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Veterinary.

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

FIRST ANNUAL DINNER OF THE STUDENTS.

The students of the Ontario Veterinary College held their first annual dinner at the Amherst Hotel on Friday evening, Feb. 1. The party was large, numbering over seventy, and the proceedings were of a most social character. The Committees, to whom were entrusted the management of the entertainment, performed their work well, the arrangements being made in every particular. The contents of the menu were such as would please the most fastidious, and received the careful consideration of those who sat around the tables, which were handsomely laid out. Altogether the affair was that which will not soon be forgotten by those who attended it, and it is to be hoped that it will not be the last of the kind held by the students of the College. It may be mentioned that the dinner was temperate, no intoxicating liquors being on the table. Mr. J. V. Newton presided at the festive board, and on either side of him were seated the guests, viz:—Prof. Smith, Barrett, Thorburn, Duncan, and Dr. Hand, Rev. C. Campbell (Niagara), Messrs. J. A. Craig and J. Hayes, and Dr. Riddell. The only business having been removed.

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ably connected. The College, he said, was established by the late Hon. Adam Ferguson, a gentleman who, during his lifetime, took a great interest in all matters agricultural. In 1866 power was conferred upon the College to grant diplomas, and since that it has gone on steadily increasing its efficiency until now it will bear a favorable comparison with any similar institution on the continent, a fact which was abundantly proven by the success of its graduates. For the progress of the College he was greatly indebted to Prof. Buckland, a warm friend of the institution. He also felt under an obligation to his colleagues, Drs. Bovell, Thorburn, and Barrett, who assisted to further its interests to the utmost of their ability. The success of the College was not altogether due to its teachers, but to the students. He believed the College was doing good to the country at large, and although it was not a great institution he trusted its results would be a national benefit. Until the Government does more than it has done, the institution must needs remain a private one. The appliances of the College were now very efficient, but anything further that could be done to benefit the students he would do. The speaker went on to enumerate the advantages afforded by the institution, and resumed his seat amidst loud applause.

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also referred in deprecating terms to clipping horses. During the discussion that followed, the latter subject was fully dealt with. The President in summing up, expressed great pleasure in finding that this dangerous practice was so unanimously condemned by the members, as he was convinced that in a climate such as ours it was more than cruel to deprive these poor animals of nature's warm covering. He was convinced that it was a fruitful source of disease, and instanced several cases now under treatment for rheumatism under this cause. He could scarcely conceive anything more cruel than clipping and other working horses, whose duties necessitated their standing for hours in the streets.

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ant for first-class honors. And yet Higgins has good reason to remember Hanlan's performance at Philadelphia! Trickett is said to contemplate a visit to America to row Courtney on the Hudson. He will not, therefore, try his luck here again this year, but be content to rest on the laurels acquired by his defeat of Sadler. If Higgins or Boyd care to meet the Toronto sculler, Hanlan, on Toronto Bay this summer, I am authorized to say a match can be made for £1,000 a side, or half, or double that sum; and that Hanlan's backers will allow the Englishman £100 for expenses. The race to be rowed from stake boats moored 60 yards apart, round boats similarly moored two miles and a half up the bay, and home. Fitness of weather to be decided by the referee, but "smooth water," subject to reason and common sense, to be an understood condition, failing that, postponement from day to day. In conclusion, I would suggest that the race be rowed in the first week of September, when I hope that under arrangements which I am now making, we will again have twelve English gentlemen cricketers playing at Toronto. Canadian sportsmen will further "the double event" without stint of hospitality, and a fair field and no favor may safely counted on.

Yours, &c.,
THOS. C. PATTERSON.
Coddensham Lodge, Cheltenham, Jan 16.

MORRIS WILL ROW HANLAN.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 1, 1878.

FRANK QUEEN, Esq.—Dear Sir: Inclosed please find one hundred dollars, as an acceptance of Mr. Hanlan's challenge to row me a five mile race, in best and best boats, over the Hulton Course, near Pittsburg, for a purse of one thousand dollars a side. I will allow him two hundred dollars for expenses. Should this be acceptable to Mr. Hanlan, on notice thereof from him, I will at once forward articles for his consideration.

Yours, respectfully,
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A telegraph despatch from Auburn states that Morris has accepted Courtney's challenge for a three-mile race for \$2,000, to take place over the Hulton course, near Pittsburg. Courtney has agreed to visit the smoky city, and waived his proposition to row on Owaseo Lake. This is the big event of the year, and Morris' pluck is deserving of praise, in thus tackling the carpenter-giant of Union Springs.

GO FROM HOME FOR NEWS.

A paragraph, the paternity of which would be difficult to discover, is floating around the American press. It says "Miss Hanlan, a sister of the Canadian oarsman, offers to pay any woman up to the United States or

Checkers.

MR. DYKES ACCEPTS.

EDITOR CLIPPER.—I accept the challenge of Mr. Labadie, and I have deposited \$50 with my agent, Mr. Chas. A. Frickelton, proprietor of the Western Hotel, Wardsville, to cover the deposit of Mr. Labadie. Match to take place on Feb. 25, and to be played according to Anderson's laws of the game. Mr. Frickelton will arrange with Mr. L. or his agent all other matters concerning the match.

JAMES M. DYKES.
Wardsville, Jan 21, 1878.

Mr. Frickelton writes that he has received fifty dollars from Mr. Dykes, as stated above, and that he is ready to make arrangements for the match.—ED. CLIPPER.

William Stewart, of Ottawa, has just completed a match of draughts, played by post card, with W. M. Rattray, of Montreal, lasting over four months. Thirteen games were played in that time, but only one won, and that was by Mr. Stewart, the other twelve being drawn games.

STONEY STUD STABLES BURNED.

A part of the stables and barns belonging to Col. David McDaniel, at Stoneybrook Stud, were destroyed by fire on the evening of the 21st ult. Col. McDaniel had been in New York during the day, and the buildings were burned before he returned. The fire was discovered by one of the lads who attends the horses, under a pile of hay. He at once gave the alarm. Mr. David McDaniel, Jr., at once started to Princeton for assistance, and obtained an engine, which rendered valuable aid, preventing the fire spreading to adjacent buildings. The assistance of the neighbors and hands up the farm the horses about thirty in number were removed from the buildings, without serious injury. Fortunately the yearlings and brood mares were some half mile away on the road to Princeton. The burned buildings were those occupied by Harry Bassett, and the two, three, and four year olds. The loss is a serious one to the Colonel, and is estimated at \$13,000, up to which there was a partial insurance. The greatest loss was in the large amount of hay and grain consumed. A misfortune could hardly come at a more inopportune time, as Col. McDaniel is preparing his horses for sale. He will sell, 26th inst., twenty-seven of the lot made homeless by the accident. No cause can be given for the origin of the fire, the opinion prevails that it was of incendiary origin.

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The band of the Twenty-second (U.S.) Regiment, under the direction of Mr. Gilmore, is coming to Europe in May, and is well equipped with military band which has appeared in the country in the American uniform. Some of the best musicians in the world are in the band.

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"The Governor-General and Lieutenant-Governor" was the next toast, which was enthusiastically received. Mr. A. N. Smeall sang "The Genius of Canada."

The Chairman next gave the toast of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," to which Dr. Thorburn replied.

Mr. Oliver sang "Havelock, or the Warrior's Battle." Mr. G. P. Hinman then proposed "The Agricultural and Arts Association of Ontario."

Prof. Buckland responded. He spoke of the early history of the Association, which had triumphed over difficulties that had appeared almost insuperable. The progress of the Association in its younger days was slow, but it was now, as was well known, in a flourishing condition. He referred to the organization of the Ontario Veterinary College, and the prosperity which had attended it since then. Principal Smith had been greatly instrumental in bringing the college to its present efficient condition, which he trusted would long maintained. (Applause.)

Mr. Massie sang "The Cameron Men." Mr. Humphries then called upon the company to drink to the health of "The Ontario Veterinary College," which they did with three times three. The Chairman called upon the Principal of the College to respond.

Dr. Smith returned his sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received. He then proceeded to speak of veterinary surgery and its relation to the agricultural interests of the country. As the latter progressed so should the former, the two being inseparable.

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MONTREAL VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The usual fortnightly meeting of this Association was held on Thursday, the 31st January; the President, Professor McEachran, in the chair. The first paper read was on laminitis (inflammation of the feet) by Mr. David Lemay, who explained that it was produced by a variety of causes, especially overdriving, drinking cold water when heated, and overgorging the stomach. From experience in a large number of cases he favoured the treatment followed at the college, viz., removing the shoes, cutting down the crust out of pressure, hot foot baths and poultices, purgatives and febrifuge medicines, followed after the subsidence of the acute symptoms by Broad's heavy-toed bar shoe and cold clay. Dr. Cressey proposed a perpendicular incision into the toe of the foot with a saw to allow of the escape of the effusion and thus lessening, if not preventing, separation of the horny from the sensitive laminae. The discussion on this paper was animated, and many suggestions of a practical nature were elicited. Mr. McMartin next read a lengthy and interesting paper on skin diseases, in which he reviewed the learned writings of Gerlach, Herring, Gamgee and others, explaining the different varieties and causes of skin eruptions, eczema, mange, scarcopes, grease, &c. He

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In the match game of billiards at New Orleans, on Tuesday night, for \$4,000, William Sexton beat Cyrille Dion by 1,000 to 555.

Mr. B. H. Brand, the popular billiard room proprietor, of Montreal, has reduced the tariff for playing in his room to the democratic price of twenty-five cents an hour, which he claims is the cheapest amusement in the city.

On Monday of last week, Mr. James E. Leonard, formerly of the firm of Leonard & Benjamin, billiard table manufacturers, died at his residence in New York city. For several years he had been in the employ of Messrs. W. H. Griffith & Co., New York.

Aquatic.

A CHALLENGE FROM AMERICA.

The following letter which speaks for itself, is taken from *Bell's Life*, of the 19th ult.:

To the Editor of *Bell's Life* in London:

Sir,—I have been reading in a great many newspapers historical sketches of the performers in the late race for the sculling championship of England. In none of them have I seen a reference to one Hanlan, a Toronto lad, just 21 yet of age, rather under middle size, who in 1876 won the open race at Philadelphia, at the time of the Centennial Exhibition. Of Trickett I see repeated notices, and the Australian giant has quite dwarfed our humble aspir-

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Ross, Hutton, McLallen and Craig are the men who will probably represent St. John, N.B., as a four-oared crew this year. Alex. Brayley will also have his sculls in readiness.

Base Ball.

TECUMSEHS, OF TORONTO.

This club played fifteen games last season, winning ten and losing five. They won the city championship, and as the amateur champions of Toronto will defend the title next season.

VICTORIES.

June 2, Tecumseh vs. Atlantic.....	21 to 18
June 16, Tecumseh vs Atlantic.....	15 9
June 23, Tecumseh vs Atlantic.....	45 4
June 30, Tecumseh vs Eckford.....	9 0
July 7, Tecumseh vs Star.....	9 1
July 12, Tecumseh vs Clipper.....	16 14
July 14, Tecumseh vs Star.....	9 0
July 28, Tecumseh vs Clipper.....	10 4
Aug. 4, Tecumseh vs Iroquois.....	19 12
Sept. 1, Tecumseh vs Atlantic.....	24 4

DEFEATS.

July 21, Iroquois vs Tecumseh.....	21 17
Aug. 13, Clipper vs Tecumseh.....	17 5
Aug. 25, Iroquois vs Tecumseh.....	15 7
Sept. 8, Standard vs Tecumseh.....	23 6
Sept. 22, Clipper vs Tecumseh.....	5 3

They were from Mr. Jones, as he had said that he is ready to make arrangements for the match. — *For Centre*

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The band of the Twenty-second (U.S.) Regiment, under the direction of Mr. Gilmore, is coming to Europe in May, and it will be the first military band which has appeared in this country in the American uniform. Some little difficulty has arisen owing to the fact that three of the band are deserters from the English army. These are Mr. Ar buckle, the first cornet, who deserted from the Scots Greys in 1852; Mr. Bont, second cornet, who deserted in 1870, and Mr. Kavanah, the second bassoon, who deserted in 1872. It is possible that these gentlemen will be left behind, and the band, sixty strong, will start without them. Passages have been secured by the business manager, Mr. Enderby Jackson, for the band on an Italian steamer, and they will give their first concert at St. George's Hall, Liverpool, the second week of May. They will then go to Dublin and Cork, and will arrive in the third week of May in London, to play at the Crystal Palace and other places. The band will afterwards go to Paris and Berlin. The visit of the band will naturally excite a good deal of curiosity, for in the United States it is held in very great esteem.—*London and Provincial Music Trade Review.*

10,000 (\$51,100) GUINEAS FOR A HEIFER.

We have reason to believe that the Earl of Dunmore has lately been offered 10,000 guineas for his handsome two-year-old daughter of the celebrated Duchess 97th and 6th Duke of Geneva. The heifer is nearly eight months gone in calf to the beautiful young Oxford Duchess bull now in service at Dunmore, and the only condition accompanying the above extraordinary offer (made by a well-known English breeder) is, that the animal should produce a live heifer calf.—*North British Agriculturist.*

Duchess 97th is one of the breeding of Capt. Gunter, of Yorkshire, England. The 6th Duke of Geneva, was bred by Mr. J. O. Sheldon, of Geneva, New York.

James Grofton, hotel keeper, Wrorester, shot a large wild cat the other day.

THE
Master of the Hounds

CHAPTER XV.

(CONTINUED.)

'It shall be done, doctor,' said the man, 'let the consequences be what they may!'

Blanche Douglas was so fevered from the fright and excitement of the previous night, as to be unable to leave her room until late in the day. After eleven o'clock, visitors began to pour in from the neighborhood; the news of Blanche's attempted abduction spread like wildfire. Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt drove to the Priory immediately after breakfast, and were loud in their expressions of astonishment at Lord Vancourt's conduct.

'And what could you expect, asked Mrs. Gordon, 'after making such a fuss with that good-for-nothing man, and accepting him as my niece's suitor without making the least inquiry about his character or connections? I am quite surprised at you, Mr. Harcourt, acting so rashly; who as her guardian, were bound to make the strictest investigation into the affairs of any stranger who proposed for your ward's hand!'

'I confess,' replied Mr. Harcourt, 'I trusted too much to Lord Mervyn's representations, but although Lord Vancourt has acted so precipitately in this matter, yet there is no proof that he is such character as you represent him to be.'

'That proof will not be long wanting,' retorted Mrs. Gordon.

'We need not now enter into these discussions,' replied Mr. Harcourt, 'as we have come to take Blanche home.'

'Her home,' said Mrs. Gordon, 'for the future, will be at the Priory; or at least until such time as the fullest inquiry is made into this business, which Lord Malcolm is determined to prosecute to the utmost.'

'And pray, what has Lord Malcolm to do with it, Mrs. Gordon? I am her guardian, and the proper person to act in her defence.'

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'Oh! I suppose,' said Mrs. Harcourt, sneeringly, 'Mrs. Gordon intends to keep her niece here to marry her favorite, Mr. Beauchamp.'

'Even if I did, replied Mrs. Gordon, 'it would not be quite so bad as conniving at her being carried away by a married man!'

'Lord Vancourt is not a married man, and I defy you to the proof, madam!'

'Here it is, then,' exclaimed Melville, who had entered the room with Bob Conyers, and heard the last sentence. 'Here is a copy of the marriage certificate of Edward, Lord Vancourt, and Signora Marinetta, solemnized at Florence five years ago, and duly attested by witnesses. I have seen the original from which this is taken, and have already written to a friend at Florence to send me all further particulars.'

'And what business is this of yours, sir?' demanded Mrs. Harcourt, rising in great indignation from her chair.

'It became my business, madam,' replied Melville, 'when my word was questioned the other night by Lord Vancourt at the ball, and it shall be my business still, to prove him what I then asserted he was—a married man.'

'Oh, very well, sir,' said the lady, ringing the bell violently for her carriage; 'but you shall not marry my niece, notwithstanding.'

'Were I so disposed,' replied the captain, 'I should not be obliged, after what occurred last night, to obtain your consent; at which the lady bounced out of the room into the hall, followed by her husband, where she remained until the carriage came round.'

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'Who is to prosecute?' asked Bob Conyers.

'I shall, of course,' replied Malcolm, 'for I know Harcourt will shirk, to save his own and Mervyn's character. And now, Beauchamp, I think, if well enough, you had better return home to-day with your father, or that spiteful Mrs. Harcourt will declare we are only keeping you here on account of Blanche. I intend to take up my abode at the Priory, and shall remain until all this is settled; in short, I am so disgusted with the Harcourts that I have sent for all my traps, and do not intend just yet, if ever again, to enter their house.'

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'You must not suppose, gentlemen,' said Lord Malcolm, addressing the Bench, 'that I, or any of Miss Douglas's family are actuated by the spirit of revenge in this prosecution; but for the honor of my family and hers, and to protect her from any further attempts of this sort, I feel bound to use my best exertions in bringing the chief perpetrators of such a cowardly, unmanly act to justice, and not allow the law to take its course only against the least guilty parties. The crime of abduction, bad enough in itself, has also in this case been most seriously aggravated by shedding of blood, and the very near sacrifice of two lives.'

'You are most fully justified, Lord Malcolm,' said Sir Lionel Markham, who presided, 'in the course you intend to pursue, which is highly necessary, in a public point of view, to uphold the laws of the country, and prevent such outrages on civilized society.' With which Malcolm, bowing to the Bench, withdrew with his friend Beauchamp.

During this investigation, the large room of the Fox (a way-side inn, in the parish of Marston, where the petty sessions were held) was crowded to overflowing, and Lord Malcolm's determination to arrest Lord Vancourt was loudly applauded by the farmers and poorer classes.

'That's right, my lord,' said Farmer Stubbins, as he was leaving the room, 'don't ye let the biggest villain of the lot escape just because he's a lord; and there, to tempt to murder the young squire, too—dang it all, my lord, it be too bad; hanging ain't too great a punishment for such as he.'

The result of these proceedings was quickly conveyed to Lord Mervyn by one of his emissaries who attended to watch the case, although no attempt was made by his lordship to screen his men from the consequences of their aiding and abetting Lord Vancourt; in fact, he repudiated the whole thing, and openly expressed his hope that the watchers would be severely punished for daring to leave their places on such an errand. This avowal he deemed necessary, to prove, as he expected, his entire ignorance of Lord Vancourt's intentions.

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'Oh, dear William, then why should you doubt my love for you, or think me less constant than yourself?'

'I don't doubt you dear girl, but feared gratitude might now influence you.'

'William, you are only now wishing me to confess I felt love for you before gratitude, so, to relieve your mind from all further anxiety in your present state of suffering, I will make that confession. Dear William, she said, blushing, 'I have indeed long loved you, and can never love another.'

The words had scarcely passed her lips, before she was caught in his arms and pressed to his heart in a long embrace.

'This happiness quite overpowers me,' he whispered; 'a thousand thanks, my own, very own, dearest Blanche, for your generous candour; and now run up and take off your bonnet, and come sit by and comfort me. Will you, dear girl, without fear and trembling?'

'Yes,' she replied, with a sweet, radiant smile, 'until you are quite tired of my company.'

'That will never be, Blanche; so make haste and return to me again.'

The ladies now entered the room with Mr. Beauchamp, who met them in the hall.

'But where,' he inquired, 'is Malcolm?'

'He is gone over this morning to call on Mr. Conyers,' replied Mrs. Gordon, 'but will be here presently to escort us home after luncheon, as we intend, Mr. Beauchamp, to taste some of your metheglin, which Constance says is equal to any Frontignac.'

'Of course, said the old squire; 'you would not suppose I should treat you and Blanche as morning visitors; but sitting within doors this fine day does not quite suit me; what say you to a walk instead?'

'Most willingly,' replied Mrs. Gordon, 'although we have only just taken off our bonnets, with the intention of sitting with William.'

'One at a time is more than enough for him, and the most silent of the party the best, in his present state, whoever that may be; but on such a delicate point of distinction between ladies I shall prudently forbear to hazard an opinion; you must settle it, therefore, among yourselves, or cast lots who shall be the victim to listen to Will's complaints, while the rest are enjoying themselves in the open air.'

'I think,' said Constance, looking archly at her brother, 'Blanche is decidedly the most prudent and silent of our party, and therefore I propose her remaining with William, only on the condition that she does not allow him to speak on any exciting subject; do you both agree to this?'

'Most willingly and cheerfully do I submit to these conditions, if Blanche will not think it too great a penance to sit by a sick man's couch.'

'No, William, indeed I shall not; so now, Constance, you may run away as fast as you please with Aunt Gordon and Mr. Beauchamp.'

'My dear, kind-hearted, and affectionate girl,' said Beauchamp, when the others had quitted the room, 'and do you think I would trespass on your gentle nature by detaining you here, when Constance and Mrs. Gordon are enjoying this beautiful sunny morning? No, no, dear Blanche, you will be happier with them.'

'Do you wish me to leave you?'

'What a question!'

'Well, then,' she said, 'I would rather remain with you, if I may, and as I promised to do.'

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Encouraged by his frank though gentle manner, Blanche no longer dreaded being left alone with her lover; and their happy, confiding looks, when Mrs. Gordon returned from her walk, convinced her how pleasantly had passed the time they had been left together. Lord Malcolm arrived in time for luncheon, soon after which, in consideration of Will Beauchamp's inflammatory symptoms, Mrs. Gordon took her leave, forbidding him to leave the house until she called

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'Then, William, said Blanche, sadly, 'you do not love me, as you have professed to do.'

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'Not quite, Selina; I shall be all right again in a few days.'

'Mind you are, Master Will, as we are to have a hop next week to a fiddle and fute, and I shall parade you on that night as the champion of the Light Weights. Ned says you are a demned plucky young fellow, and ought to be in the Life Guards.'

'Much obliged for the compliment, Selina, although in time of peace a fox hunter's life is more exciting and perilous than a soldier's.'

The hounds now appeared, and were looking eagerly about, in expectation of seeing their young master. 'Ob, what a beautiful sight,' exclaimed Blanche, who was standing with Mrs. Gordon and Beauchamp at one of the windows; 'what handsome dogs.'

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The presentation of Mr. Storey's Liquor bill to the Legislature has already been mentioned in the World. Mr. Storey proposes that the Board of Health of this city shall determine and publish a standard of purity for wines, spirituous liquors, ales and beer, and shall send its tables to the Boards of Excise of all cities having a greater population than 75,000, such tables to be held to be the standard of purity for wines, spirituous liquors, ales and beer offered for sale in those cities in less quantities than five gallons. The bill provides that it shall be made unlawful to sell or to offer for sale any wines, liquors, ales and beer which do not conform to such a standard, the penalty being forfeiture of license. It is claimed that if this act shall be passed the traffic in adulterated liquors will cease, and that the

LOW DOSES.

must consequently be closed. Then crime among the lower classes, according to this argument, will be decreased. The fact may be recalled, in this connection, that when years ago the Board of Excise ordered an investigation into the adulteration of liquors, it was discovered by eminent chemists that none of the samples taken from the neighborhood of Baxter and Mulberry streets had been adulterated. A well-known medical expert on this subject said at the time that the liquors were only too pure, and accordingly gave it as his opinion that pure, unadulterated liquors produce the greatest amount of intoxication. The following recipes, which were found in an establishment that was seized by Sheriff's officers, will be interesting as showing that there is a vast difference between pure and adulterated liquors. The recipes here given were submitted to the careful scrutiny of a well-known druggist. He said that the mixtures were not such as might be called injurious, would certainly be more safe than pure liquors and offer an argument against Mr. Storey's bill. The recipes are as follows:—

OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

- 40 gallons pure spirit,
5 gallons pure Bourbon whisky,
2 ounces spirit of nitre,
2 ounces fasel oil (from corn) cut in alcohol.

DARK COGNAC BRANDY.

- 59 1/2 gallons, pure spirit (first proof),
1 pint brandy coloring,
1 pound essence of cognac, mixed with
1 quart alcohol, 95 per cent.

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- 12 gallons pure spirit (first proof),
2 pounds best sugar,
1 drachm oil of bitter almond.
Color it very dark.

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- 62 gallons pure spirit (first proof),
One-half ounce oil of juniper, dissolved in
1 pint of alcohol, 95 per cent.,
2 pounds sugar.

FORT WINE.

- 27 gallons new cider,
6 gallons cherry brandy,
5 gallons pure spirit,
2 gallons sugar spirit,
4 pounds alumet rox,
One-half pound tartaric acid,
2 ounces alum.

CHAMPAGNE.

- 40 gallons cider,
3 pounds loaf sugar,
2 ounces crystalized tartaric acid,
One-quarter quart yeast,
3 gallons water,
4 gallons pure spirit, 15 per cent. added.

Let it stand ten days, fine and bottle it if sparkling; if not sparkling, again fine it and add more acid, and this process should be repeated until it is suitable for bottling. When bottled, put in each bottle a piece of sugar the size of a pea, then cork and wire the bottle, covering it with tinfoil, after the manner of champagne.

MADEIRA WINE.

- 40 gallons cider,
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BREEDING OF FIRST-CLASS TROTTERS.

There is no combination of blood, or system of breeding, rearing and training, that can be relied upon to produce a first-class trotter; but if, in analyzing these bearings as they relate to the several animals that are comprised within the technical limits of the first-class, we discover, in a considerable percentage of them similar conditions as to pedigree, rearing and development, we may reasonably infer that the conditions so observed are favorable to the chances of an animal for becoming a first-class performer, and that such conditions should be perpetuated by selection in breeding, and care in rearing and developing, if we would secure the greatest number of favorable chances. It was not the object of that article, nor is it of this, to consider the subject of rearing or training young trotters in order to develop their utmost powers, but rather the selection of blood best suited to bring them into the world with the greatest number of chances in their favor, in the way of natural inherent capacity for becoming first-class animals, when properly developed. It is a breeder's maxim that like produces like, or the likeness of some ancestor. This is generally accepted as a truism, and sufficiently accurate for general purposes; therefore, when I pointed out the preponderance of this or that strain of blood, in the creation of the several first-class animals comprised in the whole record, awarding to each its comparative value in proportion to its representation, it was generally accepted as the just mode of studying the subject, and met with such favor that the article had a circulation all over the country, and the tables perfected to subsequent dates, were afterwards used by other writers and investigators, even after the limit of 2:23 had ceased to have a logical bearing in bringing forward the same line of argument. The method, therefore, having become so popular as to take precedence of others, even to the extent of being presented in partial form, in the elaborate catalogues of several of the more enterprising breeders, showing such portions as have direct bearing upon the lines of blood which they are using, I shall again present it revised to date, and as nearly entire as much careful research has enabled me to make it, which is the best claim I can put forth for its consideration, as it is at once evident, that for disinterested investigation the only true value of the system is in its covering the whole ground, or as near thereto as possible.

FIGHT WITH WOLVES.

A HUNTER ATTACKED BY ENRAGED BEASTS.

On Wednesday night last a Norwegian farm hand (whose name we can't spell to save us), living Northeast of this town, Spring Valley, Fillmore County, Minn., in the edge of the big timber, had a lively fight with three wolves. He started out after dark, with a single-barrelled shot-gun, to shoot down a wolf whose howls he could hear some distance off in the timber. The stars were bright in an unclouded sky, and even in the woods the hunter could see quite plainly for a short distance. The howls of the animal led him in the right course, and the sounds grew plainer as he advanced; and after about an hour's search he espied the wolf crouched upon a brush heap, in an "opening" in the shrubbery—evidently a den. The wolf not retreating upon his approach, he immediately fired at it. The wolf sprang at him before he could make the first motion towards reloading his gun, and in about three seconds the snow and shrubbery were flying right and left in a tussle between man and beast. Emboldened by hunger, the fierce animal endeavored to fasten on the man's throat, and though the hunter succeeded in giving the wolf two or three severe blows on the head and sides, it seemed only the more enraged and ferocious, and gave tongue to continual howls and snarls while maintaining the fight. Two other wolves, evidently called by the howls of the first, appeared on the scene. The last two were smaller than, but as ferocious as, the leader. Clubbing his gun, the man finally plucked a terrific blow on the neck of one, laying it out lifeless, and then began a retreat for the timber edge, beating off the brutes as well as he could. When the clear field was reached the weapon was minus the stock, and he held only a bent gun barrel in his hands, having hit the trees about him oftener than the wolves; but he succeeded in keeping them from doing any serious injury until he came to the open country, where he turned and ran for dear life. The wolves followed him but a short distance.

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"How many people play poker?" was asked of a noted sporting man in his palatial establishment on Locust Street.

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establishment of so many clubs. John Morrissey doesn't play poker. He hasn't handled a card for years, but confines himself to banking games, which others manage and play for him, while he puts up and receives the cash. In old times when the river traffic was in its glory, thousands of dollars used to be bet on a single hand, and the stakes generally were much larger than they are now. They don't roll the game near as high now as they did then."

RICH GAMBLERS.

John Cazada, of Cincinnati, has accumulated a fortune of \$200,000 or \$300,000 by poker. He is a man that has never dissipated in his life in any thing except cards. Among the other players are Jim Casseday, and McKerley, Jim Berry and "Stud" Mason, who are all wealthy. It is said that a good poker player is also a good dealer at faro, and vice versa. St. Louis Post

A THRILLING EPISODE.

Blondeau, the famous aeronaut, recently ascended successfully from the Sferisterio, Rome, and came down safely on the terrace of Santa Maggiora. These sights are becoming pretty common now, and few show much interest in hearing of them—all the same, the man who at the height of perhaps a thousand metres can perform gymnastic feats on a must have a pretty good head and a firm nerve. In 1874 Blondeau was fortunate enough to be successful in saving the life of a man who had been caught in the ropes as the balloon left the ground. This was at Oran, in Algeria. Blondeau had got his Montgolfier, with the trapeze underneath, all in readiness, more than twenty men were at the ropes that held the swaying monster down; the order was given to let go, and the balloon dashed up; but an unfortunate man was caught by one leg and carried up by the loose cordage above the trapeze. The crowd remained silent and horror-struck in that moment of terrible suspense, the usual stereotyped occurrence—the fainting of ladies—took place, however. But Blondeau did not faint, but courageously slid down to the trapeze, shouting to the man to hold on. The crowd heard no more, and soon could distinguish nothing. The balloon sped on till from a height of near 4,000 feet it began to descend, then Blondeau was seen standing on the trapeze with the man still suspended by one foot; the other swinging about, and the middle of his body resting on the head of the aeronaut. At first, Blondeau was on the point of climbing up to get out of the way of the man, whose fall appeared inevitable, and would have endangered him; but the poor man exclaimed piteously: "My wife! my children!" and Blondeau stopped, and forgetting all personal danger, stood right up on the trapeze and slowly placed his hand under the man's back, saying, firmly: "Now, look at the balloon or close your eyes; if you try to disengage your foot, we are lost; remain still, and you will be safe." And they came down to the ground in safety.

PEABODY IN THE LION-TAMING BUSINESS.

It is not generally known that the late millionaire, Mr. Peabody, made the basis of his colossal fortune as a lion-tamer. Being of an acute and discerning mind, and also of a frugal disposition, he resolved on insuring his life out of the proceeds of his earnings. He received a large salary for his dangerous employment, and had no difficulty in paying the necessary premium. His magnificent muscular development and splendid physique easily passed the discerning eyes of the examining physicians, and he was recommended as a first-class risk. In this way he effected three policies of \$10,000 each, and it was a comfort to him every time he entered the den to know that if the lions ate him up his angel mother need not take in washing. One day, however, there was a grand procession, of which Mr. Peabody was the central figure in a den of performing lions. The crowd was a very large one, and the lions were very irritable. Among the spectators were three insurance agents, each of whom turned pale as they beheld in the lion-tamer the young man they had so recently insured. Horrified at the thought of the probable and prospective loss to their companies, three excited secretaries were that evening at the show. On their knees they implored Mr. Peabody to return the policies and accept double his premium; but the embryo millionaire was inexorable, and told them frankly that though he expected to be ate up in a few weeks, and that his life was not worth a Lucifer match, it would be his pride to perish in the execution of his duty, and with the assurance that his mother need never pawn her mangel. The rest of the story is short. Mr. Peabody finally compromised with the companies and surrendered the policies for \$15,000 each. He retired from the show business, bought a corner grocery and flourished, as all the world knows.

DEATH OF THE MARQUIS OF AILES-BURY.

Our late English exchange a noble student, at his seat at Savernock, in Wiltshire, of the Marquis of Ailesbury, died a short but painful illness, aged 74 years. The Marquis passed away on the 11th inst. at the residence of the British Turf, Basingstoke, the hunting field had great attraction for the deceased nobleman, and I went in their way straighter across country, while as a landlord his lordship was deservedly popular. Lord Ailesbury (then Lord Bruce) commenced running race-horses in 1840. The first to carry his lordship's colors to the front was Chasseur, who won several races. The next season with Rostrom he was successful, he won several stakes, and died same year. In 1851 he was also successful with Knight of the Saire, by Sir H. Redoubt, on a Splint, who ran third for the Cesareo and won the Cambridge share from H. G. N. In 1853 and 1854 British Turf, by the late Lord of Splint, won eight races for his lordship, including the Goodwood Stakes. A day or two after, at Cannes, by Orlando, out of Vivandier, for a period of four years, won many races, including the Chesterfield Stakes at Newmarket, the Coronet Stakes at Ascot, the East-rail County Handicap and the City and Suburban Stakes. The Balby C. L. in his three-year-old, won the Great Metropolitan Stakes. A week after this he pocketed the Newmarket Stakes, and followed it up by capturing the Cup on the 11th of June. He was then named St. Albans, and honored in name by winning the St. Leger from High Treason, Wizard, Sabre, Thormanby, and others. After this victory Lord Ailesbury sent a cheque for 100 guineas to the Ladies' Committee for restoring the Abbey of St. Albans. The horse was defeated for the Doncaster Stakes, not having got over his St. Leger race. As a four-year old he ran twice at Ascot, when he won the Four-Year-Old Biennial, and in the Gold Cup he lost gave way and he was defeated. With Savernack, an own brother to St. Albans, he missed the Derby and St. Leger of 1866 each by a head, while Bridge-water, another brother, who was heavily backed for the Derby of 1870, never saw a race-course until he was four years old, and though he ran in Lord Ailesbury's and then Captain Mchell's colors during two or three seasons, it was only in the hunter line that he earned success. It should, however, be mentioned that in Franchise, who broke her leg while running in the Derby of 1868, there was a fine mare, and who at the time of the accident was pulling Chaloner out of the saddle. Boundary, another sister, threw Temple Bar, who was fourth in Galopier's Derby, while Petition and Appeal, half-sisters to Boundary, occasionally landed races in the Ailesbury jacket. Turning to another famous winner, Castile, this mare threw the flying Cantiniere to Stockwell, and the staying Adventuriere to Adventurer, a pair whose performances are too recent to require further allusion. During the past season Lord Ailesbury's colors have been carried by Collingbourne, and the two-year olds, Hermione, Conclave, Piacenza, and Arrowroot, but the latter alone won a race, viz. the Stratton Audley Stakes at Oxford, value £200, and this meagre amount represents the winnings of the year. By the death of Lord Ailesbury several nominations for future races are void.

ROA CONSTRICTOR VS. DOG.

A remarkable encounter between a dog and a boa constrictor which took place recently at the residence of Capt. Murray, at Sanghie Ujong, in the Straits Settlements, is described in our contemporary the Colonist and India. The reptile, which measured about 15 feet in length, had been kept in a cage for a Chinese doctor, who wished to use his gall as medicine. When the boa was handed out of the cage to be killed, a bulldog, belonging to Capt. Murray, which had previously manifested a desire to get at the snake, at once attacked it; and, though the boa remained quiet at first, making only an occasional snap, the two animals were soon engaged in deadly conflict. The dog, getting bold with impunity, at last seized the snake by the head; in an instant the boa started up, and with marvellous rapidity, seized the dog by the upper lip, and held on firmly while the dog endeavored to drag himself away. Then, with a certain deliberation,

a ch was broken for the and is now a gentle as a lamb. Capt. Murray was with time us of him, and during his last walk with the whites, note the horse was captured from him on the Lake Trail, rode back as he favored warblers. A Chinese, a pupil who used a critical examination of the horse reported that the animal was a very fine specimen of a horse, and that he had been painted to represent a very fine Bengal tiger.

NATURAL CURIOSITY.

A short time since a specimen of a reptile, the color of Day's black bird, St. George's, a singularly pale. The dog was in the yard, killed it, wrapped it in a cloth, and was quietly it died. The remains of the reptile were taken about the yard for some days, and they attracted the attention of Louis Zammit, a man. This gentleman took the reptile carefully in a towel, and taking the latter to the preserved it in a box. The appearance of the skin would indicate that the animal was about two feet long, and three or four inches in diameter of the thickest part of the body. The mouth about an inch and a half in length, and armed with saw-like teeth. About a third of the distance from the head of the tail, and partially under the body, are situated two or three pairs of fins or legs, some three inches in length, the extremities being armed with bird-like claws. The body, from the point at which these fins are fixed, tapers towards the tail—no other legs or fins being visible. The tail is flat, horizontally, and from it protrude five finger-like appendages, armed at the extremities with claws like those of a hawk. The skin resembles somewhat that of a serpent, being covered with small scales, and the surface presents a variegated appearance, somewhat resembling a Massasauga snake. It is a curious looking reptile. Several zoologists have examined the reptile, and can make nothing of it. Mr. Zammit has been offered quite a sum of money for his curiosity, but he declines to part with it until he discovers what it is. And the question is, What is it?

A WONDERFUL SURGICAL OPERATION.

WONDERFUL WILL NEVER CEASE. One of the most remarkable of surgical operations has just been made in Scotland. James Houston, a cloth-worker, twenty-nine years of age, a native of Campsea, near Glasgow, had a malignant sarcomatous tumor in his larynx which obstructed his respiration. After futile efforts to cure the disease, Dr. Ferguson removed the larynx and substituted an artificial one. The patient is recovering and is able to articulate distinctly. The operation was as follows: The windpipe was cut across and below the seat of the disease and a tube introduced, thus preventing the blood from flooding the lungs. The larynx was then removed and the artificial one inserted. This consists of two tubes, one going to the trachea and the other to the mouth. The patient talks in a whisper without the tubes, but when a red plate is slipped into the tube in the lower tube a resonant sound is produced which is modulated into letters and words by the mouth. The articulation with it without the tubes is perfect. The tubes are made of metal, vulcanite, ivory, horn, etc., and the patient himself is furnished with rods which give his voice a new and surprising tone. The voice is a monotonous, varying in timbre according to the red plate. The sound waves of the patient's voice are similar to those of other voices.

AN ACTOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Somebody having written a melodramatic drama, entitled "Wanderer's tragedy," founded upon a very terrible murder that took place a short while since, in which a man was discovered carrying in a cap a parcel containing fragments of the body of the poor woman he had murdered and then put out of the world, it was being acted by a travelling troupe in a country town in Leicester shire. The play had proceeded to the eighth act, the audience, of course, expecting to witness the horrors of the scene, when, in the final scene, the hero was brought up, duly punished, and hanged. The rope was adjusted about his neck, and the curtain was about to be drawn, when the actor, who was playing the

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SHERBET WINE.

40 gallons prepared cider,
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3 pounds raisins,
6 gallons good sherry wine,
One-half ounce oil bitter almonds, dissolved
in alcohol.
Let it stand ten days and draw it off carefully,
fine down, and again rack it into another
cask.

JAMAICA RUM.

To 1 gallon pure spirits, reduce one-half with
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of lavender, 1 ounce of tincture of bitter almonds;
color with burnt sugar, let stand four days, then
it is fit for use.

RYE WHISKEY.

Take 40 gallons spirits proof,
One-eighth ounce oil rye,
1 pint white sugar made into a syrup

COLORING FOR LIQUORS.

Take white crush sugar, burn it in a tin basin
till black, then add alcohol; then strain it
through flannel cloth.
A little honey will make great improvement
to the brandy, also to gin.

CLARET WINE.

40 gallons cider,
6 gallons port wine,
3 gallons water,
2 pounds cream-tartar,
1 pound loaf-sugar,
10 lemon juice.
Color it with the juice of the red beet. Let it
stand ten or twelve days, and strain it into an-
other cask. Bottle it after the manner of
claret.

IMITATION CIDER.

8 gallons soft water,
8 pounds New Orleans sugar,
7 pounds tartaric acid,
1 quart yeast.
Put the ingredients into a cask and stir it up
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can game till Minister Scheuk introduced it in
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popular there."

THE FASCINATION OF POKER.

"What constitutes the fascination?"
"Well, the combinations of the cards are such
that with a good hand the player has immense
odds in his favor; that it can't be paired by his
opponent. In the old days four aces were con-
sidered infallible, but at the present stage of
poker there are several hands that are higher.
The highest now is a sequence flush, where all
the cards in a player's hand are alike in color,
and present a numerical order."
"What are the qualities required in a first-class
poker-player?"
"Well, he should be as cold as an icicle, and
he should have excellent judgment not only as
regards cards, but human nature. The majority
of poker players play their men equally as much
as they do their cards. A man that is excitable
or irritable hasn't any business to play poker at
all, because by his nervousness or anger, he ex-
poses his hand long before the play takes place,
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THEIR NAMES.

because a great many of them are lawyers and
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SLAUGHTERING THE BUFFALO IN TEXAS.

A Shackelford county letter to the Galveston
(Texas) News says.—"The town of Griffin is
supported by buffalo hunters, and their gen-
eral rendezvous in this section. The number
of hunters on the ranges this season is estimat-
ed at 1,500. We saw at Griffin a plot of about
four acres covered with buffalo hides spread out
to dry, besides a large quantity piled up for ship-
ment. These hides are worth in this place from
\$1 to \$1.60 each. The generally accepted plan
of the exciting chase in buffalo hunting is not
the plan pursued by the men who make it a
regular business. They use the needle-gun with
telescope, buy the powder by the keg, lead in
bulk, and the shells, and make their own cart-
ridges. The guns in a party of hunters are used
by only one or two men, who say they usually
kill a drove of thirty or forty buffaloes on one or
two acres of ground. As soon as one is killed
the whole herd, smelling the blood, collect
around the dead body, snuffing and pawing up
the ground, and uttering a singular noise. The
hunter continues to shoot them down as long as
he can remain concealed, or until the last animal
bites the dust. The buffalo pays no atten-
tion to the report of the gun, and flees only at
sight or scent of his enemy. The others of the
party then occupy themselves in feeding. Some
of these have been so skillful they offer
to let their men skin a five or six year old bull
in five minutes. The meat is also saved and
sent to market, and commands a good price."

The Gorman Bros.—Pete and Jerry—of
Ottawa, youthful cloggers and jugglers, have
been engaged by the Holman Opera Co., as
clog and fancy jig dancers. For boys that have
had but little tuition, there are few their
equals, and now that they have been placed
in a good school, where they will receive an
that care and instruction so necessary for
the profession of the stage, we judge that the
boys have a bright future before them.

It is said to have been...
that in France, who took the lead while
running in the Derby of 1868, there was a
five mare, and who at the time of the war
dent was pulling Channon out of the saddle.
Bendary, another first, the W. I. tape Bar,
who was fourth in Galop's Derby, which
Pettibon and Appeal, had sisters. Leads-
man, occasionally landed races in the Al-
bury jacket. Turning to another famous
winner, Casthe, this mare threw the fly-
Commer to Stockwell, and the staying Ad-
venturer to Adventurer, a pair whose per-
formances are too recent to require further
allusion. During the past season Lord Ales-
bury's colors have been carried by Colling-
bourne and the two-year olds, Hermon,
Cachave, Pae nza, and Air-wroot, but the
latter alone won a race, viz the Stratton
Andley Stakes at Oxford, value £200, and
this meagre amount represents the winnings
of the year. By the death of Lord Ales-
bury several nominations for future races
are void.

BOA CONSTRICTOR vs. DOG.

A remarkable encounter between a dog
and a boa constrictor which took place re-
cently at the residence of Capt. Murray, at
Saughe Ujong, in the Straits Settlements,
is described in our contemporary the Colonist
and India. The reptile, which measured
about 15 feet in length, had been kept in a
cage for a Chinese doctor, who wished to
use his gall as medicine. When the boa was
banded out of the cage to be killed, a bull-
dog, belonging to Capt. Murray, which had
previously manifested a desire to get at the
snake, at once attacked it; and, though the
boa remained quiet at first, making only an
occasional snap, the two animals were soon
engaged in deadly conflict. The dog, getting
bold with impunity, at last seized the snake
by the head; in an instant the boa started
up, and, with marvellous rapidity, seized the
dog by the upper lip, and held on firmly
while the dog endeavored to drag himself
away. Then, with a certain deliberation,
though very rapidly, the snake entwined his
body two or three times round the dog, em-
bracing him in an ever-tightening grasp till
only his head could be seen. The bystand-
ers, who had endeavored to separate the
combatants, were obliged to take active steps
to save the poor dog's life; but, before chop-
pers could be procured, blood was gushing
from its mouth, and its bones had been heard
to crack under the vice-like folds of its enemy.
The boa was literally chopped to pieces be-
fore the dog could be released, a task, which
at last, was completed. An examination of
the jaws of the snake showed that they were
armed with strong, sharp, recurved teeth,
and that the palatal bones were similarly fur-
nished with the same weapons; so that,
when the dog was seized in the snake's
mouth, it was impossible for it to escape, its
struggles only trausfixing it the more firmly.

THE TIGER HORSE.

The latest sensation in San Francisco was
the exhibition of a non-script animal called
the tiger horse, in that city. The hand-
bill posted in front of the show represents
a perfect specimen of a horse, with a tiger
skin, and below was printed the follow-
ing story of the marvelous animal. The tiger
horse was first discovered by the Nez Perce
Indians in the Spring of 1872, running on
the Salmon River Mountains, Idaho Terri-
tory, with a band of wild cattle. The In-
dians kept track of him until the next year,
when they undertook the task of capturing
him, which was accomplished by placing
fourteen of their fleetest and best bottomed
horses at convenient distance for relays, and
after having very nearly run all their horses
down they at last succeeded in running him
into a deep and impassable canon, where he
was lassoed. When he became of suitable

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most remarkable...
the patient is recovering and is able to
articulate distinctly. The operation was a
follows. The windpipe was cut across and
below the seat of the disease, and a tube in-
troduced, thus preventing the bowel from
flooding the lungs. The trachea was then
removed and the artificial one inserted. The
consists of two tubes, one going to the trachea
and the other to the mouth. The patient
talks in a whisper without this tube, but
when a food pipe is supplied into the
the lower tube a reasonable sound is produced
which is modulated into a normal voice
by the mouth. The attention was a
without rods as patient. The rods are
made of metal, vulcanite, ivory, horn, etc.,
and the patient himself is able to turn the
rods which give his voice now an surpris-
ing tone. The voice is a monotone, vary-
ing in timbre according to the rod used.
The sound waves of the patient's voice
as Kennis's mirror are similar to those of
other voices.

AN ACTOR'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Somebody having written a blood-thrilly
drama, entitled "Wainwright tragedy"
(founded upon a very horrible murder that
took place a short while since, in which a
man was discovered carrying in a cap a lot of
parcels containing fragments of the body of
the poor woman he had weaved of and then
put out of the world), it was being acted by
a travelling troupe at a country town in
Leicestershire. The play had proceeded all
right, the audience, of course, enjoying the
horrors immensely, when, in the final scene,
the hero was brought up, duly punned, to be
hanged. The rope was adjusted about
his neck, and the curtain was about to fall
on the last dying agonies, when somehow
the stool on which the actor's feet should
really have rested got pushed aside, and the
man was all but hanged in earnest. He was
promptly cut down, of course, when his
struggles and gasps for breath were per-
ceived, but he was quite black in the face,
poor fellow! Doubtless after the pleasing
incident the play, unless suppressed by the
police, will draw better than ever.—London
Letter

CARDS.

England's best card—the Queen. The card
Uncle Sam directed—the King. The police
man's best card—the club. The politician's best
card—the knave. The society actress's best card
—diamonds. The gravedigger's best card
—spades. The lover's best card—hearts. The
waiter's best card—the tray. The photogra-
pher's best card—the face cards. Wives give bad
hands the dove. Fox-hunters want the
whole pack. Barbers get the edges. Paucers
get—the shuttle. Rejected lovers get the cut
Parents of triplet get three of a kind. Mer-
chants get—the deal. Actors get—the play
Butchers get—the steaks.

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The Gentleman's Journal

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Chawara	May 24
Clinton	May 23 to 24
Listowell	May 24 to 25

ICE MEETINGS.

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Lepine Park, Montreal	March

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From the Sporting Times, Dec. 14th, '77.

The third year of our proprietorship of the SPORTING TIMES is drawing to a close. During the time it has been under our management it has been a regular, and we hope acceptable, visitor to the reader. It has been our practise to issue drafts in September on those who were in default with their subscriptions; but this year, instead, made a call through the columns of the paper requesting all who were indebted to remit the amounts due. With regret, we are obliged to acknowledge the appeal was not responded to with that alacrity which we anticipated would be shown. During this and next week we will issue drafts upon all of our subscribers who are in arrears for subscriptions, that can be reached through Express offices, and we expect they will be promptly paid. There are thousands of dollars due us, and the want of this money seriously impedes our efforts to bring the paper up to our ideal. Those who are indebted for over a year will, we hope, see the necessity of prompt payment. The terms of subscription are *in advance*, and when we wait for a year or two consider ourselves very illy repaid when we receive an excuse instead of the money, and have the cost of sending and returning the draft to pay besides. It is our intention to collect this money, and if subscribers in arrears will not recognize our drafts, we will be obliged to proceed in a more unpleasant and costly way.

SHOULD THEY BE RECORDS.

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the necessity of amendments. It is clearly the duty of those who hold the controlling hand to legislate for the general good; and if the amendments above suggested are not now adopted, the publicity given to the views expressed will provoke investigation, when if the subject is found worthy of attention, justice can be done to all concerned.

CRICKET.

The coming season promises to be of more than ordinary interest in cricketing circles. For some years past Base Ball has held almost unlimited sway among our neighbours across the line, but the "crooked" work among the professionals last year has done much to disgust the public with the game and its players, and dethrone them from the high position they occupied in public estimation. A few years ago Cricket had taken a great hold on our American cousins, especially in the neighbourhoods of New York and Philadelphia, but the Base Ball fever was almost fatal to its existence even in these localities. With the expected decline of the American game, the votaries of the finest Old Country out-door amusement are preparing for its revival. This will be materially increased by the visit of the English and Australian elevens. The former team will arrive in New York about the end of July, and after playing in some of the principal cities in the States will turn their attention to Canada, when no doubt they will create as much excitement as did their brethren of former years. The Australian team are *en route* to England via San Francisco, where they will play their first game on American soil. We believe it is their intention to meet some of the leading clubs in the Eastern cities, and a visit to Canada may not be improbable. It is to be hoped the Toronto Club will place themselves in communication with our Antipodean colonists with the object of having a match or series of matches played here. The Australians are known to be very fine players, and with a season in which two such teams as the English and Australian ones will take part the game in America is certain to receive an impetus which will be almost sure to land it as high in public favour as its most enthusiastic admirers could desire.

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on the 15th at 1 p.m.

The past week in the Montreal horse market has been very quiet. The exports to the States numbered 46, of an average value of \$72 each.

A St. Catharines correspondent says, notwithstanding any report to the contrary, that Johnnie Bradburn is handling the trotter Alexander, and can be seen on the ice with him there daily. He will not be started on ice this winter, but will put in an appearance in the Spring campaign.

Horse racing on Sunday is the popular diversion on East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. The local papers say it is very exciting, but hardly the recreation to be selected for the Sabbath.

Mr. Thomas Fee, "Dad," the popular Hamilton hackman, appears on the stand this winter with a new landau sleigh and accessories that excite the jealousy of his brother cabbies.

Colonel S. D. Bruce, of the Turf, Field, and Farm, New York, publisher of the American Stud Book, states that the forthcoming volume of that authority on thoroughbred horses will be withheld from the press up to Feb. 10th, after which time it cannot be longer delayed. We trust any of our Canadian breeders who have not furnished Colonel Bruce with their lists for publication will promptly supply him before that time, so as to have as full a representation of our horses as possible.

On the 29th ult., Sheriff Powell, of Ottawa, sustained a severe loss by the death of his gray mare Lady Maud, from inflammation of the bowels. It is said the Sheriff paid \$1,000 for her, and she was considered a very promising animal.

Mrs. Osbaldeston, the relict of the celebrated sportsman "Squire Osbaldeston," died at her residence in the Alpha road, Regent's Park, London, Eng., on the 16th ult., aged 72. Her loss will be severely felt by the poor in the neighbourhood, to whom she was ever a generous benefactress.

Johnny Gillespy is giving St. Patrick light road work this winter. He will drive him the coming summer.

The only living sons of Glencoe are now in California, unless there be some hid from the ken of horsemen. Rifleman is in Tehama Co., and Creighton at Los Angeles. Creighton is one of the very last of the get, having been foaled in 1858.

Three horses will go from St. Catharines and vicinity to Ottawa Winter Races in charge of Mr. J. Bradburn. They were shipped on the 6th inst.

A letter from Woodstock says that Mr. John Forbes' horses are looking exceedingly well. The trotter Gr-y Eddie is as big and fat as a cart horse. His stallions Vicksburg, Combination, and Fearnought Chief, are very fine, and our correspondent says it would be pretty hard to beat three such stallions in one stable anywhere. He says Fearnought Chief can beat 2:40, and never has been trained a day.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, Prescott, and the Canadian turf suffered a severe loss in the death of the trotter Hiram Woodruff, which occurred on Saturday last.

The trotting horse Knapsack, owned by Mr. W. E. Richmond, Buffalo, N.Y., died very suddenly last week. He was valued at \$2,000.

The indictment against the Kentucky Association, of Lexington, for allowing pool selling on their grounds has fallen through on account of some flaw in the instrument.

can be got into an edition that will not be too large to be carried in the pocket. This enterprise will meet an urgent demand on the part of the public. The work will be prepared with care, and will be the only work of the kind gotten out, and should be liberally supported by turfmen.—Turf.

Correspondence.

FROM PRESCOTT.

DEATH OF HIRAM WOODRUFF.

PRESCOTT, Feb. 4.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

Sir,—Mr. Wiser, the proprietor of Rysdyk Stock Farm here, met with a serious loss on Saturday, in the death of the speedy trotting horse Hiram Woodruff. The horse was exercised in the morning as usual, and came back to the stable feeling as well as ever he did in his life. He was done up, and put into his stall,—a sixteen foot box stall,—but during the afternoon in some unaccountable way broke his nigh hind leg, splintering the bones half way from the ankle to the hock. A veterinary surgeon was immediately sent for, and he decided there was no hope for the unfortunate animal, and advised that the best thing that could be done was to put him out of pain and misery. This was accordingly done by shooting, and one of the proudest ornaments of the farm was no more.

Hiram Woodruff was one of the most promising of the get of Phil Sheridan, and will be remembered in Toronto as the winner of the free-for-all race at Woodbine last fall. He was taken from Woodbine to campaign in the Eastern Fall Circuit, where he proved quite a success. At Providence, R.I., he showed them a trial of three heats, 2:25, 2:24, 2:23; and there can be no doubt that he would have trotted in :20 or better next season. He had a remarkably easy way of going, and seemed to steal over the ground at an astonishing rate. Woodruff record was 2:25, at Providence, R.I.

SPEED.

MICHIGAN NOTES.

BY ARCHER.

Detroit sportsmen are slaughtering canvas-back ducks on the St. Clair Flats. That it violates the law makes little difference.

The dog-shooting mania is spreading, and East China now rivals St. Clair in that sport.

The foreman of Moore's lumber camp on the Tittabawassee River, poisoned the carcass of a dead horse one evening lately, and the next morning was rewarded by finding eight dead wolves in the neighborhood. He carried the scalps to Midland, and received the State bounty of sixty-four dollars for them.

On the 22nd of January the steamer Mary Mills ran from St. Clair to Detroit in four hours, finding no impediment to navigation on the Flats. Thus far boats could run as well nearly as in midsummer on the lakes, as the Straits of Mackinac are still open.

Mr. George Loud is running two camps at Roscommon for the Oscoda Salt and Lumber Company, and already has some three million feet of logs skidded. He expects to get in five millions, all told, snow or no snow, as he is independent of such small aids. By working nights with sprinklers, he has constructed a road of ice seven feet wide and two or three inches thick, on which the sleighs slide rapidly, and with eleven teams accomplishes a fair days' work.

Blue birds and robins put in an appearance at Port Huron on the 28th of January, but seeing their mistake, disappeared again.

Hare hunting is a favorite amusement in many localities. One sportsman bagged thirteen in one afternoon recently, near the Chicago and Lake Huron and Grand Trunk junction.

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 Springfield, Mass..... Aug. 20 to 23
 Earlville, Ill..... Aug. 20 to 28

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In some quarters another change is proposed. This time it is in the matter of records in colt races. It is submitted that what is technical known as a record should not be attached to a trotting horse until he is at least five or six years old. Not that the youngsters would be absolutely without a record, but that bar would be only in the colt classes, and would not affect him when he started in an older class. Of course if a colt within the prescribed ages trotted in a race not specifically made for colts or fillies, and was successful in winning a heat or race, the time would be indelibly attached to him and would operate as a bar in starting in any slower class under all circumstances. It is held that the early development of the trotting horse should be encouraged, but as the turf law is at present, this inducement is denied. Upon arriving at the prescribed age as an adult, if the youngster had never trotted in anything but colt races, he would then start in as a green horse, and his chances would not be prejudiced by any of his previous performances. In the interests of the breeder this amendment is submitted as a right, and it is claimed would materially benefit the producing industry without to any appreciable extent operating injuriously to the maturer classes. Experiences suggest many changes in the rules governing trotting contests, and contingencies arise showing

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Sporting Gossip.

Mr. Frank Pearson, the trainer, is wintering at Brockville. He has in his charge, a gray filly, Strathmere, 4 years, by imported Strathconon, dam Englemere, by Diaphontus, for the Queen's Plate, 1878, that he thinks is likely to carry off the imperial donation.

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The only living sons of Glencoe are now in California, unless there be some hid from the ken of horsemen. Rifleman is in Tehama Co., and Creighton at Los Angeles. Creighton is one of the very last of the get, having been foaled in 1858.

Three horses will go from St. Catharines and vicinity to Ottawa Winter Races in charge of Mr. J. Bradburn. They were shipped on the 6th inst.

A letter from Woodstock says that Mr. John Forbes' horses are looking exceedingly well. The trotter Grey Eddie is as big and fat as a cart horse. His stallions Vick-burg, Combination, and Fearnought Chief, are very fine, and our correspondent says it would be pretty hard to beat three such stallions in one stable anywhere. He says Fearnought Chief can beat 2:40, and never has been trained a day.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, Prescott, and the Canadian turf suffered a severe loss in the death of the trotter Hiram Woodruff, which occurred on Saturday last.

The trotting horse Kuapsack, owned by Mr. W. E. Richmond, Buffalo, N.Y., died very suddenly last week. He was valued at \$2,000.

The indictment against the Kentucky Association, of Lexington, for allowing pool selling on their grounds has fallen through on account of some flaw in the instrument.

The Ottawa Winter Meeting promises to be a success in every respect. Already a number of strange horses have arrived, and several American stables are expected today and to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas L. Coons, a noted breeder of trotters, died suddenly on Sunday, January 20th, at Clay Hill Stud Farm, near Bryan's Station, Kentucky, of congestion of the brain. Mr. Coons was the breeder of American Clay, by Strader's C. M. Clay, Jr., dam by imp. Tranby, and bred many good trotters and roadsters from C. M. Clay, Jr.'s get. Mr. Coons was buried on Tuesday last at the Lexington cemetery.

Mr. George Forbes, Woodstock, is giving York State, General Grant, and Bay Tom, gentle work, and they look as fine as silk. York State never looked or moved better than he is doing this winter.

Port Perry Ice Races will take place on Lake Scugog, Feb. 14 and 15.

It appears we were in error last week in saying that Mr. W. H. Barrett had assumed charge of the aquatic column in the New York World. His talents are devoted to another department of the paper.

Mr. H. G. Crickmore, of the New York World, has in preparation a Racing Calendar for 1877, in pamphlet form, stitched, containing the results of the year's racing, which, to meet the immediate demands of the public, will be issued about March 1. In April he will publish a more perfect, complete, and convenient edition of the work, containing all the matter of the pamphlet, and, in addition, the entries in all the fixed events of the country, and as much statistical information of the turf of the year as

next season. He had a remarkably easy way of going, and seemed to steal over the ground at an astonishing rate. Woodruff record was 2:25, at Providence, R.I.

MICHIGAN NOTES.

BY ARCHER.

Detroit sportsmen are slaughtering canvas-back ducks on the St. Clair Flats. That it violates the law makes little difference.

The dog-shooting mania is spreading, and East China now rivals St. Clair in that sport.

The foreman of Moore's lumber camp on the Tittabawassee River, poisoned the carcass of a dead horse one evening lately, and the next morning was rewarded by finding eight dead wolves in the neighborhood. He carried the scalps to Midland, and received the State bounty of sixty-four dollars for them.

On the 22nd of January the steamer Mary Mills ran from St. Clair to Detroit in four hours, finding no impediment to navigation on the Flats. Thus far boats could run as well nearly as in midsummer on the lakes, as the Straits of Mackinac are still open.

Mr. George Loud is running two camps at Roscommon for the Oscoda Salt and Lumber Company, and already has some three million feet of logs skidded. He expects to get in five millions, all told, snow or no snow, as he is independent of such small aids. By working nights with sprinklers, he has constructed a road of ice seven feet wide and two or three inches thick, on which the sleighs slide rapidly, and with eleven teams accomplishes a fair days' work.

Blue birds and robins put in an appearance at Port Huron on the 28th of January, but seeing their mistake, disappeared again.

Hare hunting is a favorite amusement in many localities. One sportsman bagged thirteen in one afternoon recently, near the Chicago and Lake Huron and Grand Trunk junction.

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.)

ELL.—Do not be in a hurry. It is only as a precautionary measure that we require the whole of the copy. We will publish it in chapters.

TROTTER, Belleville.—By the summary Maggie O'Brien was entitled to fourth money.

A SUBSCRIBER, City.—No name being attached to your query, in accordance with the usual rule it was consigned to our waste basket.

R., Toronto.—The figures 7,000,000,000 represent seven thousand millions; a billion is written in figures thus:—1,000,000,000,000, according to the English method of enumeration. Webster's Unabridged.

MILTON.—This is the first foal sired by any horse after obtaining a record better than 2:20. He was foaled at Middletown, Conn., Jan. 12, sired by Smuggler, dam by Fitch's Hambletonian, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian. He is a bay, both hind feet white, extending just above the ankles, and white spot between nostrils.

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT BELLEVILLE.

Belleville, Ont., Jan 23, 24 and 25.—Purse \$100, for 3:00 class.
 Mr Mulhearn's blk m Black Jessie 1 1 2 2 0 1
 Mr Morton's b g Bay Tom..... 2 2 1 1 0 2
 Mr Fairman's ch m Barebones.... 4 3 3 0 3
 Mr Perrault's b g Walter..... 3 4 dr
 No time.

The first heat was trotted on the 23rd, the second, third, fourth, and fifth on the 24th, and the sixth on the 25th.

Belleville, Ont., Jan. 23 and 24.—Purse \$100, for local horses.

Mr Fanning's b g Rawdon..... 1 1 1
 Mr Corcoran's b m Kathleen..... 2 2 7
 Mr Martin's br g Brown Gem..... 3 3 2
 Mr O'Brien's b m Maggie O'Brien..... 6 6 3
 Mr Barber's m m Roan Maid..... 4 5 4
 Mr Brennan's ch g Chestnut Billy..... 5 4 5
 Mr Soby's Bay George..... 7 7 6
 No time.

The first two heats took place on the 23rd, and the third on the 24th. It being adjudged a tie for fourth place between Roan Maid, Chestnut Billy, and Maggie O'Brien, these horses trotted a deciding heat on the 26th, when the first named won easily.

TROTTING AT BROCKVILLE.

Brockville, Feb. 4.—\$100. Match. Trotting. Mile heats, 3 m 5, to sleighs.
 Jonas Huff, b m Fairfield Maid.... 1 1 2 2 1
 Ed Kelly, g h Grey Eagle..... 2 2 1 1 2
 No time.

TRENTON RACES.

The Secretary's report of the above races not having come to hand, we are obliged to use the telegraph reports, which are not at all satisfactory.

Trenton, Jan. 30.—The principal event was won by Black Jessie in five heats. The other race was won by Roan Maid, Kittie second.

Jan. 31.—Black Jessie won the open trot, beating Harry and Bay John in four heats, of which Harry took one.

TROTTING AT MONTREAL.

At Lepine Park, Montreal, on Feb. 1, Monogue's br g Tub beat Jack Draper and Ethan Allan for a purse of \$—. On the same day Gervais' Farmer Boy beat Marcotte's Blainville Boy in a match for \$100.

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 John Noble's brown mare..... 1 1
 T. W. Rogers' Exchange..... 2 2
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reception. Two men at once set to work upon it—one Edward Salle, a German; and the other an American named Markham. First a clay model was shaped, some ten or twelve being made before a satisfactory design was produced. It was Hull's aim to represent a man who had laid down and died; but as he entertained doubts as to the universal acceptance of the "fossil man" theory, he desired to produce an image that might pass muster as an ancient statue. This combination of designs was the cause of that curious feature which attracted notice and provoked discussion, when the giant came to be exhibited, viz., the lack of hair. The failure of the repeated attempts made to supply the deficiency accounts for the fact that—

"He had no hair on the top of his head, On his place where hair ought to grow."

The last of September the stone-cutting was finished, but the work was far from being completed, having the appearance of newness particular to freshly cut gypsum. The figure was now subjected to long and patient rubbing with sand and water, which produced the water-eaten appearance, which some savants (?) cited as incontrovertible evidence of its extreme antiquity. This result attained, it was thought best to imitate the pores of the skin, which was done by carefully pecking the entire image with leaden hammers faced with needles, and resulted in giving the peculiar "goose flesh," which attracted the attention of, and puzzled so many. Still there was an appearance of freshness incompatible to age, which was obviated by bathing with writing fluid, and afterwards washing with sulphuric acid, thus giving the desired appearance of antiquity. Packed in sawdust the giant, now weighing 3720 pounds, was shipped to Union, N. Y., nine miles from Binghamton, where it arrived October 12th, 1868. Meantime Hull proceeded to Salisbury, Conn., to inspect a newly discovered cave in which he hoped to bury and resurrect his "plant," but was discouraged by the price demanded. Suddenly it occurred to him that fossil bones had recently been discovered in the neighborhood of Cardiff, near Syracuse, N. Y., where his brother's wife's nephew, one Martin, resided; whereupon he proceeded to make him a visit. Immediately upon his arrival the project was opened to Martin, and embraced with ardor by that worthy; and it was decided to bury the giant near the barn, where a well had formerly been projected.

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Suddenly a series of reverses overtook the giant. Prof. O. C. Marsh, of the Peabody Academy of Sciences gave it a telling blow by stating that gypsum is soluble in 400 parts of water, yet the surface of the giant was smooth and so little dissolved, though surrounded by wet earth, proving that the burial must have been of very recent date. He also found other indications of fraud, which had escaped the notice of the learned scrutiny of the State Geologist, and other scientists, as recent tool marks, in places where they could not be easily effaced, and close by waterworn surfaces. This was corroborated by Palmer, the sculptor. Soon letters were received from parties who had observed the four-horse team and load on its way to Cardiff; then one from Fort Dodge, detailing the operations in that neighborhood; and finally the statement of Markham, one of the stone-cutters, was obtained. Hon Lewis Baldwin, a gentleman well versed in archaeology remarked that the giant could neither be a finished statue nor petrification, as it had no hair, though complete in other respects. At last the climax was reached, which connected the person who obtained the stone from the neighborhood of Fort Dodge with the giant, by Murill drawing from the Onondago County Bank, a portion of the money received in the form of a draft payable to Hull's order.

Yet, for a time, all this discussion only helped to advertise the exhibition, which had been removed to Syracuse, where it was visited by such throngs of people as to require special trains on all the railroads; as many as five thousand tickets being sold very day. Says Mr. McKinney, in speaking of the pecuniary returns, "The giant yielded an income equal to the interest of \$3,000,000 at 7 per cent., and large bids were offered for its purchase, as high as \$25,000 being offered for one eighth interest."

But the blows given soon began to tell, and all this good fortune was doomed to a short life. Barnum, having in vain attempted to purchase a share, and obtain the management of the exhibition, bargained with a Syracuse sculptor for an unfinished imitation, which, when completed, was placed in Wood's Museum, New York, and extensively advertised and puffed by means of a pamphlet description of the original. He denounced the Syracuse exhibition as a humbug, claiming himself to be possessor of the "only true and original Cardiff giant." An application was made to Judge Barnard, of Erie R. R. fame, for an injunction against Barnum; but that functionary replied that he had been in the "injunction business," but had "closed out."

The giant soon came to New York after a short reception at Albany, only to find "Othello's occupation gone." After an unsuccessful exhibition of a few days, it was shipped to Boston. Here the excitement bid fair to break out again, from the furore created by the learned men—all men at the "Hub" are learned—of this modern Athens. Ralph Waldo Emerson pronounced it beyond his depth—which no one has been able to measure—astonishing, and undoubtedly ancient. Cyrus Cobb, the artist and sculptor, declared that any man who called the giant a humbug, "simply declared himself a fool." On the 4th of February, a number of Solons visited the exhibition in a sort of official body. They examined it long and patiently; the exterior was tried with acids; the head bored into; and the compass carried around it in search of iron. The conclusion arrived at was very satisfactory, and undoubtedly true, as it was decided to be a "stratified gypsum, probably very old." The subject invaded the Boston clubs, and one whole evening was occupied by the president of the Thursday evening club, in an address to prove that the giant was modern, because its features were Napoleonic. But a few weeks elapsed ere the proofs of the frauds perpetrated became incontrovertible, and the Cardiff giant was withdrawn from public gaze, to be consigned to popular oblivion. Its very name is sufficient to damn any public exhibition with which it may be connected, and even the side shows of the circuses consider its presence as a sure indication of pecuniary ruin.

Concluded next week.

Fur, Fin and Feather.

MONTREAL FISH AND GAME PROTECTION CLUB.

POPPING AT BRAMPTON.

On Monday of last week a team of Guelph shooters visited Brampton, and had a match with a local team. The usual conditions, 6 birds each.

GUELPH.

Geo Sleeman.....	010011—3
J. Turnbull.....	011011—4
C. Root.....	010100—2
M. Quinlan.....	001110—3
T. Hower.....	111000—0
M. Deady.....	100000—1
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BRAMPTON.

T. Crawford.....	000001—1
G. Smith.....	000010—1
F. Burrows.....	001010—2
J. Packham.....	010101—3
G. Harris.....	110111—5
D. Ellison.....	100000—1
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The Guelph shooters were entertained by the Brampton men at an oyster supper, at Deady's, Queen's Hotel, and after spending a pleasant hour, left very much pleased with their first visit to Brampton. The return match will come off shortly.

A PROJECTED TOURNAMENT.

It is proposed to get up a grand pigeon-shooting tournament in which the several towns and cities in Ontario will be represented by a team of ten men each. The financial consideration will be an entry fee of \$100 from each team with such an amount added as the locality in which the shoot will take place will give. It is expected that Windsor, Chatham, London, St. Thomas, Brantford, Woodstock, Hamilton, Guelph, St. Catharines, Clifton, Toronto, Whitby and Bowmanville, will at least be represented in the tourney. In fact five or six of the clubs in the above places have signified their adherence to the scheme. In case they should all fall in, the prize money would be regal.

At Arkell, on Thursday of last week, they had a little shoot, 6 birds each. Joseph King and Oliver Daniels tied on 5 each; James Cook, 4; and John Daniels, 2.

FINE SPECIMEN.—A large moose was recently shot on the Gatinau, and the head was sent to Mr. Geo. Fisher, of Ottawa, who has placed it in the hands of Mr. T. Hoody, taxidermist, to be stuffed. It is the largest moose killed for years in that section, and is intended for a museum collection. Mr. Fisher refused \$40 for it.

ARRIVED.—The wild turkey cock, forwarded to Mr. Allan Gilmour, of Ottawa, by the proprietors of the Forest and Stream, for that gentleman's museum, has been received. Mr. Gilmour intends having it stuffed and placed in a large glass case for exhibition in his private museum. It is as fine a specimen of that species of bird as has been seen in this city.

THE FLIGHT OF A PIGEON.—Mr. Walker, of Mitchell, Ont., who is a great pigeon fancier, and is in possession of several valuable birds, a short time ago brought from Toronto a very handsome "carrier." When he thought it sufficiently "naturalized," he let it out with his other pigeons, but it at once flew high up into the air, made a few circles, and then made a "bee line" for Toronto. It arrived at its old home in a little less than three hours from the time it started.

NAMES CLAIMED.

By Mr. JOHN FORBES, Woodstock, Ont.
 TOM ROLF, for bay colt by Tom Rolf, (the by Pugh's imported Aratus, out of the great pacing mare Poca, out of the dam of Bonner's Pocahontas); dam Carlotta, by Fearnaught, Jr., record 2:26, out of Lady Smithers by Old Columbus; Lady Smithers dam by Harris' Hamblotman.

By Mr. H. B. B. ALLEY.

MINNIE A., for ch f, foaled 1876, by Judge Curtis, dam Blanche Chapman, by Rook Mirandi, out of Ida, by imported Glancee.
 PASHA, for ch c, foaled 1877, by Judge Curtis, dam Blanche Chapman, by Rook Mirandi, as above, owned by A. Grogg, London, Ontario.

TWO-NINETEEN.

"Mark Comstock" has compiled for the Country Gentleman a table of the horses who have trotted better than 2:19, and who conduce the following

Name.	Record.	No. of Heats Better than 2:19
Goldsmith Maid.....	2:14	55
Lula.....	2:15	7
Swaggler.....	2:15 1/2	11
Rarus.....	2:16	13
Lucille Goldust.....	2:16 1/2	4
American Girl.....	2:16 1/2	3
Occident.....	2:16 1/2	2
Gloster.....	2:17	1
Dexter.....	2:17 1/2	1
Hopeful.....	2:17 1/2	7
Nettie.....	2:18	1
Judge Fullerton.....	2:18	2
Red Cloud.....	2:18	3
Lucey.....	2:18 1/2	1
Lady Maid.....	2:18 1/2	2
Lady Thorne.....	2:18 1/2	1
Slow Go.....	2:18 1/2	1

Horse Notes.

SALE OF STEEL EYES.—T. Aub, New York City, has sold to W. R. Capehart, Avoca, N. C., the gray horse Steel Eyes, seven years, by Planet, dam Egless, by imp. Glancee.

SALE OF SYMPATHETIC.—Dr. W. L. Challis, Atchison, Kan., has sold to J. M. Broadwell, Denver, Col., the broodmare Sympathetic, 11 years, by Prohibe dam Sympathy, by imp. Scythian.

JUDGE FULLERTON.—This famous trotting gelding, now in California, has been blistered, and is doing well. He will resume his work with the advent of good weather.

HERRING RUN RACE-COURSE, BALTIMORE, Md.—This time-honored trotting course, known latterly as Bishop's Trotting Track, consisting of seventy-five acres of land under cultivation, hotel, dwelling, grand stand, judges' stand, stables, sheds, &c., will be sold at public auction, by order of the executors, on Thursday, Feb. 14, on the premises.

At a game of ten pins played recently at Bennett's alley, Ottawa, Mr. P. Sherwood scored 288 out of a possible 300. It is said, in the local papers, that such a score has never been recorded in Canada.

CRICKET.—A team from Australia will visit America the coming season while en route to England.

It is expected the English cricketers will arrive in New York about the end of July. They will visit Canada in the latter part of August and September.

Amusements.

CITY.

On Monday evening Park Dominion was the bill at the Grand Opera House. Mrs. Morrison appearing as Lady Maggie Wagstaff. On Tuesday the regular company went on a trip east to Belleville (Tuesday) and Ottawa. Sullivan's New Mirror of Ireland fill out the week. The different views are tasteful pictures of the scenes they represent in the "old sod," and are of a higher order of art than are usually seen in entertainments of this class. The various songs, dances, and sketches with which the performance is interspersed were pleasingly executed. Tomorrow afternoon the usual matinee will take place. On Monday evening next, Mr. William Crane (the old Toronto favourite) and Mr. Stuart Robinson will appear, supported by the stock company of the Grand.

The attraction at the Royal Opera House all week has been the revival of the spectacular drama of the Twelve Temptations. Several new features have been introduced, and the piece is as attractive as when first presented to a Toronto audience. The regular matinee will take place to-morrow, and the last chance of seeing the piece will be to-morrow night, when it will be withdrawn. On Monday evening the Langards, supported by their own combination, will commence a season of six nights and matinee. The initial programme will be the first of the

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The following day, Sunday, four wise acres of scientific pretensions, medical men of the neighborhood, investigated the subject, and swallowed the pill without difficulty, pronouncing the find to be a "petrified man." Later it was examined by Dr. Boynton, of Syracuse, a man possessed of some antiquarian knowledge, who decided to be a statue, "made some three hundred years ago by the Jesuit fathers," and at once offered \$10,000 for it. This and more tempting offers were declined, as sight-seers at half a dollar per head were apparently unlimited in number. However, Newell, in compliance with Hull's order, sold a three-fourths interest to half a dozen citizens of Syracuse, comprising a dentist, an American express agent, two bankers, and three pseudo-scientists, the price paid being \$90,000. A showman was now placed in charge, and in the way of advertisement, invitations were sent to Prof. Agassiz, Prof. Hull (State Geologist), S. B. Woelworth (Secretary of the University), etc. November 8th a large delegation of scientific men assembled from different parts of the State for deliberate and thorough inspection. They at once pronounced it a statue, and the State Geologist declared it to be of great antiquity. Prof. Ward, who filled the chair of Natural Sciences in the Rochester University, said, "Although not dating back to the stone age, it is nevertheless deserving the attention of archaeologists." A prominent clergyman wrote, "This is not a thing contrived of man, but is the face of one who lived like all the earth; the very image and child of God;" thus confirming the impression Hull received from his discussion with the Rev. Turk.

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The giant soon came to New York after a short reception at Albany, only to find "Othello's occupation gone." After an unsuccessful exhibition of a few days, it was shipped to Boston. Here the excitement bid fair to break out again, from the furor created by the learned men—all men at the "Hub" are learned—of this modern Athens. Ralph Waldo Emerson pronounced it beyond his depth—which no one has been able to measure—astonishing, and undoubtedly ancient. Cyrus Cobb, the artist and sculptor, declared that any man who called the giant a humbug, "simply declared himself a fool." On the 4th of February, a number of Solons visited the exhibition in a sort of official body. They examined it long and patiently; the exterior was tried with acids; the head bored into; and the compass carried around it in search of iron. The conclusion arrived at was very satisfactory, and undoubtedly true, as it was decided to be a "stratified gypsum, probably very old." The subject invaded the Boston clubs, and one whole evening was occupied by the president of the Thursday evening club, in an address to prove that the giant was modern, because its features were Napoleonic. But a few weeks elapsed ere the proofs of the frauds perpetrated became incontrovertible, and the Cardinal grant was withdrawn from public gaze, to be consigned to popular oblivion. Its very name is sufficient to damn any public exhibition with which it may be connected, and even the side shows of the circuses consider its presence as a sure indication of pecuniary ruin.

Concluded next week.

Fur, Skin and Feather.

MONTREAL FISH AND GAME PROTECTION CLUB.

At the adjourned meeting of this Club the annual report submitted at a former meeting was adopted. Mr. Showan brought forward the subject of killing fish by dynamite, which had been practised at Lachine last summer by Americans. The matter received the earnest attention of the board, which entered their strong protest against the murderous practice. A resolution passed asking the Provincial Legislature to prohibit Spring duck shooting. The following officers were elected: President, R. W. Kelly; Vice-President, F. J. Brady; Secretary, A. N. Shewan; Treasurer, W. H. Rintoul. Committee: Messrs. McPherson, Lemoine, King, Normandieu, Wilson, Alloway, White, Penton, Ahern, Sinclair, Leach, Bourdeau and Dupuy.

BOWMANVILLE TO THE FRONT.

An attentive correspondent at Bowmanville, advises us of a couple of matches which have come off in that locality. The first was shot at Newcastle a short time ago between Stein of Newcastle, and Colman of Bowmanville, for \$50; 15 single birds, usual conditions. The score was as follows, only 14 birds each being shot at, as Colman could not have tied:

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Colman.....	1110:1011010000--7

On the 30th ult. a two handed match took place at Bowmanville. The parties to it were Reynolds and Grey, professionals, (what is a professional pigeon shooter, anyway?) who were backed by Mr. Frank Henderson, the well-known horseman of Bowmanville, and C. & T. Colman, for \$50, 15 single birds each, usual conditions.

Grey	011011106100111—9	14
Reynolds	000011100010001—5	14
C. Colman.....	000*11100100111—7	18
Thos. Colman.....	000*1111100*000*1—6	18

* Fell dead out of bounds.

THE SPECIMEN.—A large mouse was recently shot in the train and its head was sent to Mr. G. O. Fisher, of Ottawa, who has placed it in the hands of Mr. T. Hardy, taxidermist, to be stuffed. It is the largest mouse killed for years in that section, and is intended for a museum collection. Mr. Fisher refused \$40 for it.

ARRIVED.—The wild turkey cock, forwarded to Mr. Allan Gilmour, of Ottawa, by the proprietors of the Forest and Stream, for that gentleman's museum, has been received. Mr. Gilmour intends having it stuffed and placed in a large glass case for exhibition in his private museum. It is as fine a specimen of that species of bird as has been seen in this city.

THE FLIGHT OF A PIGEON.—Mr. Walker, of Mitchell, Ont., who is a great pigeon fancier, and is in possession of several valuable birds, a short time ago brought from Toronto a very handsome "carrier." When he thought it sufficiently "naturalized," he let it out with his other pigeons, but it once flew high up into the air, made a few circles, and then made a "bee line" for Toronto. It arrived at its old home in a little less than three hours from the time it started.

NAMES CLAIMED.

By MR. JOHN FORBES, Woodstock, Ont.
TOM ROLF, for bay colt by Tom Rolf, (the pacing mare Pocahontas, the dam of Bonner's Pocahontas); dam Carlotta, by Fearnaught, Jr., record 2:26, out of Lady Smithers by Old Columbus; Lady Smithers' dam by Harris' Hambletonian.

By MR. H. B. B. ALLEY.

MINNIE A., for ch f, foaled 1876, by Judge Curtis, dam Blanche Chapman, by Rook Mirandi, out of Ida, by imported Glencoe.
PASHA, for ch c, foaled 1877, by Judge Curtis, dam Blanche Chapman, by Rook Mirandi, as above, owned by A. Gregg, London, Ontario.

Lacrosse.

THE TORONTO CLUB.

The semi-annual meeting of the Toronto Lacrosse Club was held on Tuesday evening of last week at Jewell & Dennis' restaurant. Over sixty members sat down to a capital dinner, when upon being fully discussed, a loyal toast—the only toast of the evening, proposed by President Hughes—was heartily received. The Treasurer, Mr. George Massey, read his financial statement for the past year, showing a small balance to the credit of the club. The club propose sending sixteen of their best players, who will leave for England about the first week in June. London, in all probability, will be visited first, and a series of matches played with representative and combined teams. While the Toronto players in are the metropolis H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has signified his intention of witnessing the game. A shortsojourn in Paris will follow, and then Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, and Belfast will be visited in turn. The tour will be of two months' duration. The club, whose membership at the present time is 189, have secured very commodious and eligible club rooms on the north side of King street, immediately west of Yonge, and enter into possession February 15th.

The California mare, Mollie McCarty, will take part in the spring meeting at St. Louis. She is a magnificent race-horse, and it is to be hoped that she will come East during the coming season.

It is expected the English cricketers will arrive in New York about the end of July. They will visit Canada in the latter part of August and September.

Amusements.

CITY

On Monday evening Pink Dominoes was the bill at the Grand Opera House, Mrs. Morrison appearing as Lady Maggie Wagstaff. On Tuesday the regular company went on a trip east to Belleville, Tuesday and Ottawa. Sullivan's New Mirror of Ireland till out the week. The different views are faithful pictures of the scenes they represent in the "old sod," and are of a higher order of art than are usually seen in entertainments of this class. The various songs, dances, and sketches with which the performance is interspersed were pleasingly executed. To-morrow afternoon the usual matinee will take place. On Monday evening next, Mr. William Crane (the old Toronto favourite) and Mr. Stuart Robson will appear, supported by the stock company of the Grand.

The attraction at the Royal Opera House all week has been the revival of the spectacular drama of the Twelve Temptations. Several new features have been introduced, and the piece is as attractive as when first presented to a Toronto audience. The regular matinee will take place to-morrow; and the last chance of seeing the piece will be to-morrow night, when it will be withdrawn. On Monday evening the Langards, supported by their own combination, will commence a season of six nights and matinee. The initial programme will be the drama of Heart and Crown, especially written for the company; twenty sketches by the great Langard, introducing songs and speeches; and living portraits of notable celebrities.

The contest, Spiritualism vs Magic, at Albert Hall on Tuesday evening, was a regular farce, and Professors Church and Gazzino will gain nothing in reputation by the performance.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Mr. Dominick Murray commenced an engagement of one week at the Academy of Music, the bill for Monday and Tuesday evening being Arrah-na-Pogue and B. B.

OTTAWA.—Grand Opera House—Georgia Minstrels, February 4 and 5; Mrs. Morrison's Toronto Grand Opera House Company, Feb. 6, for four nights; Langard Combination, 21st.

HAMILTON.—Langard at Mechanics' Hall, Feb. 8th and 9th.

LONDON.—The Langards at New Mechanics' Hall, Feb. 6. Sophie Miles and Star Dramatic Co., at Holman Opera House, Feb. 6, for four nights.

ST. CATHARINES.—The Langards on 4th to good house. Performance first-class.

PETERBORO.—Cool Burgess and variety company, Feb. 6.

GUELPH.—Sophie Miles extended her stay two nights, Monday and Tuesday of this week. Cool Burgess, Feb. 18.

SEAFORTH.—Jeannie Watson and J. F. Hardy are concertizing in the vicinity of Seaforth, Goderich, Clinton, &c.

James Taylor and Miss Ada Alexander are doing turns at the Metropolitan and Lusby's, London, England, appearing in "Scrapes from Simon."

Miscellaneous.

The latest sensation in Dalton, Ga., is a female blacksmith.

Physic a poor substitute for fresh air, exercise and sleep.

Mr. T. T. Barnum is said to calculate that he has sold since he began his business of amusement, no less than \$63,000,000 worth of tickets.

Mr. D. Molton has lately purchased, on the Ontario market, over 500 mink skins from a trapper named Jas. Pearson, who captured the valuable little animals on the Saugueney river.

A Sarina, Ont., woman has reached the age of 130 years, and it is a pitiable sight to see her 100-year-old son sit in the corner and wobble. "Ma, kin I go out?"

The "monster cat" is claimed by a man living near Richmond, Mo. The animal is of the common species, of the yellowish color, 11 inches high, 32 inches from the tip of the tail to the nose, weighs 37 pounds, and is some thing over three years old.

On Saturday last Messrs. J. McLeod and Jas. Wiggins, of Goderich, took 1,200 pounds of trout and whitefish, on the summer fishing ground, with nets. This is an unprecedented circumstance at this season of the year and the haul is a big one in any season.

Switzerland has closed the last of the gambling establishments in that country, which were at Saxon. The 31st of December was the last day, and the roulette tables were in operation all day. Toward midnight the officials entered, and rouge et noir was no more.

A small turtle is found in New England, which bears the name of the box turtle, on account of a hinge joint before and behind, at the ends of the flat shield, which close up both ends, protecting the feet and head. This is accomplished at the pleasure of the animal.

Pheasant Haldeman, of the Louisville Base Ball Club, always used to supplement his morning prayers with the following: "Oh, Lord, it is Thy pleasure to catch me out on a foul today, good enough! Grant that I may run my bases well, and when at last you put me out, let me be buried beneath the home-plate."

The bill amending the license law has passed the second reading in the Manitoba Legislature. It abolishes saloons entirely, and provides stringent regulations for hotels, limiting the number also according to population in the locality. The number for Winnipeg is to be twenty-three.

The Montreal Witness says it is learned from the Cowasville Observer that the man Gilbert Foy, of South Granby, P.Q., whose body was snatched a few days ago, had died of the deadly catarrh disease known as "Carbon." It appears that the unfortunate man while skinning a beast which had died with the disease, became inoculated with the virus through a slight cut on the finger.

Mr. Wason, of Newton-St.ewart, the champion weight lifter of Great Britain and Ireland, gave one of his exhibitions of muscular power at the Mechanics' Hall, Drumries, on the 26th ult. The first feat of strength was lifting half a ton. He then lifted four hundred weight with the under jaw. He then walked along the platform at the rate of two miles an hour carrying ten of it, weights, and sundry other exhibitions of strength were given.

About two weeks ago Mr. Stroud, 7th con. of Perham, Ont., mounted a live fish over two inches and two inches long. Last August after taking a drink of water Mrs. Stroud told her husband that she thought she had swam-wed something in the water. Since that time she has been constantly ailing, and her illness terminated in the strange way above described. The fish was 11 or twenty-four inches in water and then Mr. Stroud killed it.

A gentleman has brought in in Jabsco to the city of Mexico a dog which speaks. The dog speaks in Spanish.

Two young cinnamon bears were caught last summer by a farmer near Susanville, Cal. He killed the mother and secured the cubs at a time when they did not weigh five pounds apiece. They are now in Gold Hill, about two feet high, and very gentle if handled carefully. They devour immense quantities of raw meat, and always want more. It is the intention of the owner to get two black bears at the race track and hitch them with the cinnamons, as a four-in-hand to pull a sled about town when the first good snow comes.

The "English Gough," who lectured in this city a short time ago, is beginning to receive some very sincere and appreciative notices in our exchanges. One of them says: "Alleek, who replied to Colonel Ingersoll in the Utica, N. Y., opera house last night, spoke to seventy-three people besides the auditors. The entertainment was opened by a song, entitled "No one Cares for Me" which was evidently quite appropriate. The Herald says Mr. Alleek said nothing new. He has a broad brogue, and his manner of delivery is painful.

An exciting incident happened in a recent review of Austrian cavalry by the Emperor and Empress. About 30,000 cavalry were in line and charging down in a mad gallop to salute the sovereigns, when a little four-year-old child, escaping from her mother, ran directly in front of the rushing horses. The Empress screamed, and everybody expected to witness the instant death of the child, when a trooper in the front rank bent forward from his saddle, seized the child without slackening speed, and placed her at his saddle-bow. The crowd cheered the gallant deed lustily, and the Emperor, taking from his neck the cross of the order of Marie Therese, hung it upon that of the soldier.

WOMEN IN THE CRICKET FIELD.

Ladies made their appearance in the cricket field so long ago as 1797, when eleven married women of Burg beat eleven unmarried women by 80 notches. In the British Museum there is a sketch by Rowlandson of a match that took place in 1811, between two female teams, of Surrey and Hampshire, for 500 guineas; and Mr. Box tells us that the performances were of all ages and sexes, from fourteen to sixty; the young had shawls, and the old long cloaks. The match was won at three o'clock on the third day by the Hampshire eleven, one of the latter making a score of 40 before she was thrown out. There is said to be a girl's school at Somersetshire where cricket is allowed, and where a special dress is worn for the purpose, and it is added that the best cricketers make the best scholars. The account of ladies' connection with cricket is, however, very limited; for, with the exception of these particulars, and two or three matches in 1823, and one in Australia in 1874, there is nothing else recorded of them. From gentle remarks overheard at Lord's during the University "picnic" we should be inclined to think that ladies had not made much advance of recent years either in their appreciation or knowledge of cricket. *The Saturday Review.*

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HOW A BIRD WAS IDENTIFIED

A lady visiting a friend's residence a few days since was attracted by a beautiful canary bird by its close resemblance to one she had lost last Spring. She was informed that the songster had come to them, they finding it one chilly morning perched upon a window-sill. The lady stated that the bird had been taught to perform the pretty little feat, when given its liberty in a room, of picking up a pin and sticking it in the carpet. The cage door was opened and as the canary flew forth the lady threw a pin out in the center of the floor. The bird immediately flew down to where it lay, caught it in its bill, dexterously stuck it in a perpendicular position in the carpet, after which it hopped off a step or two and warbled forth some of its sweetest notes, as if in exultation of the feat it had accomplished. It was her long lost songster.

A SWORDSMAN'S FEAT THAT NEARLY DECAPITATED THE SWORDSMAN'S WIFE.

Among the performers of remarkable feats who appeared at the Olympic theatre in Brooklyn last night was Mons. D'Ormer, who shows how near he can come to taking a head off with a well-sharpened sword without actually doing it. The wife of the performer, it is believed, is the only one who will allow him to exhibit his feat. An apple is placed on the back of her neck, and the swordsman flourishes the shining blade in close proximity to her head and neck. Last night she stood in the prescribed position, with the apple on her neck, and, after the usual flourishes, the sharp sword came down upon it. The hand of Ormer could not have been steady, for after the apple had been cut in two, the blood spurted from her neck, the sword having inflicted a wound of about two inches in length. Mrs. Ormer made no outcry, but quickly repairing to the dressing-room had her wound bound up, and was then accompanied by her husband to Dr. Briggs, of number 106 Willoughby street, who dressed her wound.

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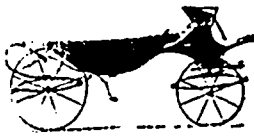
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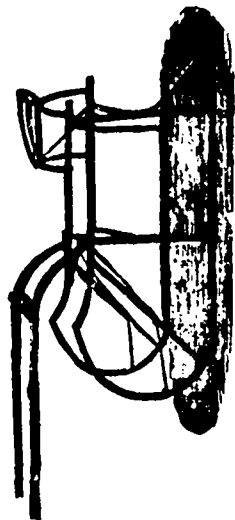
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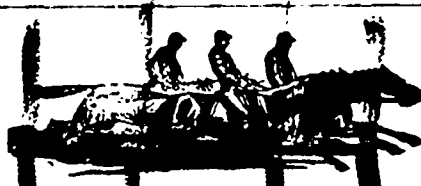
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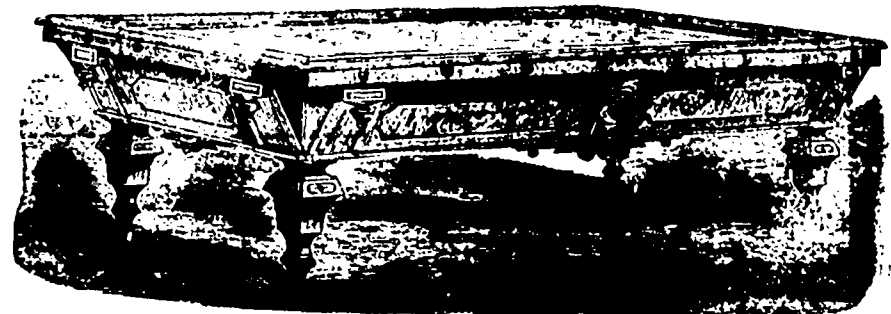
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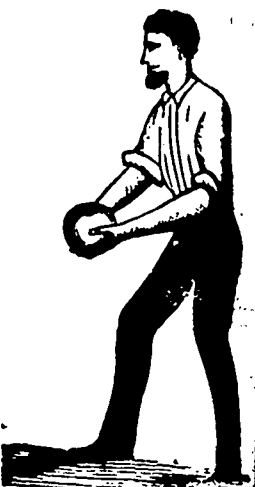
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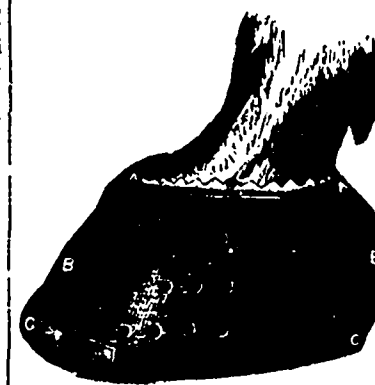
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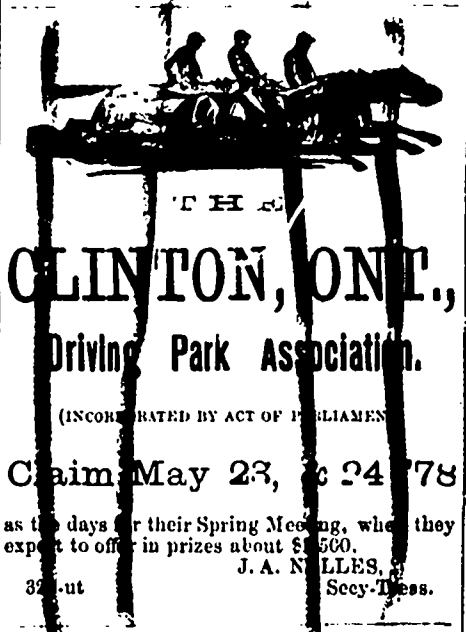
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