particularly fast. Hannis, now in Baltimore, will be added to the list.

BLANQUE AND BANQUO.—The black horse Banque, 6 years old, was last week sold to Mr. Wm. Angell as a mate for Banquo, both being in Mr. Golden's stable. Banque is said to be very fast on too road, and will make an excellent mate for Banquo. It is predicted that they will trot to the pole, on the track, in better time than any yet recorded.

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JACK PHILLIPS' STABLE.—The following horses are being wintered at Jack Phillips' stables, Suffolk Park, Philadelphia: Billy Ray, 2:24; Ella Madden, 2:25; Baron Luff, 2:27; Sans Souci, 2:38; Alice Medium, Ultra, Faugh-a-Ballagh, Frank J. and Sleepy Kate, an unknown pacer. The old and reliable trotter, Frank J., record of 2:23, is also at the Suffolk Park stables, but Jack will not allow him to be counted with the others. He is completely used up. He has been blistered and fired so often that his hide resembles the skin of a roasted potato more than that of a horse. He is allowed to take an airing occasionally, which he is enabled to do by leaning against a fence and watching with envious eyes the other trotters at their exercise.

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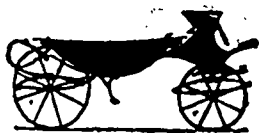
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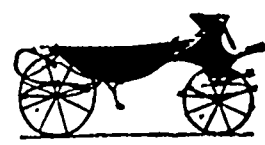
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THE CHARGES AGAINST JOHN C. HEENAN.

The New York Clipper of last week, in speaking of the charges made by Jack McDonald, about the late John C. Heenan, in his fight with Tom King, which charges were published in the *Sportsman's Sporting Trials*, says:

Whether or not the statement above made be true or false, coming as it does after the lapse of many years, and when the accused principal of this other second Tom Sayers have been long dead, it were better for all concerned to have it written. The reason for this is, that if the assertion, which is now being made, is strictly true, does not it follow that the late day, when there is no one who can positively refute it (and it will be long before any will care to corroborate it), the "Jack" was then quite as sensitive upon his honor as he is to any man's charge today. Had more provocation provided for the day, it is probable that the late day would have been a just one than the allusions made in the *Sportsman's* reprint of the fight could possibly have afforded. Believing, as we at the time did, that McDonald was unjustly accused, we defended him from the charges hurled at him, but his recent action shows what shakes our belief in his innocence of the damaging charges preferred. Heenan certainly did not perform like a man who had learned to lose a battle, his hurricane style of fighting suggesting extreme confidence and an intention to bring the affair to a favorable termination speedily. The fighting was of the most furious description, tremendous blows being given and received, mostly in favor of the American, who repeatedly threw King with terrific force, and had not Tyler, one of the latter's seconds, two or three times broken the severity of these blows, it was thought that King's neck must have been broken. It is scarcely to be supposed that a man would seek to accomplish his own defeat by knocking his antagonist out of time, which latter Heenan was constantly aiming to do, and which he succeeded in accomplishing in the seventh round. And it was in a great measure the way in which Heenan's seconds acted at this juncture that gave rise to the accusations against McDonald. Sayers was not blamed, for, aside from the fact that he naturally would not wish to see Heenan beaten, it is well known that through too frequently interposing he was in no condition to look after the interests of anybody. Though King was really out of time for several minutes, and Heenan two or three times wanted to the scratch in response to the call, and again returned to his corner, McDonald did not once claim the fight for him, though asked to do so by Heenan's friends. Of course it was not Heenan's place to put in a claim, but a claimant of his powers as he was, he probably did not care to, doubtless thinking the contest at an end already. But King, who had been a manly nurse, at last faced his man, and, despite regaining his strength while Heenan fell so weak, he soon had the latter at his mercy, administering frightful punishment, very some of which the American need have received if only such conduct as that one alluded to had entered into. We, for these and other reasons among them, a firm belief in John Heenan's honor and courage cannot believe that what Jack McDonald so positively asserts is true, and we fear that the latter has injured himself more by taking this course than if he had maintained a silence which there was really no occasion to break. So long as the statement has been published, however, we trust that such may be taken as will tend to corroborate or cast doubt upon the same, hoping that the result of the agitation will be a clearing up of the mystery which has surrounded a fight in which something is universally believed to have been wrong. The names of the parties now living who are asserted by McDonald to have been cognizant of the alleged "sell-out" should in justice be given, in order that we may get at such bottom facts as may exist.

Since the foregoing was in type we have received the (London) Referee of Jan. 27, in which we find the following mainly comments by the editor, "Pendragon":

"I have no hesitation in saying that the letter is an infamous concoction. The writer, who remained silent during the life of the man whom he now assails, though openly accused of treachery by that man and his friends, tries to make capital for himself by blackening the character of the dead. It will be remembered that McDaniel and Sayers seconded Heenan, and that

thieves do not generally fall out in time for honest men to get their own. The quarrel between Heenan and McDonald would certainly have ended in an exposure had the latter's hands been clean at the time, but they were not, even admitting that what he now says has a substratum of truth. There has been nothing said lately that was not said fourteen years ago. Perhaps Mr. McDonald will explain why he did not state his case then in answer to the open accusations of Heenan and Heenan's friends."

Horse Notes.

EQUINE GIANTS.—Mr. Edward Morton, of Abbeville, Ohio, shipped recently to Boston, Mass., a lot of five horses, among them two grays, 4 years old, each measuring 20 hands high, and weighing together 4,500 pounds. They were purchased for an ice farm in that city.

SALT OF YEARLINGS IN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. C. Fisher, Australia, recently sold twenty-eight yearlings at public auction, for which he obtained 12,615 guineas, or \$61,327, an average of nearly \$2,300 per head. A filly by The Marquis out of Sylvia brought 1,000 guineas; a filly by The Marquis out of Art Union, 810 guineas; a filly by The Marquis out of Sunshine, 830 guineas; a colt by Fireworks out of The Gem, 800 guineas; a colt by Angler out of Chrysolite, 720 guineas; a filly by Angler out of Auk, 660 guineas; and a filly by Fireworks out of Bagpiper, 610 guineas. This sale shows that good racing blood will bring good prices in any section of the world.

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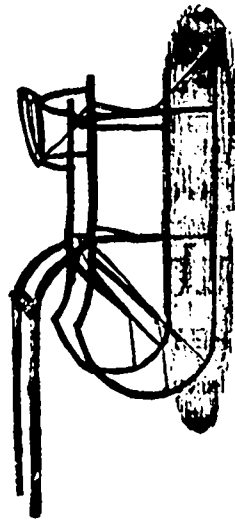
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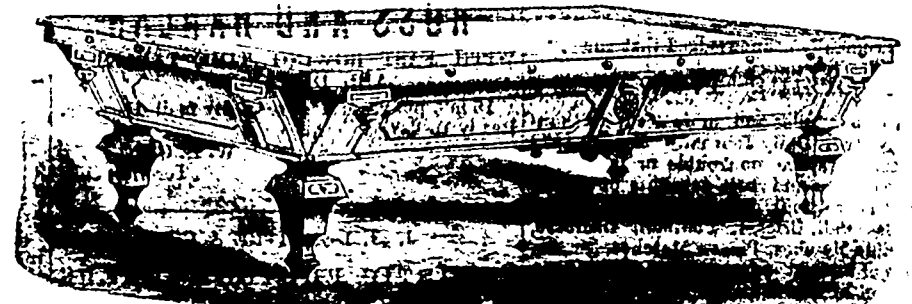
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