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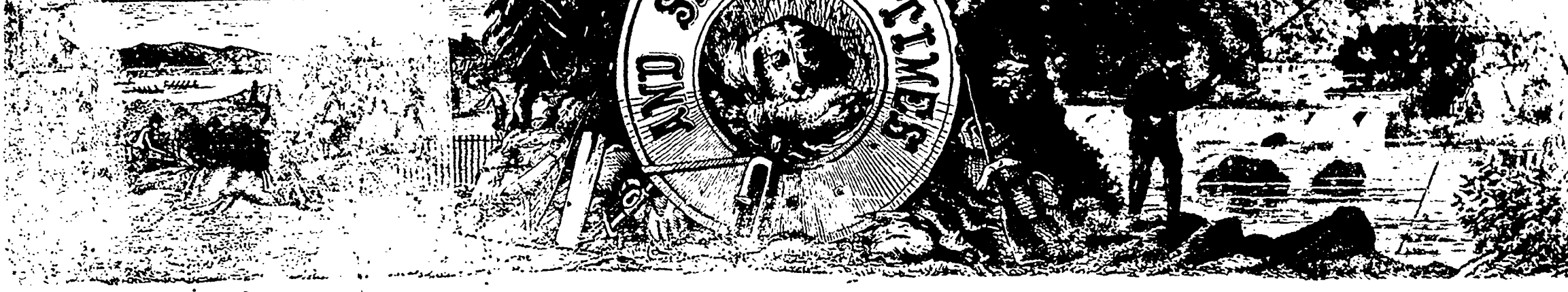
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**THE THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE**  
**HOW TO BREED, REAR AND**  
**TRAIN THEM.**  
 BY AN OLD TRAINER.  
 CHAPTER XXXV.

Series is Continuing—Shoeing and  
 Plating.  
 (From the Spirit of the Times).

Shoeing becomes very dangerous upon the feet of the horse himself. Whilst being resoled, scraped, rubbed off, washed, or sponged off, they will kick or lounge out something which looks and legs so severely as to cause lameness, and a kicking horse, when shod, is a very dangerous animal to have about other horses, even upon the track. I have known horses to kick each other upon the track when galloping side by side, and, in one instance, striking at a horse and breaking the hock. Often horses have had their heads and necks kicked by other horses when shod. The danger of the kicking is in the fact that the foot is loaded with it; it is like the knee-capping net with a brass knuckle upon it. It is very dangerous to the boys who are employed to be amongst them grooming, feeling, or washing for them, always liable to be pained or hurt by a vicious horse. Even the best of the horses, when in play, may rear up and throw his fore feet upon the boy; and if he should have often seen horses do this, and if the weather was about to occur, and if he was supposed to be in the stall at the time, he would be necessary duty. You know, however, are dangerous and unnecessary when used upon racehorses, because the horse is accustomed and used with a great deal of speed without shoes. There is another source of danger attending the use of shoes, in galloping or breacing, when the horse is known to throw a shoe, and the shoe which struck the thigh of the hind leg, and the larger vein, and it was with difficulty the animal's life could be saved. This occurred with Mr. John Jackson in a breeze with Mr. Smith at Clark's, Ky. It will be seen from the above that horses, when working, are liable to receive a shoe, not only to the injury of themselves, but all other horses that may be working about them, as well as to the jockeys who are riding them. The danger of throwing a shoe from the horse's foot, when rapidly at work, is the velocity with which it is hurled, and if it should hit a horse or boy, it may cause serious injury. In the mud or heavy track it is still more dangerous for horses throw their shoes, because on slippery or muddy tracks the horse is liable to slip, and in fact, it is dangerous to the horse rapidly in heavy or

Asile from the many, very many injuries that is brought upon the horse from shoeing, frequently resulting fatally, the shape, the health, the texture of the foot, all are altered for the worse, excepting in a few cases, by the wearing of shoes. If shoeing is commenced in the early stage of the horse's career upon the turf, by the time he is three years old he will neither have sound nor well-formed feet, for most of the blacksmiths cut away too much of the foot, either by cutting away the bars, which invites a contraction at the heel by weakening the brace that kept it open, from the heel, or leaving the toe too long, or rasping too much off the outer crust when finishing the foot, after the shoe is put on. I know of many horses whose feet have been so injudiciously cut away, during the process of shoeing, that it was almost impossible to keep a shoe on them any length of time during the season. Then again, there are so few blacksmiths who understand how to make a shoe fit for a racehorse. In making the arbor of the shoe they will run their swage close to the outside of the shoe, so that when the nails are driven in, they split the outer crust like a narrow wedge, and, unless well pointed, the nail will come out too high up on the hoof. whereas, if the arbor, or swage, was made near the centre of the shoe, the nail, when driven into the shoe, would take a thick and short cut to the outer surface of the hoof, with no danger of running up so high as to affect the sensitive part of the foot. A shoe of that form could be held upon the foot much longer than one where the nails are driven close to the edge, as a severe spring of the heel would throw it off.

There is no kind of treatment which has proved so fatal since the horse has been domesticated, especially the thoroughbred racehorse, as that of bad shoeing. Of course, good shoeing is better than improper shoeing, but it is all more or less injurious, as well as dangerous, to his feet and action. I have tried all kinds of shoeing, the old flat shoe, round-toed shoe, steel-toed shoe, and the concave-convex shoe.

The last mentioned shoe I introduced into general use for the thoroughbred over thirty years ago, although I was not the inventor, it having been invented in England fifty or sixty years since, but I now think it far the best shoe worn by the horse. They require some ingenuity in their construction over that of the ordinary shoe, and hence they are hard to procure, as they are mostly used upon racehorses, so that few blacksmiths make any use for them, or have learned to make them. The best maker of this kind of shoe is Mr. John Breez, who does most of the shoeing and plating for the racehorses in the North. He is one among the few men that I know of who can shoe a horse in accordance with nature, and since I have discontinued the use of shoes and plates, I have no use even for his services, but still, if it were necessary to consult him, in regard to a horse's foot, I would take his judgment in preference to any other man, and he has often done me the credit to say that my horses had better feet, from, and he had

ascertained. In the other case the shoes must be removed and plates put on, and, after the trial, the shoes reset. All this is expensive, troublesome, and injurious to the feet, for in addition to the expense and trouble, there is great danger in his run with his new plates of cutting and grabbing his heels. I have seen the heel cut severely by the hind foot grabbing while the plate is on, often cutting so deep as to seriously injure the horse, and lay him up for some time. Every trainer must have witnessed this, both from shoes and plates. Then is it not a great deal better, as well as safer, to train horses without shoes, and run them without plates? No one ever saw a racehorse worked without shoes or plates cut himself in any place.

On the score of economy, it is a great deal better. In a large stable, during the season, the shoeing and plating amounts to several hundred dollars. If trained unshod, this expense would be avoided, for all you require for a stable of racehorses is a clinch cutter, hammer, a pair of pincers, a knife and a rasp. The reason you want three first implements named, are that horses may be sent to your stable shod, and, by having the above implements, the shoes can be taken off at the stable, without sending them to the shoeing shop, the blacksmith shop. Then there is greatly less danger in handling horses that are not shod, for if they kick and strike each other, or the grooms, the results are generally not so serious. Their feet are much easier kept clean and healthy, and if not allowed to stand upon wet ground, whilst in the stall, but kept dry, the hoof will grow so tough and horny that it will wear better than iron, and it is continually renewing itself. In fact, I have been told by soldiers, who have been on the plains fighting the Indians, that the cavalry have been detained in their march more from sore-footed horses, who had lost their shoes, than any other obstruction, sometimes losing days to have them re-shod, while the horses and ponies used by the Indians are never lame from sore feet, although always unshod. So it would be with our cavalry horses if their feet were properly cared for.

Of course their feet must be kept in proper shape, and all that is necessary is to rasp the hoof down to about its natural shape, the shape of a shod foot. Then rasp the horn of the outer crust to a round, blunt form, and, when used, it soon becomes hard and tough, and instead of wearing off to the quick, as many suppose who are unaccustomed to using horses without shoes, it actually grows so fast in many hoofs, that it has to be dressed off every three or four weeks, more especially at the heel, and that is one great objection to shoeing. Blacksmiths mostly cut away too much at the heel, which keeps it tender as well as too low.

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**English Turf.**  
**RACING IN ENGLAND.**  
 CROYDON, March 6.—Grand International Handicap Hurdle Race of 25 sovs. each, 10 sovs. forfeit, with 500 sovs. added; owner of second horse to receive 100 sovs. out of stake; any winner after the publication of weights to carry 7 lbs. extra; entrance, 3 sovs; two miles and a quarter, over nine flights of hurdles (120 subscribers, 61 declared forfeits.)

Sir J D Astley's br h Scamp, 6 yrs, by The Buke, dam Lady Sophie, 165 lbs. .... 1  
 Sir J L Kaye's b c Lottery, 4 yrs, by Master Bagot, dam Katherine Logic, 153 lbs. .... 2  
 Lord Dupplin's Woodcock, 5 yrs, 173 lbs. .... 3  
 Mr Padwick's br c Broadside, 4 yrs, by Brown Bread, dam Jane Eyre, 153 lbs. .... 0

Nineteen starters. Betting 10 to 1 against Scamp, 50 to 1 against Lottery, 16 to 1 against Woodcock, 9 to 2 against Broadside. Won by eight lengths.

**The Trigger.**  
 Dr. R. V. Pierce, the noted physician of Buffalo, N. Y., the proprietor of Pierce's Medical Dispensary in that city, was defeated in a match on Feb. 10, in a match among the members of the Trigger Club, 19 birds each, ground trap who was handicapped at 28 yards, and R. J. Nowell, 25 yards, and R. J. Nowell, 25 yards, with a score of 8. In shooting medico was the winner.

Mr. Wm. Elliot, of London, has purchased the well-known Gordon setter from Mr. Simpson, of Exeter. He is the best broken dogs in the country.

**PROPERTY IN DOGS.**—At the Guelph Police Court last week Philip Krebs was charged by Moses Webster Osborn (colored), with having shot the plaintiff's dog on the 27th ult. Fined \$5 and costs, and \$15 was ordered to be paid plaintiff as the value of the dog.

**Base Ball.**  
 A GOOD SELECTION.—We are glad to hear that old bull tosser, Mr. R. Southam, has assumed the management of the Tecumseh during the coming season. A better selection could not be made.

**STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES."**  
 This week we have the preliminary announcement of YOUNG ERIN CRISP and MAT CAMERON. The pedigrees are such as will probably satisfy most of our breeders, representing as they do, two most prominent strains of trotting blood. Royal George and Hambletonian. We will, in all probability, refer to these horses again when their routes are decided upon.

The Blackwood stallion Br. Joe, will attract attention. Upon reference to his pedigree it will be seen he is well bred into a good trotting family. He is half brother, by the sire, to the noted Tennessee horse Blackwood, Jr., a wonder among trotters. St. Joe himself is something of a speed horse as was shown at Ferrus last Fall when he won the 2:50 race after a hard contest, giving good evidence of his endurance. From his size and breeding he should be in great demand in the W. H. district, where a horse of his class has been for a long time wanting.

**FROM KINGSTON.**  
 To the Editor of the Sporting Times.  
 Dear Sir:—Facing what we are very desirous to see published in the "Sporting Times" is a notice of the match between the "Trigger" and "Medico" on Feb. 10, in a match among the members of the Trigger Club, 19 birds each, ground trap who was handicapped at 28 yards, and R. J. Nowell, 25 yards, with a score of 8. In shooting medico was the winner.

There is some talk among Base-Ball men of taking on professionals and going into practice prior to entering the arena against Guelph and London, but nothing definite is known however.

Professor Randolph & Cecil intend giving an expose of spiritualism on Thursday evening.

**FROM HALIFAX.**  
 To the Editor of Sporting Times:  
 The long-talked-of races came off on Bedford Basin, on the 7th & 8th. On the first day the winners were Mr. E. Parson's Wild Harry, and Mr. W. Parson's Maid of Honour. The second day Mr. T. Robinson's King Wilbur and Mr. H. W. ...

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Now that I have shown the evil effects of  
 shoeing the racehorse, both to his feet and his  
 body, and the danger to other horses and jock-  
 eys, from a cast-off shoe, whilst the horse is  
 running, I will enumerate and describe the many  
 advantages to be derived from non-shoeing. In  
 the first place, any man of common sense can  
 take a rasp and keep a colt's foot in condition  
 by examining it closely and noticing it when it  
 seems to be growing out of shape. It will require  
 only a few minutes to do this with a colt from  
 his earliest handling until the fall after he is  
 three years old. By that time the feet will have  
 grown to their proper size. If they have been  
 properly cared for, with no shoeing allowed to  
 this age, he will have better formed and sounder  
 feet than any other horse will have who has  
 been kept shod before the feet mature.

Another great advantage the trainer of unshod  
 horses has over those who keep their horses  
 shod on any kind of track, particularly if it is a  
 muddy track, is that he is not loaded with three  
 or four pounds of iron. His muscles and cords  
 are not taxed in carrying this extra weight, as  
 well as two or three pounds of mud adhering to  
 the feet, caused, in a measure, by the shoe.

The foot of the unshod horse being clean,  
 jumps in and out of the mud without any ex-  
 traaneous weight, as the mud will not adhere to  
 the naked foot as it does to one that is shod.  
 Two horses may go upon the track and take the  
 same work and go the same distance, especially  
 if the track is heavy, and the one is shod will  
 show double the fatigue.

In this way many horses are injured by over-  
 work on a muddy track. Again, they are so  
 much more apt to stumble, slide, and slip about  
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 der so many horses become lame and sore in  
 their muscles after severe work in the mud.  
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The common shoe produces diametrically op-  
 posite effects. Persons not using shoes upon  
 racehorses when passing over rough roads or  
 through a city, can easily procure the newly in-  
 vented rubber sock, which is easily pulled over  
 the horse's foot, and, at the end of the journey,  
 it is easily pulled off; even this precaution is  
 unnecessary in dry weather, but in wet weather  
 the hoof absorbs the water, which softens it, and  
 causes it to wear, and sometimes to break. The  
 gum sock will prevent these results.

As fatal and injurious, as the shoe has been  
 to the horse, the injury resulting from the use  
 of plates, used on the feet whilst racing has  
 been equal, is not more fatal. There is scarcely  
 a race run where a number of horses start that  
 some horse in the race is not cut by plates. The  
 history of the horses being cut down, and the  
 suffering of the poor animals which follow, if  
 properly described, are almost incredible.

Year before last Calvin, one of the best three-  
 year-olds of his day, was cut down, and when  
 brought to the stand after the accident the blood,  
 spurting out of the wound, presented a spec-  
 tacle unpleasant to contemplate. In the spring  
 of the same season there was a horse cut down  
 at Long Branch, who subsequently died. Sweet  
 Home, some years since, at Jerome Park, was  
 cut down in a race, and was so injured that she  
 never appeared upon the turf again. In fact, at  
 every race meeting you witness occurrences of  
 this kind. Some of the very best horses that  
 ever ran in the United States have been cut  
 down. Charlie Naylor, by Medoc, a splendid  
 colt, was cut down in a three-mile race by a  
 horse called Draco, who was not worth the price  
 of putting on a set of plates, yet, with his plates  
 he cut into the tendon of one of the best colts  
 of his day. Legal Tender, the first horse that  
 ever ran in 1:44, was cut down at Cincinnati.  
 His back tendon was cut entirely through by the  
 sharp plates of Gentle Annie. His usefulness  
 as a racehorse was thus hopelessly destroyed.

(To Be Continued.)

Mr. James Smith, of Guelph, has accepted  
 the challenge of Mr. Marlock McKenzie, of  
 the same place, for a checker match of 25  
 games for the championship of the County  
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 match among the members of the  
 Club, 10 birds each, ground trap  
 who was handicapped at 23 yards  
 Newell, 25 yards, and R. J.  
 yards, with a score of 8. In sh  
 medico was the winner.

Mr. Wm. Elliot, of London, has purchased  
 the well-known Gordon setter  
 Mr. Simpson, of Exeter. He  
 best broken dogs in the country.

PROPERTY IN DOGS.—At the Guelph Police  
 Court last week Philip Kribs was charged by  
 Moses Webster Osborn (colored), with hav-  
 ing shot the plaintiff's dog on the 27th ult.  
 Fined \$5 and costs, and \$15 was ordered to  
 be paid plaintiff as the value of the dog.

### Base Ball.

A GOOD SELECTION.—We are glad to hear  
 that old ball tosser, Mr. R. Southam, has as-  
 sumed the management of the Tremblets  
 during the coming season. A better selec-  
 tion could not be made.

Mr. George Maloney, of Penetanguishene,  
 writes us he has been engaged as pitcher by  
 the Emerald B. C. of Boston, Mass., at a  
 salary of \$2,700 a year. We hope there is  
 no mistake about it.

### Billiards.

#### JAKES CHALLENGES WATSON.

From the Montreal papers we learn that  
 Mr. Wm. Jakes, champion of Canada, has  
 issued a challenge to play Watson, of St.  
 Albans, Vermont, for \$200 a side. Game to  
 take place at Brand's Billiard Hall, Montreal.  
 In the event of Watson not accepting,  
 Jacques offers to give any man in Canada 10  
 per cent. on the game in a match.

#### MONTREAL HORSE MARKET.

This market was but moderately active  
 during the past week. At Mr. McDowell's  
 weekly sale five young animals were dis-  
 posed of at prices ranging from \$40 to \$100.  
 Several horses were sold by Mr. Fraser. At  
 the American House yards a fair attendance  
 of buyers, mostly from the United States,  
 were present, and a number of fancy animals  
 changed hands. The following were the  
 shipments of horses to the United States  
 during the week: Thos. Hackey, Vermont,  
 three horses, valued at \$860; T. E. Scran-  
 ton, Providence, R. I., 13 horses, value \$1,  
 190; R. Hunt, Rockland, Mass., 13 horses,  
 value at \$1,182.

An interesting match of draughts was late-  
 ly played at Mount Hope between Ancaster  
 and Glandford, nine from each locality. The  
 contest lasted two hours, when it resulted in  
 favor of Ancaster by 22 games to 16, there  
 being 17 draws.

tract attention. Upon reference to his  
 game it will be seen he is well bred to a  
 good trotting family. He is half brother to  
 the sire, to the noted Tennessee horse  
 Blackwood, Jr., a wonder among trotters.  
 St. Joe himself is something of a speed horse  
 as was shown at Ferrus last fall  
 when he won the 2:50 race after a hard  
 contest, giving good evidence of his endur-  
 ance. From his size and breeding he should  
 be in great demand in the Wellington dis-  
 trict, where a horse of his class has been for  
 a long time wanting.

#### FROM KINGSTON.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:  
 Dear Sir.—Racing matters are very inter-  
 esting and I have been reading your  
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There is some talk among Base-Ball men  
 of taking on professionals and going into  
 practice prior to entering the arena against  
 Guelph and London, but nothing definite is  
 known however.

Professors Randolph & Cecil intend giving  
 an expose of spiritualism on Thursday even-  
 ing. K.

#### FROM HALIFAX.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:  
 The long-talked of races came off on Bed-  
 ford Basin, on the 7th & 8th. On the first  
 day the winners were Mr. E. Parson's Wild  
 Harry, and Mr. W. Parson's Maid of Honor.  
 The second day Mr. T. Robinson's King  
 William and Mr. H. Worrall's Fisherman  
 were at the front. A trotting match took  
 place at Bridgewater, on the 7th. There  
 were seven entries and Mr. Andrew's br. g.  
 Larry won easily.  
 The Atalanta Base-Ball Club held its an-  
 nual meeting at the Halifax House, last  
 night. Officers were elected, and other busi-  
 ness attended. During the coming season,  
 they expect to hear from the "Shamrocks"  
 of St. John, and the "Blue Stockings" of  
 Fredericton, N. B.

#### BLUE NOSE.

#### FROM COBOURG.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:  
 SIR.—In answer to Mr. W. Jakes' chal-  
 lenge, published in the Montreal Gazette,  
 Mr. S. B. Watson, of St. Albans, Vt., has  
 written to the effect that he would accept it.  
 The match will be for \$200 a side, and will  
 be played in Nordheimer's Hall, Montreal.  
 At the time of writing the terms are not al-  
 together settled, but there will most likely be  
 one four-ball game of 1,600 points, and one  
 French game of 500 points. If each should  
 win one game, they will toss up for choice of  
 third game—three or four ball. After three  
 games are over, Mr. Frank Dion will  
 most likely accept the 10 per cent. odds of-  
 fered by Jakes, and play him at French  
 caroms. The first game will take place on  
 Wednesday night, 21st inst.

The chess club started a game by telegraph  
 with Napanee on Thursday evening of last  
 week, but owing to the storm the wires gave  
 out about eleven o'clock, and the game was  
 postponed.

The Cricket Club met to organize for the  
 coming season. List of officers in my next.  
 Two rinks of the Waverly Curling Club  
 of this place "cleaned out" the Port Hope  
 Club, on Monday afternoon, with a majority  
 of eleven shots—the second time this season.

Mistakes will happen—you make me say  
 that the steam yacht just turned out in 17  
 feet beam; she is only 48 feet over all. It  
 should have been seven and one-half.

Anonymous.



DIGBY GRAND.

CHAPTER V

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.

...the danger of such a position, it was nothing for it but to take shelter... being struck by lightning to the certainty of being drenched from head to foot. It was a bore even for me to undergo a complete drenching in light summer costume; but for my tender companion it was a serious matter indeed. Lucky the tree to which we had fled was in full summer foliage, and a roof of green leaves put out a certain quantity of wet, so for a time I had only to defend my chair from the chilling night breeze, which struck colder and colder as the rain descended. Divesting myself of as much clothing as I could, I wrapped my neck, chest, and waistcoat round her shivering form, reserving for my own defence a pair of thin white trousers and a linen shirt. What a situation for a premiere danseuse at the Majesty's Theatre and a subaltern of Her Majesty's body-guard! There were we, Coralie, Rivoltte and Digby Grand, cowering beneath the storm under an old tree on the banks of Father Thames, the one having the other receiving, those ears and features which, under such circumstances, are due from the strong to the weak sex. The storm cleared off, would it had lasted twice as long! Coralie has been kept tolerably dry by my solicitude, and a bright moon shone placidly down upon us as I scullied the dancer back to Richmond, bending leisurely to my own, and over and anon whispering to my ear no unwelcome syllables of homage and admiration, couched in her own polished language, so expressly adapted to the voice of gallantry.

'Oh, que faire? il est parti, milord,' exclaimed Coralie, in an altered voice, and with a frightened expression of countenance, as, examining the boat which bore us, she perceived that a servant, evidently awaiting our arrival, informed us that the party had taken the usual departure for town immediately after the rain had cleared off, leaving a message that if we ever returned, we should follow them in St. Heliers brougham, which had come down expressly to take him home at midnight, but which his lordship, with his usual civility, had left for the accommodation of Mrs. de Rivoltte. Surely, thought I, my stars in the ascendant! first of all, to be alone on the river with the charming French woman, and then to come in for a tête-à-tête drive of ten long miles back to town in the same fascinating society.

'Don't hurry that bay horse,' I said to the coachman. 'I am sorry...

...the dark-brown brougham without the white dress of a pair of... I saw her partly rapid... my ears, and the gentle pressure of her gloved hand still seemed to... lamps glared reproachfully... I sat in solitary reverie;... the wheels kept... a monotonous chorus... I was set down at the door... with a beating heart... dream through a... the pupal state which... charm to Coralie.

...the dancer... gaily... and my driver for...

towards a white waistcoat, surmounted by a large pair of whiskers and accurate mustaches, whilst Jack whispers in my ear an improbable story about tyranny and a Hungarian countess.

Swiftly sped the moments on the wings of song and soon the preparations for the ballet brought us back from the different boxes where we had been paying visits and retailing small-talk, to our own incommunicable position for inspecting the many-twinkling feet, and swallowing the dust and chalk kicked up by those active members, whose proportions, however, will not always bear the closest survey. But the hand of figurantes opens out in graceful undulating lines, and bounding forth into light from the dark background of the stage, like a butterfly released from its gony prison, Rivoltte bends curtsying to the ground, in acknowledgment of the tumultuous applause which ever greets her entrance. 'Rivoltte!' she is to that admiring crowd; but 'Coralie!' to me, as I feel, when her dark eye, glancing round the house, softens into tenderness as its rests upon my box. Bouquets are showered upon the favorite dancer, and as mine goes spinning to her feet amongst the others, it is distinguished from the rest, and I can see that is the one she presses to her lips whilst bowing her gratitude to the enthusiastic throng; that is the one which accompanies her through the intricate evolutions of the pas de fascination, and is clasped to her panting bosom in the impassioned attitude with which that voluptuous dance concludes. Mine, too, are the congratulations which greet her most acceptably, as, hurrying behind the scenes, I await the breathless far-off with black and shawl and tender are our mutual allusions to the Richmond wedding and its consequences. Coralie's carriage is in waiting, and having wrapped her up most assiduously, I conduct her carefully to the stage-door, through all the confusion of men in paper-caps, moving scenes, dancers in full dress, but whose rouge and white satin shoes look less brilliant in color, more brick-dust and less carmine, more yellow and less snowy, than when illumined by the glare of the foot-lights; actors and actresses, dressed in plain clothes, going away like other people, and all the litter, dust, and rubbish inseparable from the getting-up of a magnificent spectacle.

As I hurried with Coralie down the Park street at the end of which her brougham lamps were shining, and was making the most of the very short time allowed us for conversation, she stopped suddenly in the midst of some playful coquetish remark and grasping my arm convulsively, staggered against me as if she would have fallen; at the same instant a swarthy, Spanish-looking individual, coming brusquely between us, and addressing her by her Christian name and in language I could not understand, but whose accents betrayed anger and impatience, seemed to chide her fiercely though in a friendly manner. I returned the push with interposed my person between the dancer and her unwelcome acquaintance, and whilst the stranger turned the whole wrath from the lady upon her scold, not one word could I understand; and I kept my eye steadily fixed whilst I gradually edged my commands her carriage, which we were waiting. Lucky for me that I did not see the stranger's face, and probably abominably irritated by receiving no answer to his torrent of abuse, he drew from beneath his waistcoat a long, narrow dagger, with which he made a lunge at my breast, that, had it taken effect, would have been fatal. I saw the cold blade gleaming in the lamp-light, and catching his wrist rapidly with one hand, I dealt him with the other such a facer between the eyes, as sent him down upon the pavement prostrate, and for a moment insensible. Quickly I placed Coralie in her carriage, amidst her incoherent entreaties that I would not accompany her, and closing the door, I bid the coachman drive rapidly home. But short as was the time that elapsed in these arrangements, when I retraced my steps a few yards to look after my late antagonist, he was gone, not a vestige of the frazzled remains, and had it not been that Coralie's carriage was in my ears, unperceiving me, I should have thought that I had been

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were my waking thoughts much clearer when, on being called the following morning, I received a tiny three-cornered note, addressed in Coralie's well-known hand to Mons. le Capitaine Grand, &c., &c., importing me, in highly figurative French, not upon any account to call upon her, or come near her till I should hear again, and promising to explain all on the Saturday following, after the opera.

Whether my cogitations had any effect upon my actions, I know not; but certain it is, that after breakfast, and matutinal cigar, I strolled leisurely down to a well-known fencing-room, of which I was at that time a member; and with a sort of vague idea that all foreigners were adepts with the small-sword, and that I only wanted a little more practice to become a fencer, I donned the wire mask, the buff jacket, and gauntlet-glove, and took my accustomed place amongst the pupils of this courtly science. The maitre d'armes himself, a bold officer of the Grand Army, with the strength of a Hercules, and the energetic activity of a Frenchman, was, besides his own sword, his compeers in the management of his weapon; and I knew that to hold my own with him was to be infinitely superior to any chance antagonist in Europe. As I entered the room he was busily engaged with a wiry, active-looking figure, whom I could not help fancying I had seen before, but whose mask prevented the possibility of my identifying him. 'Who is he?' I whispered to Maltby, who was of course present, devoted as he was to all athletic exercises, and who was regaining his breath after having, as he expressed it, 'polished off a corporal in the Life Guards.' 'I don't know,' he replied; 'but I think the best fencer I have seen in England. He hit Fleury three to one in an assault just now, and we think Fleury one of the quickest in Paris; and I don't if our muscular maitre himself will be able to hold his own with him.' And sure enough, as the stranger disengaged, doubled, lunged, recovered, and returned, with a new and apparently fatal riposte, I could see that the best fencer in London had enough to do to cover his body with his blade.

'Now then, Grand, for a breather,' said Maltby; and ere long, I found myself fully occupied with carte, tierce, trust, and parry, and my whole energies concentrated at the button of my opponent's foil. There were several other pairs of fencers in the room, besides an assistant giving lessons; and what with the stamping, shuffling, clashing of steel, cries of 'Holla! Hein!' and other vociferous French exclamations, and the deep voice of the assistant, with his reiterated words of command—'Fendez-vous—engagez—doublez—degagez—battement—un, deux—fendez-vousz'—a general action might have been carried on with less noise. This confusion, and my own engagement with so skilful an adversary as Maltby, preventing my noting much of what was going on; but in the midst of a rapid and furious assault, we were both arrested, as if spell-bound, by a deep groan of agony, and a heavy fall on the dusty floor—the stranger was run right through the body by a broken foil! To describe the consternation and tumult that ensued is impossible; voices in every key and half-a-dozen languages demanding explanations, and proffering advice and assistance. One rushed off for a surgeon, another called loudly for cold water; the more composed bore the form of the ill-fated fencer into the ante-room, and order was at length restored by the maitre, who was the only person that preserved his coolness and judgment amidst the confusion. A surgeon speedily arrived, and whilst he was examining the wound, and pronouncing it dangerous in the extreme, the maitre d'armes explained to me the circumstances of the accident.

It appears that the stranger, who gave his name as Mons. de Rivas, but whom my informant thought much more like a Spaniard than a Frenchman, and who that morning made his first appearance in the fencing-room, had taken off his buckskin jacket, and was reposing himself after an assault in which he had displayed wonderful science and dexterity, when Mons. Fleury, his previous antagonist, who had retired to put on his evening attire, re-entered the fencing-room, and asking up a foil, proceeded to display a strange and unaccountable advantage

ship of Lord St. Heliers, the favor of Mrs. Man-trap, who was pleased to 'take me up' very fiercely, and the liaison with Coralie were, each and all, the means of draining the account at Cox's to the uttermost farthing. Of course, no bills were ever allowed to be 'advanced a stage' by being looked over, and the idea of paying was not dreamt of for an instant. My actual income kept me in gloves and perfume, perhaps blacking. And the uninitiated will marvel how I have managed the necessaries, not to say the luxuries of life. But the artificial state of society which forces the youngest son or the embarrassed heir to 'spend his half-crown upon champagne a day,' in justice furnishes means and appliances wherewith to solve that problem, for a time at least. The noble invention of counters, forming a fictitious credit, opens to him the resources of the gaming-table, at which an opportune run of luck may enable him to win a fortune he has never staked. It is intelligence, or as it is called 'good luck' on the turf, encourages him to lay large sums upon what may fairly be termed a foregone conclusion. If A beats B in a game, giving him three pounds, and C beats A in a trial, giving him seven, it is obvious that when C and B are to meet at even odds, the exclusive possessor of the result of the trial has a great advantage in 'backing his opinion.' Billiards, too, for a skilful performer, may be worth a flourishing retail business, and sometimes realize a larger income than in these times could be wrung from many a dirty acre.

My proficiency in the two latter sciences, and my habit of never paying ready money, helped me for a time wonderfully; but it was to the turf that I looked as a permanent provision—an ever-yielding mine of wealth. My Derby-book, constructed upon strictly mathematical principles, had won me a few hundreds; but this was a certainty, as I had been 'betting round.' There was, however, another card in the pack, that I fondly hoped was to be the 'best thing out for many a year.' I had it from the very best information, in fact, reduced to a proof there was no gainsaying, that Major Martingale's 'Queen of the May' was to win the Oaks. She could not lose, so they said—the race was over! Queen of the May would come in by herself! Levanter, who was now on half-pay, and a regular turfite, had backed her heavily at Newmarket. I had 'got on,' as the term is, at long odds; and row her stable companion had won the Derby, and we, the select few, knew what an example the mare could make of him. This brought her up in the betting, and still I went on booking bet after bet in her favor. She left off even against the field on the Thursday night, and stood to win me a fortune. I dined with Colonel Grandison, and a party of brother officers, but was absent and impatient till the race was over. At Crookford's I could hear nothing new with regard to the morrow, and I went to bed earlier than usual to pass a fevered, restless night, and dream of the events of the following day.

I was awoke from a golden vision, in which the chestnut mare, adorned by Martingale's well-known colours, was leading the van at a killing pace, while the shouts of the multitude rent the sky, by my ruthless servant entering the room to inform me that Captain Lavish was waiting breakfast; and making as rapid a toilet as I could I found my hungry friend, who was to drive me down to Epsom in his drag, with a party of scapegraces like himself. The day was beautiful—the dust laid by just sufficient rain—the team tractable and fast—the party all in high spirits and good humor, mostly backers of Queen of the May. Lavish was an agreeable companion, with the pleasant, careless manner, that was extremely fascinating; and what was more important to his freight, an excellent coachman. Many a jest and repartee enlivened our drive; but even whilst our mirth was fastest and most furious, the sight of the pleasant country—the summer sky, and the fresh-blooming lilacs, so redolent of Spring—brought back to one of the party thoughts and feelings much at variance with the usual scene. The sweet influence of Nature in her loveliest aspect stole over my senses, and I found myself speculating as to whether there was not a higher destiny for man, even in this world, than to support a life of pleasure by a

a certainty of winning a good stake, and to make the favorite; or shall I... and make a fortune... the busy fencer... a vociferous... hundreds as my... my book with the... with which we... his telescope... his last orders at the critical... should decide the fate of an army... to talk to the ladies... my... homage to Mrs. de Rivoltte... in half-crown... glad to cover with an... of his only the gnawing anxiety that... at my heart, 'Hark! the... numbers are up—nine come to the... jewelled pencils are wielded by... to make the starters on 'De... Card.' The course is cleared; and the only... left on the turf are... as to my... exchanging a few... words... after another... their preparatory... and, to my eye, the only dangerous... of the St. Agatha and... Hospodar... St. Agatha made a... of... and we have got the... the certainty of victory. M... light... and ere the first... fragrant whiffs have perfum... sphere, they are off!—our... The hill tells off the leader; the... May, accompanied by St. Agatha and the Hospodar filly, creep to the front. Down the hill and round the corner... a hurricane, the race is betw... whose names are equally... winners, according to the fancy... of the shouters. I am watching... colors narrowly with my glass. The Queen is halfway up the distance, nearly... in advance. Can I believe my... and heels are at work as the Hospodar filly draws upon her; and the... shoots through me that our... And now the three pass the... neck. Our animal is game to the... and it is just possible that she may... No—no—ridden by Newmarket's... horsemen, nothing can save... Hospodar filly struggles to the front... clears the two with a tremendous... and, after one of the finest... is landed a winner by a neck. The Hospodar filly second, the Queen of the... ate third!

What a facer! £2,900,—and... the money? for on Monday... unfortunate stake be paid. If anything... console me—if anything could... at such a moment—it would... Martingale's crest-fallen appearance... expected a defeat. The ruby... had become livid, the ambrosia... hung limp and helpless, and the... was completely beaten and... I believe I did laugh and jest like... the remainder of that eventful... but it was with a load at my... the merriment in the world... got rid of.

Long and earnest was our... that night on the steps at... as Jack Lavish and I formed... ways and means. I could not... to a better person than Lavish for... pecuniary difficulties, as, pro... in England lived so continually... with regard to money matters... that light-hearted dragoon. 'The only... get you out of this,' said Jack... acquaintance and benefactor, Mr. Shadrach. The time is so short that no... practitioner in London would be... produce £8,000 by two o'clock... But Shadrach will do it, I have... only you must submit to be... ormously.' And to Shadrach, as... Jack agreed to drive me botimes the... ing morning.

It may be a grateful partiality... an amiable weakness; but I... the Jews have always appeared... race. From spending... downwards, the Christian... the ducats, and abused the... frequently has the worthy... become a gift; for gentlemen... compelled to have recourse to... are not always the best pay... follow Christians; and the





HARE HUNTING IN ENGLAND.

... pond in the London Field... I am not aware what any account of the sport which is constantly... By the excellent subscription pack... Down has once been chronicled, but a detailed... of such runs as were enjoyed on... Jan. 9, comprising as they did so many... incidents, would, I am sure, interest... readers, even though they might be strange... out country. The meet was at the Mary... (about half a mile from the town... of Medbury, in the midst of a very hilly... intersected by flooded brooks, and abounded... with our well-known Devonshire banks... about 11 o'clock mustered a goodly... ray of farmers and gentlemen of the... hood. The sport did not commence... as it was soon found, but was lost again after a... short run near Shillston Farm. Then... brought that a hare was sitting in a hedge... low, near the brook which runs through the... valley. She was soon started, and ran... the vale towards Mr. Rowell's farm of... Spittlecombe. She then turned upwards... ran over the hill toward Uxborough as... as... back again from thence toward her... first haunt, and then over the fields of... ham near the top of the hill, giving those... preferred it as an opportunity of riding a long... ley along the ridge road, with hounds and... in sight alongside of them. At last, on... ing Crown Hill Cross, puss herself took the... and raced down the hill toward Medbury,... Sheepham Bridge. Here she turned to the... round the old barracks; then turned short... the left, crossed the road, and made across... fields for the gardens at the back of the... in Brownston street, one of the chief... in Medbury. Here she tried to obtain a... rest, after her long run, among the cabbages... Dr. Rogers' garden. Being dislodged, she... on behind the houses to Mr. Coyte's orchard... garden. Here again she tried to hide among... the greens. By this time the inhabitants of... town were called out by the noise and... mont; ladies and gentlemen, rich and poor... and young, all were hurrying to see what... the matter. "I see her! I shall have her,"... exclaims a very stout old gentleman, a... plunges forward; but miss puss is still... much on the alert, and his own portly... the only sufferer, as he rises from his fall... racial countenance and muddy clothes, and... roars of laughter. The same fate awaits a... maker, who thinks himself more active. The... here, thinking it quite time to be off, runs... through Mr. Coyte's coal-house, jumps a... feet wall, goes to the back of his house, and... out at the front into the open street. Such a... scene! Hare, hounds, horsemen, footmen, all... racing down this very steep hill towards the... market place. Just before reaching the bottom... of the hill the hare turns short round to the... and runs under Mr. Webber's archway through... a very narrow passage, and into the garden... at the back of Broad street. Mr. N. Lakeman... acting in his parlor at the back of his house... and, hearing the noise, opens the window to... what is the matter. As he does so the... tries to jump in, but being too exhausted, falls... back and passes. Some of the hounds, how... ever, do jump into the room, run round... out again. The hare crosses Bachelouse Lane... and, entering Mr. Hopkins' garden, jumps... against a wall which is upset by the collision, and... tumbles in his fall, and catches and kills this... hare, already all but dead. I should have... been left to have had her life saved, but... all agree that she could not have lived even... had she been saved. It is an extraordinary fact... that a hare was killed in this same garden after... such a long chase some forty years ago. It was... now half-past one, and it might have been... thought that enough sport had been had; but... this only served to whet the appetite for another... Back to Shillston again, where the hare that... had been lost in the morning had been... marked in by a laborer's boy. Found near... Shillston flower, way to Spittlecombe, then... back along the upper part of Sheepham, away... again across the hill and road to Ludbrook, between... Bartlett's house and Mr. Arundell's... down across the marshes, then a short way along... the high road to Totness, when the hare turned... away again and swam the flooded Ludbrook... opposite to Mr. Bartlett's lodge. Three horsemen... alone drove over this bank and brook—Mr. May, Mr. A. Pitt, and Mr. H. Andrews. Up the opposite... hill, over the Eton College ground to Mr. Laver's farm at Pengrist, on toward Ivy bridge as far as Calton Cottage, crossed the lawn in front of the house, then turned over Mr. Giles'... brook again, which this gallant hare again essayed... near to Ludbrook Mill.

The day from shore to shore  
The patient hare swam stoutly o'er.

THE GENTLEMANLY GAMBLER.

... BEST MEETS A STRIKING TYPE OF... WHO RELATES SEVERAL STARTLING INCIDENTS OF AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE.

... this little place by a missed... used by hot boxes, I made the... of George H. Devol, one of the... if not the most famous gamblers... Only a day or two since I... St. Louis paper a long account... his confederates waltzed a... who was going South to buy... \$1,700 at three-card monte. The... of a Texas stock trader... out of \$2,000 by the... and was explaining to... it was done. He had learned... Maine saw through it, and... that he did. Devol was a... who was tired of planting... and wanted to sell out, and gently led Maine... point. When he did bite it... of his pile of ready cash. The... gentlemanly-looking man of... hair, light sandy... showing his eye, ruddy complexion, and... and a sweet talker. He was... for thirty years has followed... of a gambler. Some years... on the roads leading to Louis... known there. While operating... near Lagrange, he had... and five gold watches, and... as the train was... on its way to Cincinnati... terribly, and proposed... or blood. They marched... and drew their revolvers. He... to the rear coach, looking... at. He then went to the... although the train was... of thirty-five miles an... spot and jumped. He... but picked him... through his late friends fired... from their revolvers. He... and struck the rail... junction and went back to...

... anecdotes of his profession, ... of a little... with A. M. Waddell, of... Cheatham, of Nashville, ... Devol and Dad Ryan... river. Waddell and... at Smithland. A game... dollars ante, was soon... "Dad... going to cold-deck... over and said to Cheat... very fine single stone... This movement enabled... the cold-deck. Waddell... and an ace in the draw, and... the hand."

... ago Canada Bill, another... man, set up at the... with a lot of horses to... which he had won, and a... bought. It was right in... travel, and Bill was winning... Devol suspected (wrongfully, as it afterwards proved), that Bill had held out \$200 from a divide of winnings they had made together, and determined to get even. To do this he went to New Orleans and manufactured a "sucker" especially for Bill. He dressed him up in rough clothes, gave him \$2,000 in money tied up in a woman's silk stocking, and told him to play the game of green by gawking about Bill's stable and counting his money where Bill could see it. Devol put the "sucker" off at Hog's Point, three miles below the mouth of Red River, while he continued on the steamer. In due time the "sucker" came into Bill's stable, and getting in an out-of-the-way corner, pulled out the stocking, which, by the way, was a keep sake presented to Devol by a lady friend, and began to count the money. Bill "dropped out" at once and took Devol out and said, "George, here is a 'sucker' with \$2,000 to \$3,000; let's take him." "Do you think I can handle him?" said Devol. "Of course you can," said Bill. "I'll try it," said Devol. He carelessly approached the "sucker," engaged him in conversation and proposed a wall. The "sucker" assented, and they walked out together. Will...

The greatest passion for which he was possessed was card playing. In former years the games were always played at either the Union or Manhattan Clubs, and consisted of only whist or...

THE CLOSEST PLACE I WAS EVER IN IN MY LIFE.

... said Devol, "was in 1860. I was coming up the river from New Orleans on the steamer Fairchild, and had won a great deal of money. The boat landed at Napoleon, and about twenty-five of those killers there, who in those days did not think any more of killing a man than they did a rat, got aboard. I opened out and won a good deal of money and four or five watches. Everything went along smoothly enough until about four o'clock in the afternoon, when they began to get drunk. One of them said, 'Where is that damned gambler? I am going to kill him.' 'I'm with you,' said another. 'I, too,' said another, and the whole party rushed to their state rooms and got their pistols. I slipped up and got between the pilot house and the roof. They searched the boat from stem to stern, but did not think of looking under the pilot-house. I whispered to the pilot that when he came to a bluff bank to throw his stern in and give me the word and I would run and jump off. About 6 o'clock I gave me the word and I ran and jumped. I was weighted down with the watches and gold I had won, and the distance was more than I thought, and I missed the bank and stuck tight, waist deep, in soft mud at the water's edge. The killers saw me, and as the boat swung out they opened fire. I could not move, and the bullets whistled past my ear and splattered mud and water all in my face. I had given the pilot \$100 in gold, and he threw the boat out so that I was out of sight very quick. It was a mighty close place for a little while."

Devol invited me into his room at the Milan hotel, and showed me the modus operandi of three-card monte. It looks mighty easy to tell the right card, but it is not. Devol does not throw the cards now. A confederate does that. He is better, he says, on the outside. His splendid address and unlimited cheek eminently fit him for the position. During the war he had the race-track at New Orleans and had a fine lot of trotters. Ben. Butler confiscated them and threw Devol into jail because he had won a large amount of money from Butler's paymaster.

"I have made more money than any two gamblers in America," said Devol, "but I can't keep it. My travelling expenses alone are \$10,000 a year. It's a gay life, though a risky one, and I have lots of fun."

VANDERBILT'S WHIST.

HORSE-AUCTION FRAUDS.

The extent to which frauds are practised by horse auctioneers in this city, is altogether beyond the conception of any one not well informed on the subject of pedigrees. It has come to be believed by the merest tyros in horse-knowledge that there are certain trotting families, and that there is a real value in trotting pedigrees. To meet this unintelligent conviction of buyers, the sharps are always ready with the most fashionable pedigrees and guarantees of great trotting speed. When we say that many of these pedigrees are downright frauds, we are sure we are within the mark. The rule is, that they are all frauds; and buyers may as well understand this first as last. The robberies have become so frequent and so glaring that the police authorities have suppressed some of the more notorious, by placing a man at the door, with instructions to warn all comers against the character of the transactions there sought to be consummated. While the more vulgar thieves have thus been driven out of the business, the more polished, but not less dangerous, ones are still allowed to prosecute their pilfering pursuits. In giving a few facts about this latter class, we propose to speak freely, and without any delicacy in the matter of giving the names of the parties.

The famous Colonel J. P. Connelly, who made the hearts of New Yorkers glad so often last summer by fresh invoices of grand young trotters from Kentucky, is pleased to announce his re-appearance, for the fifteenth time, in a "grand, unexampled sale of the fastest green trotters in America, just arrived from Paris, Kentucky." Major C. W. Barker is the auctioneer: and that there may be no mistake as to his celebrity and reliability, an excellent specimen is stated on the catalogue. As a foretaste of the good things within the grasp of ready buyers, it is announced, just above the enumeration of the rich pedigrees, that "twenty-six head of unparalleled speed and rich breeding, selected in Scott and Bourbon counties, regardless of cost, and great care, etc. Then follows lot No. 1:

"SAMPLE, roan gelding, fifteen three-quarter hands high, foaled 1871, got by Mambrino Pilot, sire of Mambrino Gift (2:20), he by Mambrino Chief. First dam, full-blood Morgan mare, fast and untrained, the property of Captain Houston. This is one of the most promising horses in the country. He can show a 2:25 gait, and could trot, flat fall, a mile in 2:35, or better. With track-work this season, it is believed he will be at 2:25. Was never handled for speed. Is warranted sound and kind."

It is also announced in the catalogue that pedigrees, speed, and all representations, are "strictly guaranteed and shown before sale." Of the twenty-six head enumerated, we may take the first for a little examination, and, as he is called Sample, there is a certain interest in considering him as a specimen of the whole lot. The first point is that he was foaled in 1871, and the second that he was got by Mambrino Pilot, and that there may be no mistake on this point, Mambrino Pilot is described as the sire of Mambrino Gift, and the son of Mambrino Chief. We know, then, exactly which horse is meant, and there is no possible way to get out, by saying it was another Mambrino Pilot. Now, Sample was bred in Kentucky, foaled in 1871, and got by Mambrino Pilot. And here the rogue is caught in the very act, for Mambrino Pilot has not been in Kentucky since 1865. He made the seasons of 1866 and 1867 in this vicinity, and ever since then has been in the possession of Mr. Relf, at Norristown, Pennsylvania. This is the "sample," and the other twenty-five are in the same boat. As to all the thousands of this description, and there is a show of fairness, that there is a great care that it shall only be a show. In the catalogue, under the general heading, it is announced that "the names of breeders will be furnished to purchasers. Now, why were not the name and post-office address of the breeder put under each horse? This was simply a little trick of the trade, to avoid the possibility of somebody being able to show that the whole price was a fraud. These gentry assume that their customers are generally green ones, and will not require very minutely about the particulars...

A remarkable case of...

CANINE CONSCIENCE.

"Hath a dog conscience?" quoth the moral. "I have had this dog for several years and have never, even in his puppyhood, known him to steal. Nevertheless, on one occasion he was very hungry, and in the room where I was reading and he was sitting, there was a savory mutton chop. I was surprised to see him stealthily remove the chop and take it under the sofa. However, I pretended not to observe what had occurred, and waited to see what would happen next. For full quarter of an hour the terrier remained under the sofa without making a sound, but doubtless enduring an agony of contending feelings. Eventually, however, conscience came off victorious, and emerging from his place of concealment, he was sitting in his mouth the stolen chop. He came across the room and laid the tempting morsel on my feet. The moment he dropped the stolen property he bolted again and under the sofa, and from that retreat he could charm him for several hours afterwards. Over, when during that time he was spoken to or petted, he always turned away his head in a ludicrously conscience-stricken manner. Altogether I do not think it would be possible to imagine a more satisfactory exhibition of conscience by an animal in this; for it must be remembered, as already stated, that the animal was never before in his life.—Quarterly Journal of Science.

SINGULAR BETTING TRANSACTIONS.

through the horse's coat-holes, jumps a ...  
out at the front into the open street. ...  
scene I have, hounds, horsemen, footmen, all  
racing down this very steep hill towards the  
market place. Just before reaching the bottom  
of the hill the hare turns short round to the left,  
and runs under Mr. Webber's archway through  
a very narrow passage, and into the garden at  
the back of Broad street. Mr. N. Lakeman  
sitting in his parlor at the back of his house,  
and, hearing the noise, opens the window to  
what is the matter. As he does so the hare  
tries to jump in, but, being too exhausted, falls  
back and passes. Some of the hounds, how-  
ever, do jump into the room, run round  
over again. The hare crosses Bakehouse Lane,  
and, entering Mr. Hopkins' garden, jumps  
against a lad who is upset by the collision, but  
turns in his fall, and catches and kills this gal-  
lant hare, already all but dead. I should have  
been better pleased to have had her life saved,  
but it is true that she could not have lived even  
if she had been saved. It is an extraordinary fact  
that a hare was killed in this same garden after  
much such a race some forty years ago. It was  
now half-past one, and it might have been  
thought that enough sport had been had; but  
this only seemed to whet the appetite for another.  
Back to Shillston again, where the hare  
that had been lost in the morning had been  
marked in by a laborer's boy. Found near  
Shillston House, away to Sprittlescombe, then  
back along the upper part of Sheepham, away  
again across the hill and road to Ludbrook, be-  
tween Mr. Bartlett's house and Mr. Arundell's  
down across the marshes, then a short way along  
the high road to Totness, when the hare turned  
away again and swam the flooded Ludbrook  
opposite to Mr. Bartlett's lodge. Three horsemen  
alone drove over this bank and brook—Mr. May,  
Mr. A. Pitts and Mr. H. Andrews. Up the op-  
posite hill, over the Eton College ground to Mr.  
Laver's farm at Pengrist, on toward Ivy bridge  
as far as Calver Cottage, crossed the lawn in  
front of the house, then turned over Mr. Giles'  
land, returning over the hill down to the Lud-  
brook again, which this gallant hare again essay-  
ed near to Ludbrook Mill.

Twice that day from shore to shore  
The gallant hare swam stoutly o'er.

After passing two more fields she was lost, and  
thus ended this day's excellent sport. One  
horseman lost his hat in the flooded brook and  
rode the remainder of the run bareheaded. Even  
a foxhunter can hardly look down on such runs  
as these, which for jumps, pace and length,  
would satisfy anyone.

#### DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The following officers were elected for the  
current year at the meeting of the Dominion  
Rifle Association, on the 1st instant: Presi-  
dent, Lieut.-Col. Gzowski, Toronto; Vice-  
Presidents, Allan Gilmore, Ottawa; Lieut.-  
Col. Brydges, Quebec; Lieut.-Col. McKinley,  
Nova Scotia; Lieut.-Col. Betsford, New  
Brunswick; Hon. Donald A. Smith, Mani-  
toba; Hon. R. W. Carrall, British Columbia;  
Hon. Mr. Hayland, Prince Edward Island;  
Auditors—Messrs. John Langton and T. D.  
Harrington. Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. Mac-  
pherson. Secretary, Lieut.-Col. Stuart.

A resolution was passed giving British  
Columbia and Manitoba the right to send one  
representative each, under certain conditions,  
as members of the Whimbleton team, which  
will consist of twenty-two men and two offi-  
cers. The selection of the officers to com-  
mand the team was left in the hands of  
the President.

A committee was appointed to wait upon  
the Government with reference to the annual  
grant.

**MINOR MATTERS, MONEY, BEAUTY.**—Webster's  
Quarto Dictionary, as now published, has cost  
more intellectual labor, more money in its "get-  
ting up," and contains more matter, and a  
larger number of beautiful engravings, (800 or  
more, with four pages of colored plates,) than  
any single volume ever before published for  
the use in this or any other country. It is  
largely the standard in England as well as in  
this country. Bell & Dally, the publishers of  
Bohn's libraries, are the London publishers of  
this magnificent volume.

with A. M. Wadell, of  
Cheatham, of Nashville,  
Dovel and Dad Ryan  
of the river. Waddell and  
Smithland. A game  
of twenty dollars ante, was soon  
over, "I myself," said Dovel, "Dad  
gave me a very fine single stone dia-  
mond ring for the price of this movement en-  
abled Dad to buy the cold-deck.  
Waddell had an ace in the draw,  
and lost \$200 in the hand."

Six or seven years ago Canada Bill, an-  
other famous cold-deck man, set up at the  
mouth of Red River with a lot of horses to  
be run for which he had won, and a  
stone which he bought. It was right in  
the heart of the river, and Bill was win-  
ning everything in sight. Dovel suspected  
(wrongfully, as it afterwards proved), that  
Bill had held out \$200 from a divide of win-  
nings they had made together, and deter-  
mined to get even. To do this he went to  
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especially for Bill. He dressed him up in  
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the stocking, which, by the way, was a keep-  
sake presented to Dovel by a lady friend,  
and began to count the money. Bill "drop-  
ped on it" at once and took Dovel out and  
said, "George, here is a 'sucker,' with  
\$2,000 to \$8,000; let's take him." "Do  
you think I can handle him?" said Dovel.  
"Of course you can," said Bill. "I'll try  
it," said Dovel. He carelessly approached  
the "sucker," engaged him in conversation  
and proposed a walk. The "sucker" as-  
sented, and they waded out together. While  
they were gone Dovel told the "sucker"  
just how to play the game. Said he, "Pre-  
tend that you are going to turn the spotted  
card, but don't do it. Turn the one I mo-  
tion to." After awhile they came back and  
Dovel gave Bill the wink that the "sucker"  
was ready for the bait. Bill opened out.  
The usual preliminaries were gone through  
with and the "sucker" untied the knots in  
his stocking and put up \$2,000, and Bill  
covered it, Dovel being stakeholder or the  
reason that the "sucker" would not bet un-  
less Dovel would hold the stakes, as he, the  
"sucker," "knew that Dovel was an honest  
man." Everything was all ready and when  
then everything looked so fair that the  
"sucker" wanted to turn the card with the  
spot on it, and it was all that Dovel could do  
to prevent it, and he had to whisper to the  
"sucker" several times which card to turn.  
This whispering Bill took to be part of the  
plan necessary to induce the "sucker" to  
bet. Finally he reached out, let his fingers  
linger a moment over the card with the spot  
on it, and then suddenly turned the right  
card. Bill looked like he would sink through  
the floor, when at Dovel and then at the  
"sucker," and said, "That's the first rub."  
The "sucker" said, "What's that?" "I want  
my money!" and pulled out a six-shooter  
that Dovel had given him, and pointed it at  
Bill, and Bill said, "George, give it up."  
The "sucker" waded and pointed the pis-  
tol at Dovel, who says, "Bill, shall I give it  
up?" "Yes," said Bill, and the money  
was handed over. After the "sucker"  
walked off, Bill said, "George, by G-d, I  
have seen six cocked pistols pointed at your  
head and you didn't give up nothing. How  
is it that you give up so easy now?" Dovel  
replied, "I thought that if I did I would  
let that man go off." Afterward Dovel told  
Bill how he had played it on him, and gave  
him back all but the \$200 which he thought  
Bill had "hid out" on him. After this  
Bill and Dovel worked together and made a  
great deal of money.

#### AN AGED HORSE.

It is seldom that the horse, in his domes-  
tic state, lives longer than twenty-five years.  
At that age the teeth are pretty well worn  
out, his food is imperfectly masticated, the  
digestive functions become impaired in con-  
sequence, and complications follow, ending  
in death. Occasionally, we hear of a horse  
being well preserved in his old age, but in  
all cases the teeth are left to the animal, en-  
abling the food consumed to assimilate pro-  
perly, thus supplying the waste in the  
animal economy. The last death of an aged  
horse it is our duty to chronicle, occurred re-  
cently near Erie, Pa. Mr. James W. Coop-  
er's Dan, aged 46 years. Dan was a black,  
bob-tailed horse, 14 hands high, and weighed  
at his death 1,000 lbs. He was foaled near  
Harrisburg, Pa., in the year 1831. His pedi-  
gree, if he ever had any, is not known.

In the Spring of 1840, Ex-Senator Mor-  
row B. Lowry, of Erie, purchased Dan from  
Mr. Geo. Lawrence, of Harrisburg, and  
twenty-nine years afterward presented him  
to Mr. Cooper, who drove him frequently to  
Erie, nearly four miles, and back.

Dan was honored in his old age, and car-  
ried off two premiums at the Erie fairs. The  
only blemish about him in his declining  
years was a tringhant in his right hind leg.  
Dan had a comfortable box stall, ate his  
meals regularly, and was permitted to roam  
at will about the farm and barnyard. In  
December last he contracted a severe cold,  
which ultimately settled on his lungs, and  
which, though every care was taken of him,  
terminated fatally, thus ending a long and  
useful career.

#### VANDERBILT'S WHIST.

The greatest passion for which he was pos-  
sessed was card playing. In former years  
the games were always played at either the  
Union or Manhattan Clubs, and consisted of  
only whist, of which he was very fond. Those  
who have played many games with him state  
that he was a very adroit and clever player.  
He had a most remarkable and wonderful  
memory of the cards after they had been  
played. He always received a poor play with  
a frown, and praised a good one. He once  
had for a partner Wm. Cook, a railroad man  
of Bridgeport. He declared that Mr. Cook  
made the best play he had ever seen during  
his long experience in the game. Hearts  
was trumps, and the Commodore's long suit  
was spade, all the high cards of which he  
held, with the exception of the king and a  
card of small r denomination, which was  
held by Mr. Cook, without the Commodore's  
knowledge. It was the Commodore's lead,  
the trumps have been exhausted, and he was  
debating in his mind how to capture or get  
rid of the king, so as to run out his suit. He  
at length led the ace, on which his partner  
played the king, giving the Commodore the  
control of the suit. If the small card had  
been played, his partner would have had the  
leading card in the suit, and would have been  
unable to return the suit afterwards. The  
Commodore often referred to this play, and  
declared it the finest he had ever seen.

To the Working Class.—We are now prepared  
to furnish all classes with constant employment  
at home, the whole of the time, or for their spare  
moments. Business new, light and profitable.  
Persons of either sex easily earn from 50 cents  
to \$5 per evening, and a proportional sum by  
devoting their whole time to the business. Boys  
and girls earn nearly as much as men. That  
all who see this notice may send their address,  
and test the business we make this unparalleled  
offer: To such as are not well satisfied we will  
send one dollar to pay for the trouble of writing.  
Full particulars, samples worth several dollars  
to commence work on, and a copy of Home and  
Fire-side, one of the largest and best illustrated  
Publications, all sent free by mail. Reader, if  
you want permanent, profitable work, address,  
GEORGE STRINSON & Co., Portland, Maine.

last and unframed,  
the property of Captain Houston. This is  
one of the most promising horses in the  
country. He can show a 2:25 gait, and  
could trot last fall, a mile in 2:35, or bet-  
ter. With track-work this season, it is be-  
lieved he will be at 2:20. Was never handled  
for speed. Is warranted sound and kind."

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terest in considering him as a specimen of the  
whole lot. The first point is that he was  
foaled in 1871, and the second that he was  
got by Mambrino Pilot, and that there may  
be no mistake on this point, Mambrino Pilot  
is described as the sire of Mambrino Gut, and  
the son of Mambrino Chief. We know, then,  
exactly which horse is meant, and there is no  
possible way to get out, by saying it was  
another Mambrino Pilot. Now, Sample  
was bred in Kentucky, foaled in 1871, and  
got by Mambrino Pilot. And here the rogue  
is caught in the very act, for Mambrino  
Pilot has not been in Kentucky since 1865.  
He made the seasons of 1866 and 1867 in  
this vicinity, and ever since then has been  
in the possession of Mr. Relf, at Norristown,  
Pennsylvania. This is the "sample," and  
the other twenty-five are in the same boat.

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table and there is a show of fairness, but  
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fraud. These gentry assume that their cus-  
tomers are generally green ones, and will not  
inquire very minutely about the particular  
address of the breeder. In this assumption we  
are sorry to say they are generally right.

We will give one other instance from this  
famous catalogue:—No. 6 is called Conduc-  
tor, and is described as a "bay gelding, six-  
teen hands high, foaled 1871, got by Dixey,  
son of Alexander's Abdallah, first dam the  
dam of Conductor (the sire of Coaster), by  
Cassius M. Clay," etc. Now this mare is  
owned by Capt. M. M. Clay, and in 1871 she  
produced a chestnut colt, called Cobler, to  
Country Gentleman, son of Rysdyk's Ham-  
bletonian. This mare's produce, up to 1873,  
are all recorded, and she never was bred to  
a horse called Dixey.

It has been represented to us that Messrs.  
Bark & Son, the auctioneers, were active  
and efficient in getting up these pedigrees,  
and writing these flagrantly fraudulent de-  
scriptions. We have always understood these  
gentlemen bore a good name, and we are not  
ready to believe they would knowingly be  
instruments in thus defrauding the public.  
Their business is that of auctioneers, and  
after this communication goes into their  
hands, we will see whether they are to be  
classed with honest men, in an honorable  
business, or with the rogues who live by rob-  
bing the uninformed and unwary. Breeders  
want to know just where to class these gen-  
tlemen.

There is another feature about this dirty  
business that needs airing. As a matter of  
course, the daily newspapers know nothing  
about the particulars of pedigrees, etc., and  
when they speak of a sale of this kind, they  
make no pretensions to discriminate. But  
when we come to a sporting paper—a horse  
paper—we are led to expect some knowledge  
of the subject, and some ability to detect a  
fraud, and, we might say, honesty to expose  
it. But the lamentable feature is that it re-  
ceives the same endorsement as the most  
upright and fair transaction. Witness the  
following, from one of our contemporaries,  
on this noble catalogue:

"Colonel J. P. Connelly announces in  
another column that his fifteenth grand sale

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stated, that the animal was never beaten in  
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#### BUYING A HORSE.

What ex-President Grant knows about  
horse-flesh may be gleaned from the follow-  
ing: Just before the close of the session of  
Congress, while a dog was on duty, the  
Grant was struck with the appearance of a  
horse that was driven before a lumber  
cart. The lumber was sent for and asked  
would sell it. The butcher was asked  
for a proper consideration. The proper  
consideration was estimated at \$250, which was  
paid. Subsequently, after driving out with  
Senator Conkling, the President said:  
"Come to the stable, and look at a horse I  
bought." Mr. Conkling, who is some what of  
a judge of horses, looked the animal over  
thoroughly, poked him here, poked him  
there, and did all that a first class Senator  
and horseman should do in such a case.  
"Where did you get him?" asked the Presi-  
dent. "I bought him of a butcher," replied  
the President. "How much did you pay  
for him?" "\$250," answered the Senator.  
Grant. "Well," observed the Senator, "it  
may be a very good animal, and I don't  
is; but if it were my case, I think I would  
rather have the money than the horse."  
"That is what the butcher thought," re-  
plied the President.

#### SINGULAR BETTING TRANSACTIONS.

A remarkable case of betting came before  
the County Court Judge of Gloucester  
recently. It appears that during Christmas  
week a party of men met at a public house,  
and in a conversation about Walter  
exploits, a man named Hudson struck a  
 bargain that he would allow a turpentine  
shot off his head with a rifle. The bet was  
accepted by a marine store-dealer named  
Black, and the stakes were afterward  
doubled. Black alleged that one of the con-  
ditions was that Hudson should stand the  
end of the shooting-alley, and the shot  
fired from the other, but this was denied by  
the remainder of the company, and the  
rifle was fired at with the muzzle of the gun  
only two or three inches away. Black sought  
to recover £2; but it appeared that, though  
he protested, he never asked for his money,  
and the Judge gave judgment for defendant,  
without costs.

#### OPENING OF THE BELLEVILLE OPERA HOUSE.

Our friends of that lively frontier town,  
Belleville, are moving onward rapidly in the  
stride of public enterprise. During the past  
season Bull's Opera House has been com-  
pleted, and judging from the description  
given of it, it is not for beauty and magni-  
tude behind any Opera House in our Dominion.  
The Barnabee Concert Company, of Boston,  
gave the inaugural opening by two grand  
concerts on the 9th and 10th of March. The  
popular Canadian Manager, Mr. E. A. M.  
Dowell, with his excellent Dramatic Com-  
pany from Montreal, appeared for a  
week, commencing Monday, 12th March.

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1877.

AMERICAN.	
Lelloy, N.Y.	May 29 to 31
Ellettswood Park, N.Y.	May 29 to June 1
Whitmarsh, Pa.	May 26 to June 1
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Medina, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Muskegon, Mich.	June 5 to 7
Utica, N.Y.	June 5 to 7
Syracuse, N.Y.	June 12 to 14
Elmira, N.Y.	June 19 to 21
Madison, Ind.	June 19 to 21
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 19 to 22
Jackson, Mich.	June 26 to 29
Cincinnati	June 30 to July 4
Detroit, Mich.	July 8 to 6
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 17 to 20
Chicago, Dear Park	July 17 to 20
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N.Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Aug. 21 to 24
Hartford, Conn.	Aug. 28 to 31
Sprague Id, Mass.	Aug. 21 to 24
Rochester, N.Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d " "
Tuskaloosa, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N.Y.	3d " "
Montville, Ill.	4th " "

CANADIAN.	
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Windsor	May 24
Kentville	May 24
Port Hope (local)	May 24
Windsor	May 24 to 25
Hamilton	July 2 to 4
St. Forest (local)	July 2
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THE QUEEN'S PLATE

Up to the time of going to press, no definite news has been heard as to the intentions of the Prescott Association with the Royal bounty. It has been hinted that it was in contemplation to locate the day at quite an advanced date, viz., the first week in July. It is to be hoped this will not be decided upon by the Prescott authorities. The number of race horses is quite small in the Province, and by postponing the running for the Plate until that advanced season, it would operate prejudicially not only to horsemen but to other tracks. The spring campaign is about concluded with the advent of July, and owners of plates would not assume the chance of winning a race, before the contest for the Plate was decided. In this way the number of entries in the Province-bred classes in the spring events would in all probability be seriously reduced, an infliction on other associations which can be avoided by the action of our St. Lawrence friends. So far the contests for the Plate on the natal day of our beloved sovereign have been very successful, and if the track of our Prescott friends can be put in good order by that day, we see no reason why it should be longer delayed. Besides, there appears to be a fitness in running for the royal bounty on the Queen's Birthday. The matter, however, rests with the judgment of the association, who for the time being are the recipients of the bounty, and we trust they will give all due consideration to the important question of date.

From the class of gentlemen who have the control of the Prescott track, we are sure we may look to the fact that no efforts will be spared to make the race as satisfactory as possible to all who are engaged in it. A prejudice exists against half-mile tracks, and it devolves upon them to do all in their power to show that the confidence reposed in them by placing the Plate in their hands has not been over-estimated. While we are not of the many who class a good half-mile track with a circus ring, still, it is necessary to have the track in the best of shape for a race of this nature. Other associations, whose tracks are half-mile ones, will anxiously watch the running for the Plate this season, the first time we believe it has ever been contested for over a short track. In their interest, and in the interest of horsemen, as well as to the credit of the club, we repeat, no efforts to make a good track should be spared.

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A JOB AT BARRIE.

By the report of the winter meeting at Barrie published in to-day's paper it will be seen the free-for-all, after the first heat in it was trotted, was declared off, pools, purse and all. From the best information we have been able to gain, the race appears to have been one of the most bare-faced swindles ever endeavored to be perpetrated in this or any other country. There is said to be honor among thieves, but the result of this race will do much to destroy confidence in the truth of the maxim. The story is told in a few words. Upon the close of the entries there were only two horses nominated—Little Ethan and Henry R. We have understood it required three to fill, but the gentleman acting for the Association informed those who had already entered if they could get another nomination the race would be permitted to go on. The owner of Ethan then induced the controller of Garafraxa by the payment of one third of the purse to start this horse, the understanding at the time being that Garafraxa could be placed in the race as the owner of Ethan desired. Upon offering to sell pools on the race, nothing could be procured against bids on Ethan, consequently he was barred, and proposals were solicited for second place between Henry R. and Garafraxa. The former was the better thought of, and then those in the job played Garafraxa against him, with the understanding that Garafraxa would be permitted to win the first heat, and then Ethan would go on and finish the race in the next three heats. This, in all conscience, was bare-faced enough robbery. But while the conspirators were buying Garafraxa in the pools, his controller or owner had an outside party snapping up the Henry R.'s. In the classic parlance of the gang, they tumbled to something wrong, and applied to the driver of Garafraxa for information. He assured them all was right, and they continued to pour in their dross to the crucible of the pool box. But on coming on the ice and starting for the race, it was evident there was a miscarriage of the intentions somewhere. Ethan and Henry R. got off with the lead, and, after trotting a little way, both pulled back waiting for Garafraxa. However, Garafraxa's driver was equally strong in the arms, and that horse didn't catch up to the leaders worth a cent. Finally they all came to a walk, and, with the exception of Ethan, did not pass the stand. Everybody, as may be supposed, was disgusted with the turn of affairs, and the judge very properly declared everything off. This is the story as told to us by several well-informed and reliable gentlemen. The exposure of this kind is the only penalty possible to inflict upon such rascality; but it would be well for all associations and horsemen to beware of such land pirates as the controllers of these horses have shown themselves to be by this race. Not satisfied with putting up a job to rob the public, they must indeed break faith with one another. Anything more despicable and glaringly fraudulent than this affair we have never seen or read of, and it is a pretty position for the Canadian turf to be in, when such evidences of rascality can be pointed at as one of its results. It would be almost insane to hope for reformation in such characters; they are sunk too deep into the dirty waters of chicanery for the refining influences of public opinion to produce any impression on them. Let them be cut off from the list of acquaintances of honest turfmen, and like some evil birds of prey be targets for the shafts of those who would wish to purify our struggling turf from such troublesome pests.

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say in the sweep above illustrated the winner would receive \$400; 2nd, \$200; 3rd, \$100; then \$800 would remain to be divided among the other starters. Allowing there were twenty-three started, then a horse that started, if he was not placed, would be worth \$16. A percentage of his prizes is deducted to meet the expenses of the sweep, which is retained by the manager when paying the premiums. In such the total number of tickets are not sold, the drawing goes on all the same, but the premiums are paid pro rata in proportion to the number disposed of. All through the English colonies these sweeps are immensely popular, and there is scarcely a city in the empire but has one or more. In Ontario they have usually been for small sums, but there is no reason why the gross amount should not be greatly increased. For instance a sweep of \$5,000 could be instituted with a thousand tickets at \$5 each, and the premiums so divided as to give \$2,000 to the first, \$1,000 to the second, \$500 to the third, leaving \$1,500 to be divided among the other starters. This would be a great return for a \$5 investment, and would be a good margin of profit for its promoters.

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT PETERBORO

PETERBOROUGH, March 1.—\$40. Grand Sweep. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.  
Wm Martin's Nellie Goldsmith... 1 1  
Wm Morgan's Lady Lorne... 2 2  
J Newhall's Shanty Boy... 3 3  
W Hogg's Norwood Maid... 4 4  
W Calvert's King of the North... 5 5  
Time—3:03, 2:58, 2:51.

\* Lady Lorne and Shanty Boy trotted another heat for second money, which was won by Lady Lorne, in 3:04.

Same Day.—\$5. 2:25 class; mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J Howden's Butcher Billy... 1 1  
J Kincaid's Tuco-Tucan... 2 2  
R Haydon's Lillian... 3 3  
W Morgan's Geo Wilkes... 4 4  
Time—2:41, 2:44, 2:45.

March 2.—\$50. County Purse. Mile heats, to sleighs.

Wm Simpson's Geo Wilkes... 1 1  
Wm Clark's Omemees Maid... 2 2  
Wm Croft's Silver Tail... 3 3  
Wm Hetherington's Brown Barber... 4 4  
Wm Hogg's Maggie... 5 5  
Time—2:58, 2:57, 2:56.

Same Day.—\$125. Free-for-all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

A F Lee's Little Ethan... 1 1  
R Reed's Barlow... 2 2  
R Haydon's Lillian... 3 3  
H Ostrum's Henry R... 4 4  
Time—2:41, 2:43, 2:39.

TROTTING AT BARRIE.

BARRIE, March 7.—Second day of the winter meeting. \$20. For hack horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

Owner's Black Maria... 1 1  
Owner's Mule... 2 2  
Owner's Smuggler... 3 3  
Owner's Lookout... dr  
Time—3:15, 3:14, 3:08.

The open race being evidently a cross, was after the first heat, which was won by Little Ethan, declared off, purse, pools and bets.

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

A F Lee, ch g Little Ethan... 1  
L Ostrum's Henry R... } Not placed.  
Mr Crosier's Garafraxa... }  
\* Pools, bets, and purse declared off for fraud.

Same Day.—\$30. Colt race for colts and fillies of 1874, bar Handsome John. Half-mile heats, to sleighs.

J Wait, g g Billy Bruce... 1 1  
Owner's ch f Della Wait, by Erin Chief... 2 2  
Owner's Sharon Chief... 3 3  
Time—1:35, 1:37.

March 8.—\$50. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

G Clarkson, b m Lady Claison... 2 1 1 1  
Mr Crozier, b g Garafraxa... 1 3 3 3  
C C Kellett, b g Honest Billy... 3 2 2 2  
Time 2:52, 2:51, 2:51, 2:51

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. W. E. Owen, of this city, has purchased the roan gelding Hurricane, by Flinty, bred by Julia Adams, from Mr. L. Ostrum, Eschleville. The horse will be put in immediate preparation for the Queen's Plate, and having accidents, Billy thinks the one that best man will win the race. The consideration reported for him is \$400.

Mr. H. P. McGrath's crack Aristide's has thrown a splint on his right fore leg, which has caused a cessation in his work. The leg has been blistered, and it is hoped the injury will be only temporary. The contemplated meeting between him and his great rival Ten Broeck, at Lexington or Levensville, has been looked for anxiously.

Mr. Thos. Foster, of Flint, Mich., met with a severe misfortune in the death of the well-known Western race mare Victorine, by Uncle Vic, dam by Vandal. The accident occurred on March 8, the mare having been started into a field, where, having run against some hard substance, she received a severe flesh wound, and lock jaw set in. She was valued at \$2,000.

Last week's Spirit of the Times is ground with the likeness of Messrs. Bergin's fine stallion Longwood, by Edward Everett, dam by Gony Island Black Hawk.

Mr. A. Price, we learn by our foreign exchange, an English steeplechase jockey, has engaged himself as a trainer and rider to a Canadian turfman. He left England on the 10th ult. Who is the Canadian turfman? Mr. McQuillan, of Guelph, has arrived home safely with his consignment of horses. He reached Liverpool last Saturday, in the steamer Idaho.

Mr. John Scott, the highly esteemed horseman of Galt, Ont., drew the trotting horse at a lottery at Parkhill, on Thursday of last week. He is deserving of this good luck.

Mr. Wharton Hodgson, of Stafford, has sold to Mr. John Mason, of the Township of Hullett, his celebrated young stallion, Bank of England, for \$1,900.

Mr. John Fobes, of Woodstock, has nominated Bill Bruce and Vicksburg in the Sammam Handicap at Saratoga and the Fordham Handicap at Jerome Park. Dr. Smith's mare inspiration is also in both races.

Do you beat Occident at San Francisco, on March 9 in three straight heats. Time—2:24, 2:24, 2:25.

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Mr. Jos. O'Connor, of Guelph, having sold his interest in the Queen's Hotel there, has taken his departure for New York, where he will assume the management of the extensive billiard room which is carried on there by his brother.

Up in Nevada they get through their sporting matters in a business like way. When a man wants a match, instead of running up and down stairs interviewing city editors, or spreading himself out in letters to the editor, he goes to the office of the paper with an advertisement, pays for it, and awaits results.

Mr. Augustus McCorquodale, of Oxford, has sold one of his imported stallions to Mr. Ira Hummason for the sum of \$1,800. Mr. McC. intends making another trip to the old country shortly.

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**OUR THIRD YEAR.**

This number commences the third year of publication of THE SPORTING TIMES under our proprietorship. Our readers can depend that the same attention will be paid to their wants in the future that they have received in the past. Efforts are now being made to establish a list of reliable correspondents throughout the Dominion, which, if successful, will tend to heighten the interest in the paper. We solicit the kind assistance of our friends as heretofore, and shall be always pleased to acknowledge obligations for their valuable aid.

Mr. Joseph Simpson, a light weight jock, while training a colt at Col. McDaniels' breeding farm, near Princeton, N. J., was caught in the stirrups of the saddle and dragged to death, on Thursday of last week.

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Owner's Black Minnie..... 2 3 3  
Owner's Robin..... 3 3 2  
Time—3:06, 3:01, 3:02.

- NAMES CLAIMED.**
- RACHEL, for ch m, foaled 18—, by Jupiter, Jr. (son of Jupiter, by Long Island Black Hawk, dam by Andrew Jackson), dam Rachel, by Voorhis' Abdallah Chief.
- LUCY ABERDOUR, for ch f, foaled May 4, 1876, by Aberdour (son of Aberdeen), dam Rachel, by Jupiter, Jr. (as above.)—Wm. MENGER, St. Jacobs, Ont.

**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 or telegraph.)

COBOURG.—Address letters P. Collins & Co., SPORTING TIMES Office. Last week's was delayed in consequence of improper address.

J. B., Edgely.—Give us some further information about the horse. Is he a Canadian, who reared and by whom, and about what year? We require these particulars to identify him.

John Mason, of the City of Toronto, has celebrated young stallion, Park, bred by him, and for \$1,900.

John Fobes, of Woodstock, has bred a fine pair of horses, Bruce and Vicksburg, by the Vicksburg, bred at Saratoga and to be shown at Jerome Park. Dr. Smith's opinion on the pair is also in both races.

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John Devlin, of Buffalo, has sold his grand getting mare Faunty 1st, to Western, for a long price.

Mr. Geo. Wright, of Watford, Ont. or England on Saturday with 26 fine horses. He shipped from Philadelphia on the steamer Dominion. It is claimed by the press that a saving of \$10 per head is effected, a sum worthy of consideration.

Mr. Jos. O'Connor, of Guelph, having sold his interest in the Queen's Hotel there, has taken his departure for New York, where he will assume the management of the extensive billiard room which is carried on there by his brother.

Up in Nevada they get through their sporting matters in a business like way. When a man wants a match, instead of running up and down stairs interviewing city editors, or spreading himself out in letters to the editor, he goes to the office of the paper with an advertisement, pays for it, and awaits results.

Mr. Augustus McCorquodale, of Oxford, has sold one of his imported stallions to Mr. Ira Humason for the sum of \$1,350. Mr. McC. intends making another trip to the old country shortly.

An entire horse show will be held at Drayton during April. The officers are—W. Shaw, Pres.; J. Landerkin, Vice-Pres.; H. Powley, S. English and Gregory, Directors; A. Smith, Treas.; T. Proctor, Sec.

While a citizen of Bristol, Vt., was riding in a wagon one day last week, a horse of the horse was thrown in the air, and fell upon one of the reins, sliding down to the hand of the driver who seized it without slackening speed.

The Hamilton Summer Meeting will be held on July 2, 3, and 4.

"It is almost time," says the Chicago Tribune, "that some vigorous man should take hold of the religious newspapers and shake the swindling advertisements out of them."

The reports in the New York sporting papers say that those enterprising Canadian billiardists, Joseph and Cyrille Don, have their hands full of business in their rooms. They are not looking after billiard pools; business is good, and they believe in letting well alone.

The well-known imp. thoroughbred stallion Reveller, was sold by auction at Grand's, on Tuesday, to Mr. Lynch, of Dixie, for \$800.

Mr. A. M. Thomas of the Cheap Hoses, King St. west, has on exhibition a beautiful painting of his mare Lady Zoo. It is a very fine picture, and worth inspection.

Although not required by the conditions, an announcement of a trotting stallion in the SPORTING TIMES would be indisputable evidence of his having been publicly advertised.

**Veterinary.**

**OVARIOTOMY (SPAYING).**  
 REPORT MADE AT WEEKLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERINARY COLLEGE, TORONTO, BY MR. J. QUINN, BATES, VET. STUDENT.

The operation which is frequently performed, yet few veterinarians seem to have paid particular attention to it, and as to an operation which any of us at any time may be called upon to execute, I do not think it out of place to introduce the subject, worthy of due thought and thorough discussion.

The operation is performed quite extensively in my native State, and I think in the majority of the States of the Union. In this country it is generally confined to swine, and I believe that I would be within the bounds of truth should I say, that fifty per cent. of the female swine reared in that State, solely for the butcher, are spayed; as well as twenty-five per cent. of the breeding sows, after they have fulfilled their duty as such, are made to undergo the same *modus operandi*. In swine the operation is performed for the purpose of making them grow and fatten better, by cutting off all sexual desires; for weeding out those that are unfit for breeding purposes; as well as to prevent producing more pigs than one can rear, since, many farmers allow the sow, or boar, as the case may be, to run with the other sows. As I intend to speak more particularly of this operation in cattle, I will here let it suffice to say, that the manners of operating are similar, of which I will speak further on.

Ovariectomy is performed in cattle for the same purposes as in swine; yet, sometimes for another, though, I believe, that the latter, as a whole, has never proved very satisfactory: that to which I refer, is the perennial secretion of milk. Undoubtedly the operation is attended with very satisfactory and very profitable returns, when it is confined to weaners, unfit for breeding purposes, and it is succeeded by better growth and also better fattening propensities. And why? Because the sexual desire is stopped, which desire tends in a greater or less degree, through excitement, to destroy tissue, as well as to prevent the building up of the same; by, I might say, twenty-four hours every three weeks, spent in roving, lowing, &c., if alone; if with other cattle, which is generally the case, even worse; which as we know, also interferes more or less with the rest of the herd. When limited to inferior animals the operation proves profitable, by being a sure preventive of propagation, since bad stock is near no stock. So that, by preventing propagation, and producing better growth and fattening properties, makes judicious culling, if done in this manner, profitable as well as necessary. This is not all, by the increased constitutional tendency of the animal to produce fat, we obtain a more nutritive, tender and juicy quality of meat, as well as the liability to disease of the generative organs being reduced to its minimum.

I have often seen spayed heifers at three years old bring nearly as much for beef as open ones at the same age would as breeding animals; though, the latter were far their superiors two years previous; and even more than the latter would have brought, had they also been sold to butcher. Simply due to better growth and fattening properties, combined with a better quality of meat. From this I do not wish you to infer that extra heifers should be castrated; but, that the inferior ones should, since they will prove more profitable in that way than by being allowed to generate their kind of offspring, or by keeping them for the butcher, without the operation having been performed; whilst, in the case of the extra heifers, you would be destroying those which would prove more profitable to breeders.

The perennial secretion of milk is a subject upon which I have

after the flow of milk has ceased; as well as already mentioned, in the younger ones, that are not intended for breeding purposes. On no-wise other than the above, would I advise the operation to be performed in a fine milking or beef producing strain; since in either case, it would tend to pluck the bud that blooms the rose.

**THE OPERATION IN CATTLE.**—The manners in which ovariectomy is performed in cattle are as follows, which I will denominate: Inferior Abdominal, Lateral Abdominal, and Vaginal; though Mr. Percival, in his Anatomy, when treating of the ovaries in the mare, says: "where it is one's intention to remove them, the incision should be made along the crista of the ilium," &c. I can not accept Mr. Percival's advice, as to where to make the incision, even in the mare; letting alone the cow, where owing to the great development of the transverse processes of the lumbar vertebra, it would be inadmissible.

The Inferior Abdominal operation I can not advocate; since, besides other abnormal consequences likely to follow either operation, we may, and, in fact, frequently do have hernia. The incision extending from behind forwards, large enough to admit the hand, is made in the heifer, about three inches anterior to the pubis and to the side of the side of the linea alba.

The Lateral Abdominal operation, and that most generally adopted in the Western States, is performed as I here shall endeavor to explain. We prefer favourable weather in the Spring or Autumn. The animal to be operated upon is put off food and water for twelve hours, perhaps longer; she is then thrown on her right side, the fore limbs being well secured in front, the head held down, and the hind legs stretched backwards and also well secured. The incision is made from above downwards, large enough to admit the hand, beginning about an inch and a half anterior and an inch interior to the anterior iliac spine; remembering to have first clipped or shaved off the hair, and cleansed the skin by means of a brush or water if necessary. Knowing the situation of the ovaries, i. e., under the antero-external portion of the transverse process of the sacrum; of course, held pendulous by their ligaments, the hand is introduced inwards and backwards, the left ovary secured and drawn without, the ligaments allowing this, and excised with the knife in the heifer; but in the cow better removed by torsion. The hand is again passed within and directed under the anterior portion of the sacrum, against the inferior surface of the rectum, and the right ovary secured and removed in the same manner as the left. Here we frequently experience some difficulty, owing to the ligaments not allowing the ovary to be drawn without the incision; yet, we most generally succeed in drawing the ovary without; but, should we not be able so to do, we can succeed in detaching it by manipulation and the use of the thumb nail. In a case of this kind, as well as in other cases, I believe that the Ecraseur would prove a very useful instrument, and should I ever perform ovariectomy again, I will give it a trial. The manner in which I would advise the Ecraseur to be used is for the operator to secure the ovary by the means already mentioned, then have an assistant to insert the instrument, the chain or wire of which, as the case may be, the operator succeeds in passing over the ovary; he should now grasp the ovary, and order the assistant to work the instrument. After the ovary is detached, the Ecraseur should be withdrawn, and then the hand with the ovary. Sew up the incision with an interrupted suture, and treat as a common wound.

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spirit of them, and affording a good deal of information to the meeting.

A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded both gentlemen for their instructive and entertaining papers.

At the next meeting papers are to be read by Messrs. St. Phensor and Stovell.

Despite the inclemency of the weather the attendance was good, there being upwards of thirty present.

**MONTREAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION.**

The Montreal Veterinary Medical Association held its fortnightly meeting in the lecture room of the College, on Wednesday, 7th inst. Prof. D. McEachran occupied the chair. The following members of the Board of Agriculture were present: J. M. Browning, Esq., President; L. H. Massue, Esq., Vice-President; Dr. Leclerc, Secretary; Hon. L. Beaubien, Speaker in the Local Government, &c. Mr. John Byrne, M.R.C.V.S., was elected a member of the Association. Mr. S. Herbert read a communication on Ent rites, and a discussion followed. A carefully prepared paper on accidents and injuries of the generative organs was read by Mr. C. Lovesque, V.S., Berthierville.

At the conclusion of his practical and very excellent paper, a debate took place. Professor McEachran brought forward for consideration the subject of the prevailing epidemic, pronouncing it in his opinion to be undoubtedly Variola Equina and strengthening his position by quotations from standard authors, such as Roof, Bouley, Rynal, Cheveau, Fleming, and others. The Professor stated that, in connection with Professor Osler, he had performed experiments which had resulted in removing from their minds any doubts as to the disease being other than Variola, a dog and a cow being the subjects, and in the latter vaccine was produced. Several grooms and one veterinary student being accidentally inoculated with the virus, the effects were identical with those produced by vaccination. Among the members a slight difference of opinion was evinced in regard to it, but the majority sustained the Professor. Before the meeting closed J. M. Browning, Esq., President of the Board of Agriculture, in the course of some remarks made on behalf of the Board, congratulated the College for its progress and growth, and eulogized its Professors on their indefatigable exertions for its welfare. The Hon. L. H. Beaubien addressed a few complimentary and encouraging words to the Association, and expressed the gratification felt by the Board of Agriculture on the advancement of the Veterinary Science in the Province of Quebec. After a short address by the Vice-President of the Board of Agriculture, L. H. Massue, Esq., the meeting was brought to a close.

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**GENERAL.**

**MONTREAL.**—Miss Affie Weaver took her benefit at Academy of Music on Saturday evening to a good house, the bill being The Geneva Cross and Ice on Parle Francois.—Dan'l Druce Combination commenced a week's engagement on 12th inst.—Mr. McDowell and Snaughtan Co. to Belleville this week.

**HAMILTON.**—Cool Burgess and company at Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday evening last. Nothing announced.

**LONDON.**—The Holman's gave one of their comic operas at the Lunatic Asylum, for the amusement of the unfortunate inmates, on the 8th. They commence a season at Troy on the 19th, thence to Philadelphia, April 3.

**GUELPH.** New Dominion Minstrels at Town Hall, March 12, to good business.

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**UXBRIDGE.**—Blind Tom, at Ontario Hall, March 17.

**BARRIE.**—The Town Hall is to be enlarged at an expense of \$5,000.

**CHICAGO.**—Dan Thompson at Coliseum Theatre, Chicago, last week, in Joshua Whitcomb.

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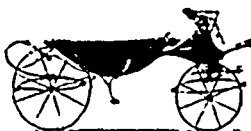
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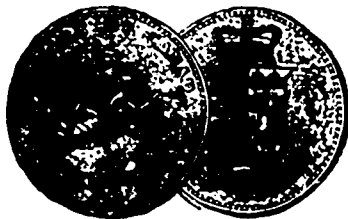
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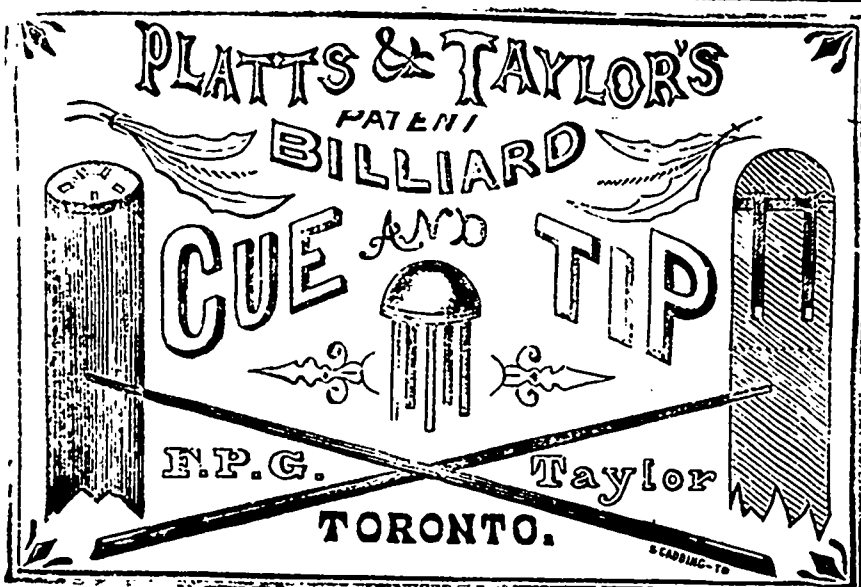
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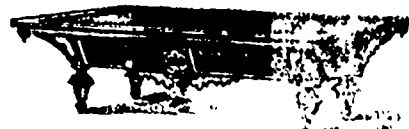
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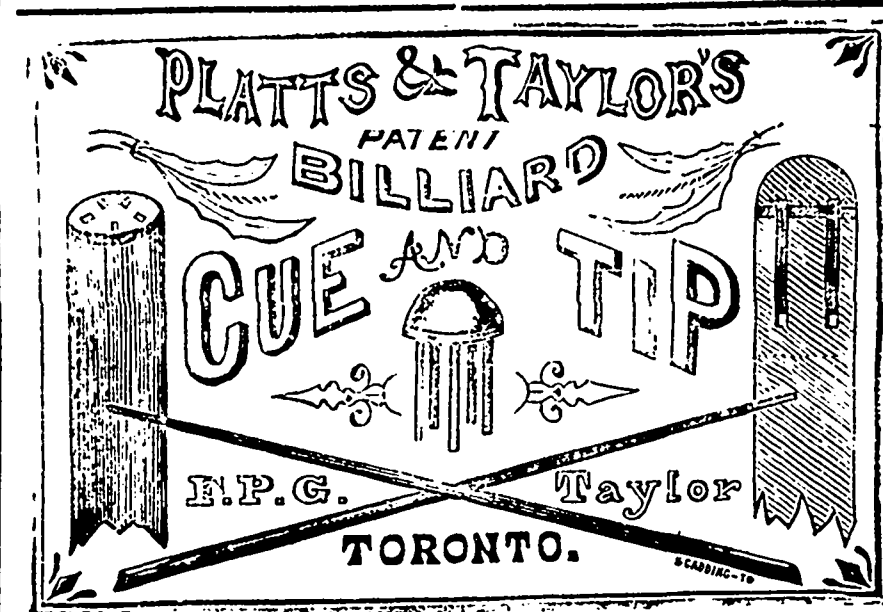
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