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

BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXXIX.

Reforms—Too Many Judges—False Starts—Flags.

[From the Spirit of the Times].

The present system should also be reformed, substituting one judge for three. In England, millions of dollars are decided, in the course of a season, by one man as judge. If one man in England can be trusted to decide between men who bet millions of money, surely one man can be found in the United States, to decide the thousands that are bet upon our races. If one man placed in the judge's stand in England, can succeed in deciding thousands of races with general satisfaction, certainly one man in America can decide hundreds of races, and give equal satisfaction. While reforming our crude system of racing, why not adopt some of the better English ideas, for we have adopted many that are not good. The best idea that the English have ever put into practice, is the one judge system. It has worked well there for over half a century, and it would work as well in this country, if adopted. It would have been long since in force in this country, but for the weakness of human nature. The judges of races are not, as a rule, exemplary men, but are vain, and like to occupy conspicuous positions. It flatters their conceit, and makes them feel their importance. The average judge, in America, does not seem to realize, when he goes into the stand, the responsibility resting upon him as a judge, so that the stand is the last place we may look to for reform, for a love of exhibition will carry as many judges as permissible into the stands.

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days, and colder nights, upon what was fed to them, hay or corn fodder, or corn stalks, often without water and without protection from the fierce wind, rain, and snow. In their condition, and thus exposed, they must get weary in the legs, and nature demands that they shall have rest, but when turned out in the field they had no place to lie down upon except the cold ground often covered with snow. Sometimes, from sheer exhaustion they will lie down even in the snow, but they cannot rest long, for they soon become chilled, and are forced to rise and take exercise to keep from freezing. Such treatment is too severe for even barren mares or other stock, but is, certainly, not proper treatment for mares in this delicate condition, and who are well worthy of being bred to the best stallions in the country, and whose foals, when a year old, bring from \$400 to \$5,000.

The common mare bred to a jack would scarcely be more neglected, and her produce, when a year old, would bring \$30 or perhaps \$60. On the contrary, the thoroughbred mare may throw a foal worth a small fortune, not only in the purchase money when sold, but in the reputation he may add to the stud itself by his performances upon the turf. Therefore, it certainly must and will pay the proprietors of large establishments for breeding the thoroughbred to have roomy and comfortable box stalls, large enough for the mare to foal within. He can, at least, construct double sheds or racks filled with hay and straw, having two sides, where the mares can, to some extent, protect themselves against winter's chilly storms, and although they are here too much exposed to wind and weather, such a shed is infinitely superior to being turned into an open paddock, often without sufficient food or bedding.

Mares treated thus generally have weak foals, and they often die for want of strength to stand up and suck. The mare frequently becomes impoverished from neglect and exposure, and her milk is not nourishing and strengthening to the colt, caused from poverty of blood, deprived, as it is, of its chief constituent, albumen. Unless the foal comes very late, so that the mare has an opportunity to enrich her blood with grass, the foal will remain puny, and perhaps die. This shows the necessity of giving broodmares the fostering care of a good groom. They require more delicate nice attention than any other stock in the stud, especially when they are somewhat advanced in years. They should be cleaned off twice a day, morning and evening, be carried and brushed, their manes and tails combed, and their feet rasped and kept in good form, the back, loin, and muscles of the breeding should be well rubbed with a soft brush until a glow of heat is produced upon the skin. The muscles, from exposure and neglect, shrink, and by friction a healthy circulation of the blood can be sent to the perished parts.

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American Turf.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

NEW ORLEANS, April 14—Purse \$300; handicap for all ages; \$250 to first, 50 to second; two miles, over eight hurdles.

M Wyche's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella, 128 lbs. 1
G B Morris' b c Woodland, 4 yrs, by Veto, dam Sympathetic, 130 lbs. 2
Capt Taylor's ch h Bilyxi, 6 yrs, by Leamington dam Rebecca, 175 lbs. 3
Time—4:11.

Same Day—Purse \$200, for all ages, with selling allowances; horses entered to be sold for \$1,500, to carry proper weights; \$1,000 allowed 7 lbs; 750, 10 lbs; 500, 15 lbs; 300, 20 lbs; surplus to second horse, \$150 to first, 30 to second, 20 to third; mile and a quarter dash.

Paine & Co's ch g Kilburn, 6 yrs, by Ringmaster, dam Ontario. 1
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Time—2:32.

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W Cottrill's ch g Donough, 4 yrs, by Bluneystone, dam Lily Ward, 99 lbs. 1 4 2
J McMahon's ch c Russ Butler, 4 yrs, by War Dance, dam Princess Royal, 102 lbs 3 2 ro
L Hart's b g War Jig, aged, by War Dance, dam Dixie, 108 lbs. 4 3 ro
G Hako's ch c John Campbell, 4 yrs, by Joe Stoner, dam Betsy Branch, 80 lbs. 2 dis
Time—1:54, 1:51, 1:55.

April 10—Purse \$300, for all ages, to carry 100 lbs; three-year-olds to carry proper weight, with usual allowances; \$250 to first, 30 to second, 20 to third; mile and a quarter dash.

J Huggins' Jack Hardy, 5 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Mollie Rogers, 100 lbs. 1
L Hart's Bob Woolly, 5 yrs, by Leamington, dam Itam, 100 lbs. 2
Paine & Co's ch g Kilburn, 6 yrs, by Ringmaster, dam Ontario, 97 lbs. 3
Verdigris not placed.
Time—2:14.

Same Day—Cottrill Stakes, for three-year-olds; \$25 each, p p, with \$400 added; winner of Pickwick Stakes to carry 7 lbs extra, \$100 to second; mile and a half dash, thirteen entries.
W Cottrill's Aunt Betsy, by Longfellow, dam Lotta West.

English Turf.

MR. SANFORD'S DONNA WINS A RACE.

LONDON, April 18.—To-day was the second day of the Newark Craven Meeting, the principal event being the annual race for the Newmarket Handicap, a mile and a half, for which ten horses started, the betting at 10 to 1 against The Cheetah, 7 to 1 against Morning Star, and 10 to 1 against Hidalgo. The latter won by half a length. Another interesting race was a Handicap Plate for three-year-olds and upwards, over the T.Y.C. (5 furlongs, 140 yards), which Mr. M. H. Sanford's Donna won from a field of eight. The four-year-old colt Pardon was the favorite, against which as little as 2 to 1 was accepted, 3 to 1 being accepted Playfair, who finished third, while 20 to 1 was freely laid against Donna and Ursula, the first and second. The race was won easily by three lengths, Pardon finishing seventh. The following are the conditions of both events.

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Cricket.

HAMILTON—The annual meeting of the Hamilton Cricket Club was held at Fairchild's restaurant last week. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. George Roach; Vice-Presidents, His Worship the Mayor, Messrs. Alex Harvey, C J Hope and R A Lucas; Secretary, R K Hope, Treasurer, A H Hope, Committee, R Kennedy, J H Lusk, A Wolverton, E W Haro and G Maniwarin.

OTTAWA—The annual meeting of the Ottawa Cricket Club was very well attended. The Rev. J D Phillips presided. The following officers were elected for 1877:—President, Mr. J M Courier; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. T Reynolds, W McK Wright, M P, and H V Noel; Treasurer, G R Baker; Secretary, Rev T D Phillips; Committee, Messrs. Herbert, Brodie, Macklin, Macfarlane and G Brunel.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

Sir,—Having seen your paper a great many times, and noticed the beneficial results attending any agitation begun through its columns, I take the liberty of making a few remarks which I think will be of interest to the cricketers of the Province. At many times the wicket-keepers of the willow have been endeavoring to organize a system of county matches throughout the Dominion, but as yet no decided move has been made in this direction, and the different clubs have been content to follow the usual course of matches between individual clubs.

One direct result of county matches would be that the best cricketers of each county would become known, and it would be some sort of reward for perseverance and hard practice. They are so very few stimulants to efficiency which are placed before players, that I am of the opinion we should give careful consideration to any scheme which is calculated to furnish one. If the representatives of our cricket clubs would meet, say in Toronto, and discuss this matter I have no doubt that an understanding might be arrived at, and a beginning made.

If there are any of your readers who take sufficient interest in the prosperity and advancement of the noble game in Ontario, they would confer a benefit by offering their suggestions in regard to this matter. I hope to see this subject entered into more fully in your next issue and treated in an able manner than by the person who signs himself

Coburn, April 21st.

CRICKETER

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Therefore, starting with the flag should be dispensed with, for there is not a race meeting in the United States where there is not one or more races run during the meeting entirely in the interest of pool-sellers—the starter, or the parties running the horses, or both, are in collusion with them. The judges should, to prevent fraud, start the horses themselves, or should appoint none others as starters but members of the club. The club could appoint starting stewards which would keep up the dignity of the members of the club, but, on no account, appoint a man who makes a living by betting. Such a man is sure to be reached, and made useful through the pool-box.

CHAPTER XL.

Treatment of Broodmares—Old Mares—Shelter and Food—Treatment of Foals.

There are errors committed by breeders in the treatment of broodmares that are both cruel and injurious. During all the cold weather this winter many breeders, and some of them the most prominent in the United States, and justly so regarded, allowed their broodmares, carrying foals, to be exposed to the severest weather. It is not only necessary for the success of a breeding establishment to have the best of stallions and mares for the stud, but these should have the most attentive care taken of them. I have observed that during this severe wintry weather broodmares, on a fine farm in Kentucky, were entirely without shelter, or a place to lie down. The ground was covered with snow, and were compelled to subsist during the cold

300 to \$5,000. The common mare bred to a jack would scarcely be more neglected, and her produce, when a year old, would bring \$30 or perhaps \$60. On the contrary, the thoroughbred mare may throw a foal worth a small fortune, not only in the purchase money when sold, but in the reputation he may add to the stud itself by his performances upon the turf. Therefore, it certainly must and will pay the proprietors of large establishments for breeding the thoroughbred to have roomy and comfortable box-stalls, large enough for the mare to foal within. He can, at least, construct double sheds or racks filled with hay and straw, having two sides, where the mares can, to some extent, protect themselves against winter's chilly storms, and although they are here too much exposed to wind and weather, such a shed is infinitely superior to being turned into an open paddock, often without sufficient food or bedding.

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All persons, who are familiar with horses, must have noticed that broodmares soon lose their muscular development, especially upon the back and loins. It is generally owing to a want of proper grooming; even old mares, if carefully treated, seldom lose their foals, and the colts are more vigorous and grow off readily, because the mother is healthy and her milk is pure and rich, and infuses health and vigor into the colt. The intelligent breeder will soon discover that it pays well to have intelligent help to see to and care for his mares both before and after foaling, to be equal to the double care of delicately and judiciously superintending the various wants and needs of the mare and foal. Her grain should be taken away entirely, or, if the weather be very cold, considerably reduced in quantity, at least a week before foaling, for keeping the bowels tolerably empty for a few days before that period is better for the colt and easier on the mare in delivery, and frequently prevents the death of both. As soon as the delivery is over the mare should be given a well scalded bran mash, and, if the weather is cold a bucket of tepid water, in fact, all the water she may desire, should be warm.

On no account should the mare be fed, either whilst carrying the foal or after foaling, on corn or corn fodder cut and shocked whilst green. Mares fed upon this food, shocked before it is cured by the sun, but smothered and excluded from the air, and the large quantity of stalks put in one shock excluding the ripening influence of the air and sun, the consequence is that the saccharine matter and the sappy substance of the stalks will sour, mould, and rot. Even the ears of corn, smothered up in the stalk, cannot mature, and, therefore, must partake, more or less, of the mould and rot of the stalks and blades. Corn, to be healthy, must be thoroughly matured upon the stalk, and should not be gathered until late in the fall, or even winter would be better, when there is snow upon the ground.

A HORSE AND MULE COLT.—The Savannah (Mo.) Reporter says that W. F. Taylor had a mare which gave birth to two colts—one a perfect horse colt and the other a perfect mule colt. Both died, he thinks, from his neglect.

Exchanges are beginning to send in their annual reports of accidents with fire arms, but thus far our local sportsmen seem to have been unusually careful.

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Time—2:22.

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Verdigris not placed.
Time—2:14½.

Same Day—Cottrill Stakes, for three-year-olds; \$25 each, p. p. with \$400 added; winner of Pickwick Stakes to carry 7 lbs extra; \$100 to second; mile and a half dash; thirteen entries.

W Cottrill's Aunt Betsey, by Longfellow, dam Lily Ward, 87 lbs..... 1
F W Horn's ch c King William, by Foster, dam by Albion, 108 lbs (inc 7 lbs extra) .. 2
W Cottrill's Adventure, by Daniel Boone, dam Maggie G, 97 lbs..... 3
Time—2:44½.

Same Day—Consolation Purse, \$200, for all horses that ran and did not win during the meeting; \$150 to first, 30 to second, 20 to third; mile dash.

J Huggins' Bill Barkley, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Capitola..... 1
G B Morris' Woodland, 4 yrs, by Brown Dick, dam Woodbine..... 2
G W Spencer's Coronella, 5 yrs, by Rebel, dam Aurelia Westheimer..... 3
Maria Barnes not placed.
Time—1:38½.

Same Day—Purse \$900, for all ages; \$700 to first, \$200 to second; four-mile heats.
J. Brian's George Quinine, 4 yrs, by Bulletin, dam Riga Davenport, 104 lbs..... 1 1
G Hake's Uncle Sam, 4 yrs, by Uncle Vic, dam Maid of the Mill, 104 lbs..... 3 2
Paine & Co's Russ Butler, 4 yrs, by War Dance, dam Princess Royal, 104 lbs.... 2 3
A Hawkins' The Nipper, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Annette, 104 lbs..... dis
Time—7:46, 7:52.

DEATH OF A NOTED ENGLISH BREEDER OF DOGS.—Mr. Laverack, the famous breeder of setters, has departed this world. The London Field, in a brief notice, says: "He has been for some time in a helpless condition and we are glad to state that the correspondence which has recently taken place on his favorite subject has not been allowed to reach him."

WINDSOR—John Hammon, of Windsor, Ont., has purchased from F. Jackson, Chatham, Ont., the imported liver and white cocker spaniel, "Jeff." He is from the kennel of Duke of Sutherland, Dunrobin Castle, Scotland, and is as handsome as a picture. Mr. Hammon recently lost his pointer dog "Sport."

Lord's Derby was won from the start by the four-year-old Pardon was the favorite, against which as little as 21-1 was accepted, 3 to 1 being accepted Playfair, who finished third, while 20 to 1 was freely laid against Donna and Ursula, the first and second. The race was won easily by three lengths, Pardon finishing seventh. The following are the conditions of both events:

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Donna was bred by Mr. Sanford at the North Elkhorn Farm, Kentucky, and is by Baywood—a full brother to Prekness, out of Dot, dam of Cordelia and First Chance, she being by Mad Anthony, out of Laura White, dam of Alice Ward, Bazaine and Astra, by Glencoe. Donna is a full sister to First Chance. Mr. Sanford ran Donna three times as a two-year-old without success, her best performance being for a £10 sweepstake over the T.Y.C., when she, with 100 pounds, was third to the three-year-old Farnese (121 pounds), she failing to get a place in the other two events. Donna's only engagement is for the Park Hill States at Doncaster next September.

On the 20th Mr. Sanford won another race with the three-year-old bay colt Brown Prince, by Lexington, out of imported Britannia, by Flying Dutchman. It was a three-year-old Plate race, but no further particulars are at hand. Brown Prince is a half-brother of Brigand, by Planet, the well-known American race-horse.

EPSOM SPRING MEETING.

Epsom Spring Meeting commenced on the 24th, the principal race being the City and Suburban Handicap of 15 sovs. each, 10 ft. and 5 if declared, with 200s added; the second receives 50 sovs.; about a mile and a quarter; 127 subs., 40 of whom declared out.

Captain Machel's b c Julius Caesar, 4 yrs, by St Albans out of Julie, 107 lbs..... 1
Lord Roseberry's b c Touchet, 3 yrs, by Lord Lyon out of Lady Audley, 81 lbs..... 2
Ch c Balbriggan, 5 yrs, by Solon out of Christmas Pie, 91 lbs..... 3

GOV. SPRAGUE AND MAZOMANIA MATCHED.—These trotting celebrities have been matched to trot for the Milwaukee Driving Park at an early day. They will be driven by their respective owners.

W. A. W. Secretary, Rev. P. D. Underhill, Messrs. Herbert, B. H. Mackay, M. Farlane and C. Brunel.

To the Editor of the Spectator Times.

Sir, Having seen your paper a great many times, and noticed the beneficial results attending any agitation begun through its columns, I take the liberty of making a few remarks which I think will be of interest to the cricketers of the Province. At many times the widders of the willow have been endeavoring to organize a system of county matches throughout the Dominion, but as yet no decided move has been made in this direction, and the different clubs have been content to follow the usual course of matches between individual clubs.

One direct result of county matches would be that the best cricketers of each county would become known, and it would be some sort of reward for perseverance and hard practice. They are so very few stimulants to efficiency which are placed before players, that I am of the opinion we should give careful consideration to any scheme which is calculated to furnish it. If the representatives of our cricket clubs would meet, say in Toronto, and discuss this matter I have no doubt that an understanding might be arrived at, and a beginning made.

If there are any of your readers who take sufficient interest in the prosperity and advancement of the noble game in Ontario, they would confer a benefit by offering their suggestions in regard to this matter. I hope to see this subject entered into more fully in your next issue, and treated in an abler manner than by the person who signs himself

CRICKETER.

Coburn, April 21st.

THOROUGHBREDS FOR ENGLAND.

Mr. M. H. Sanford will shortly ship two thoroughbred two-year-olds to Newmarket, England, to join his stable at that place. They embrace a bay filly, by imp. Glencoe, dam Grecian Bend, bay filly, by imp. Glencoe, dam Ursula, a chestnut filly, by Baywood, dam Earring, a bay colt, by imp. Glencoe, dam La Polka; and Cataract, by imp. Glencoe, dam Niagara. They do not lack for rich breeding, good size, or quality. The steady enterprise manifested by Mr. Sanford is encouraging, but the great existing disadvantages arising from the facilities to accident in transportation, and also that of meeting the great number of competitors at home, acclimated and trained under habits and customs widely differing from those adopted in this country, do not lend hopeful anticipations of the future of the enterprise. Long, persistent, and determined efforts that have cost an immense outlay of treasure, have given such enterprises, upon the part of French horses, far more favorable located, and handled according to those rules that the difference in climate and the course of the two countries demand, only partial successes in the field where Mr. Sanford proposes to contend for the blue and red ribbons. It is scarcely reasonable to hope, under all the circumstances, that Mr. Sanford should attain, in the same length of time, the success that have attended French stables. They outnumber him at least as ten to one, and their handling is quite as English as that of British horses. He has, however, counted the cost and estimated the disadvantage, and he is not the man to turn away from the solution of a problem he has once consented to solve. Whatever fortune may be met for him, he has the assurance that every turfman in America will rejoice at his slightest success, and regret every defeat he sustains, for his success will be America's.

ARISTIDES This fine race horse is at work, having been covered from the accident caused by a splint.

DIGBY GRAND.

CHAPTER X.

THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME.

Simply and kindly, with no soreness of mind... did she point out to me the instability of my character, the heartiness of my conduct...

ZOE DE GRAND-MARTIGNY.

And this was the woman I had thrown overboard... Mrs. Mantrop, this was the true and noble heart I had disregarded and forgotten...

decided intentions of not going. Nevertheless, post horses were ordered as on all previous occasions, every vehicle and carriage horse in the stable was put in requisition...

Why it is incumbent on every one to come so late to a ball? Or when in the peculiar disgrace attached to being among the first arrivals?

'What a gown!' said Tom Spencer to his goddess, as he hovered round her like an unquiet spirit, directing her attention to a young lady hardly out of ear-shot.

In the meantime the plot thickened, and the room gradually filled. Ample manumms fluttered in with their muncing broods; elderly young ladies, whose mouths, as Lavish would have said, don't bear looking into...

I had already executed sundry duty-dances, thereto strictly enjoined by Sir Peregrine previous to my departure, and was in the midst of what has always been to me a favorite amusement—namely, watching the histrionic powers of my fellow-creatures when on their best behavior and attired in their company manners...

interest save to the couple immediately concerned. Suffice it to say, that words were spoken which the lapse of years might never teach us to forget; feelings given way to which no hope deferred, no coming trials and disappointments, should have power to efface.

I put Flora into her carriage with all the tender care, all the conscious ownership of an accepted lover; and as I drove the phaeton home, cheered by Carambole's unceasing melodies, a fresh love song, rich and mellow as his native South, for every glimmering milestone that flitted by, accompanied by the prolonged bass of Ramrod's truly British snores...

CHAPTER XI.

THE RUN OF THE SEASON.

Amongst all the heathen gods and goddesses to whom we sacrificed so liberally at Haverley, Morpheus was the only one that could with reason complain of systematic neglect. Diana we worshipped most perseveringly during the day—Bacchus could boast a phalanx of unflinching votaries in the evening; for who might resist Sir Peregrine's dry champagne, or pass untasted by the silky 'twenty-five' with a magnum of which Soams, no unworthy representative of the wine-god, appeared punctually every quarter of an hour?

I could have sworn, on the morning after the ball, that my repose had only lasted five minutes—a brilliant five minutes truly, illuminated as it was by the image of my affianced Flora—when my uncompromising servant entered the room, under a burden of hot water, clean linen, top-boots and spurs, and snowy appliances thereto belonging...

'A matchless steed, though somewhat old, Papt in his paces, cool and bold.'

and, in honor of the friendly old general, denominated 'Sir Benjamin.' Such a 'mount' was in itself an anticipation of success; and who that remembers the ideal hour is which 'going well' through 'a fine run' confers upon the brow of imaginative twenty-one, will refuse to sympathize with my feelings...

'Here they come!—here they come! Oh, how pretty!' exclaim the ladies; and 'O you darlin' s'! chimos in the enthusiastic Miss Batt, as the clean and various-colored pack are seen trotting on to the lawn; where, grouping themselves round their huntsman, they take up a highly picturesque position in front of the house.

Joy, the huntsman, a snake-headed, wiry, active man, devoted to his profession, and a first-rate horseman, looked as game and undeniable as the two thoroughbred ones provided to carry him through the day. Quickness of thought and action, energy of mind and body, were impersonated in Will Part-ridge, his first whip, a man whom nature must have framed for the express office he filled so well.

Woe to the robbing puppy that should indiscreetly proclaim his discovery of the forbidden fruit. Tom's thong was 'swit to smite, and never to spare'; and it was quite unnecessary to request that functionary to 'ride at him and cut him in two,' so rapidly did summary punishment follow the eager culprit's offence. The hounds themselves were level in size, and faultless in frame and symmetry; their condition was perfect, as was shown by their quick earnest movements and the bloom upon their skins...

'How are you, Digby, my boy?' burst on my ear in well-remembered tones; and turning sharply round, I recognized my old friend Cartouch—the last person I expected to see at that particular moment.

Haverley pastures, and he must cross the vale after that; by Jove, we are in a tickler' as I caught fast hold of 'Sir Benjamin's' head, and sinking the wind to make up for the badness of my start, making an awkward 'hog-backed' stile, and a fairish ox-fence between myself and the crowd, who as usual rushed violently into the gateways, where they herded in a trite confusion. My manoeuvre was admirably; for ere another field was crossed, the hounds, turning at right angles down the fence, enabled me to get alongside of them, and short as was the distance we had come, the pace at which they were going gave me ample room to look about me. They were streaming like a meteor, running perfectly mute, so that after a row and turmoil created by the tramping crowd from which I was just escaped, all seemed silent as a grave.

'What a capital thing,' said Cartouch, 'such a country.' 'The fastest fifteen minutes I ever saw in my life,' remarked Lord Rasperdale, peering out his watch; to which Tom Spencer bowed, as he jumped off for one moment to relieve his panting steed. 'We have done yet; I'll bet my future bishopric is over the vale, and we shall have the day to negotiate, twenty feet of water and two banks!'

It will be better that you should not answer this letter; and as this is the first time I shall ever write to you, forgive me if I venture to offer a few words of friendly advice to one in whom I shall always feel deeply interested. The fault of your character is want of purpose. Do not make the impetus of the moment for the true impulse of your heart, and do not throw away every part of your own success drawing upon you a load of blame and trouble which I know you possess some definite object, and do not care no longer to embark on some vain career. Had I been a man, I should have been ambitious. Forgive me, my dear Digby, for the last time I call you not, forgive me for thus presuming to dictate to one whom I so humbly regard, and believe me your true well-wisher.

ZOE DE GRAND-MARTIGNY.

And this was the woman I had thrown overboard. Mrs. Mantrap, this was the true and noble heart I had disregarded and forgotten. And now, forsooth, I had my reward. I should never see her more. I had lost her love, and was unworthy of her friendship. Ah, Zoe! it would indeed have been better had we never met. I was worthy of you, even in my thoughtless and unpolluted boyhood; and now, alas! how can I dare to think of such purity as yours! My weak and vacillating character, ever acted upon by the influence of the moment, could never have matched with your high resolve, your noble and unselfish spirit. I am, in truth, a being of an inferior order. Ay, even now, when I am fresh from the perusal of your generous and forgiving letter—when my heart is sore with the thought of your utter sacrifice of all your hopes—a sacrifice which I am incapable of making, but which I can still appreciate—the image of Flora Belmont rises amidst the wreck of your happiness, and out of the wreck fresh beauty my earliest idol. Her low, unmanly, ungrate, heartless as may appear, despite of pity, despite of shame and remorse, something in my inmost soul whispers triumphantly—I am free! I am free!

Some people are determined believers in the truth of 'presentiments,' others assert that all such fanciful fore-shadowings of the future are but the unscientific effects of a weak memory acted upon by an excited brain. By the way it may, I can only account for my visionary state of spirit during the day following the receipt of Zoe's letter—a communication which ought to have made me thoroughly unhappy, which did fill me with bitter regrets and burning self-reproach, by some vague prophetic sense of what was awaiting me at one of those solemn performances which take place at a county ball, immediately to take place. This ball, be it understood, was a joyous pinnace, undergone by the nobility, gentry, and squirearchy of the shire, with a fortitude and resignation worthy of a better cause. That their presence in the county assembly rooms—a spacious structure erected over the goal, where the votaries of the sports were disturbed with their revels the gloomy mal factor in his cell—was a voluntary discipline of the severest order, I gather from the fact that, excepting some of the sun-baked of the very young ladies, I never saw any one put in a good word for the unprofitable ball. It was a bore—it was a nuisance—the rooms were always hot, and the weather was always cold—the passages were ill-lighted, and the moon sure to be off duty—all the rooms in the vicinity were bad, and as for the music—don't talk of the music? But notwithstanding all these drawbacks, long consultations as to the propriety of attending were mysteriously wound up with the annual 'however, I suppose we must go; and thus the obligation served to bring a very considerable number of white satin dresses and snowy neckerchiefs to assist at the festival. I was indeed, with excuse, talked over by Carambel, who thought it *charmant*, we had severally and collectively expressed our

In the meantime the placid tranquillity of the room gradually fell. A pair of muslin fluttered in with their miming broods; chattering young ladies, whose mouths, as Lavish would have said, don't bear looking into, smiled behind their fans, and seemed as if they wished somebody would ask them to dance; and while the country dances blushed and giggled, the London girls stood erect and scornful, under the conscious advantage of having experienced a season in town. Elderly gentlemen toddled comfortably up to the fire-place, and smiled blandly from behind their white waistcoats. I maintain that nobody enjoys a ball so much as a quiet old gentleman. Young would-be dandies stood in the doorway, and the more aspiring clung tenaciously to their hats; and still fresh arrivals kept pouring in, and quadrilles were being formed down the whole length of the room.

I had already executed sundry duty-dances, that to strictly enjoined by Sir Peregrine previous to my departure, and was in the midst of what has always been to me a favorite amusement—namely, watching the histrionic powers of my fellow-creatures when on their best behavior and attired in their company manners—I had ever been rewarded by witnessing a beautiful piece of acting on the part of Mrs. Grump, who was addressing 'dear Anglim' in an affectionate whisper that would never have led one to suppose she worried the poor girl's life out at home—when, far off amongst the crowd, turning away from me, I caught the outline of a graceful head, the droop of a glossy ringlet that could belong to none upon earth but Flora Belmont. My head swam—I felt almost sick with excitement; but manning myself by a severe effort, I bowed my way across the room. I found myself face to face with Flora. I know not what I said—I have no recollection of what took place; but a few minutes later found me standing opposite to her in a quadrille, trembling like a girl, but nerving myself to the utmost to master that emotion which I could see was shared to no small extent by my partner. Hardly a word did we exchange—hardly once did our eyes meet during that shortest of quadrilles; yet something told me that silent, distant as she was, I had not been forgotten. She looked paler and thinner than when I had seen her in London; but hers was a loveliness which neither sorrow nor sickness could destroy—that winning beauty of expression, to which regularity of features is only an outward auxiliary, the setting of the opal, the becoming garnet of the soul within. Her hand shook as she rested it on my arm at the conclusion of the dance; and, with a nervousness equal to her own, I hesitatingly proposed to take her to the tea-room. We seated ourselves in an alcove somewhat removed from the rest of the dancers, and in shaking voice I found courage to ask her where she was staying, and whether Sir Angelo Parsons was one of their party? The look with which she replied served to show me how completely I had been mistaken—how cruelly I had misjudged her. 'On that hint I spoke.' The torrent that had for months been accumulating at my heart burst its banks at last: I told her of my love, of Cartouch's letter, of my utter misery and despair. I attributed my reckless habits, my deep play, all my misdeeds, to my hopeless wretchedness when I heard of her rumored marriage. She, in her turn, confided to me how heart-broken she had been at the many reports concerning my conduct and character which Mrs. Mantrap had taken care should reach her ears—how she had disbelieved for a time, till circumstances after circumstances, each corroborating the other, and ending with that dreadful duel with Major Martignole, had forced conviction upon her—how her father had warned her that I was a rascal and a gambler—and how she was at that moment happier than she had been for months! It would be a sacrilege to relate all that took place during that important interview; nor are scenes such as we then enacted for our mutual benefit, of much

importance when compared with the summits of our vigorous domestic, and the painful effort, so dreaded by the sluggard, termed 'getting out of bed.'

I could have sworn, on the morning after the ball, that my repose had only lasted five minutes—a brilliant five minutes truly, illuminated as it was by the image of my affianced Flora—when my uncompromising servant entered the room, under a burden of hot water, clean linen, top-boots and spurs, and snowy appliances thereto belonging, wherein it was my intention to over-ride as much as possible the Hark-Holloa hounds, advertised to 'meet' on that day at Haverley Hall. Oh the delight of that first moment of consciousness, ere I could gather from my scattered faculties what it was that made my heart bound so lightly in my bosom!—the first dawning of 'the sober certainty of waking bliss,' worth all the dreams ever yet sent by Proserpine through her 'ivory gate.' Could mortal man be happier than I was on that auspicious morning? Debts, difficulties, and annoyances were all forgotten; if I thought of Zoe, it was but a twinge of reproach which enhanced the joy succeeding so momentary a pang. Flora was mine! Such a thought alone was sufficient to fill my mental atmosphere with sunshine, nor was it an unpleasing undercurrent of ideas that I was that day to ride a capital horse, with as crack a pack of hounds as England could produce. The original young thoroughbred one, whose tuition first brought about that interview with old Bugon-t which obtained for me a commission in Her Majesty's Service, was now an experienced, steady, and very capital hunter—

'A matchless steed, though somewhat old, Prompt in his paces, cool and bold.'

and, in honor of the friendly old general, denominated 'Sir Benjamin.' Such a 'mount' was in itself an anticipation of success; and who that remembers the ideal hours which 'going well' through 'a fine run' confers upon the brow of imaginative twenty-one, will refuse to sympathize with my feelings of exhilaration and excitement, as I descended the stairs to partake of that merriest of meals, a hunting breakfast!

The party were assembled when I entered the dining-room, and my being five minutes later than the rest called down upon me many a jeering reproach for my 'dissipated London habits.' The ladies were all present, having expressed their intention of seeing as much fun as possible from the carriages, under the guidance of Sir Peregrine, who for the first time was unable to join 'the field' on horseback. Julia Batt was very anxious to have ridden, but the Reverend Amos—who dispensed all sports but shooting, and thought hunting very dangerous—would not hear of such a performance. Had it not been for these parental objections, Tom Spencer would never have seen as well as he did one of the finest runs that ever took place over that country. How the young lady looked in a hat, I am at a loss to say; but judging from what she was in a certain pink bonnet, I should imagine her riding-costume must have made her fascinating and piquante to a degree. Poor Tom Spencer! Sundry neighbors dropped in ere the hounds arrived, to pay their morning salutations to my father, or to talk over the previous evening, and its events past and to come, with that sort of retrospective scandal that makes half the pleasure of a ball in the country. Stained red coats dotted the steps at the hall-door; and booted gentlemen, whose nerves required a little bracing before encountering our Haverley fences, straggled into the house for a small glass of cherry-brandy, after their gallop to covert. Draggled and panting hacks were being led away, whilst silent sharp-looking grooms were whistling their own pocket-handkerchiefs to remove every speck or stain that might mar the glossy coats of those powerful high-bred hunters they had brought so carefully to the place of meeting.

them a little too light, but even such critical veterans must have confessed that they they looked 'all over like going.' The horses were well-bred, powerful animals, unusually sound, and with action that promised jumping capabilities to take them over that strongly-enclosed country. All the minor appliances were in keeping with the more important items of the establishment; and though last, not least, the noble master himself, a perfect specimen of his class, the high-bred English gentleman, was every inch a sportsman. Look at him now, as he comes galloping up, a little late; for a seat in Parliament entails its duties as well as its advantages, and letters must be answered, even though a field of eager horsemen may be kept waiting by the delay. Look at him now, with his manly, open bearing, his fine athletic form, the flush of health upon his cheek, and the sparkle of pleasure in his eye, as with frank courtesy and hearty good-humour he exchanges greetings with one and all, from the stately peer to the burly yeoman, ere he rides into the middle of the pack, who, with fawning countenances and waving sterno welcome that well known voice, and say if Lord Rasperdale is not the *beau ideal* of what a master of hounds should be. Joy touches his cap, glad to see him at first, for now we shall begin. My lord exchanges his back for his hunter—a powerful, thoroughbred chesnut, that it is not every man who could ride, but who, when handled by a workman, can show 'how fields are crossed.' At that signal, there is a general move, and in the midst of fidgeting horses, mutual greeting, and much cigar-smoke, the hounds trot away to draw Haverley Gorse.

'How are you, Digby, my boy?' burst on my ear in well-remembered tones; and turning sharply round, I recognized my old friend Cartouch—the last person I expected to see at that particular moment. Hearty was our mutual greeting, and many were the inquiries as to our doings—past, present, and to come. Cartouch was fond of hunting as ever, and having got together a capital stud, was now commencing the season with all the ardour and enthusiasm of a boy. Save a few additional crows'-toes, and an occasional line of silver in the glossy black hair, the Colonel looked as young as ever; and although he could not then have been very far from the half-century, his fine figure, graceful seat, and daring horsemanship, would have led a stranger to suppose he was still considerably on the sunny side of middle age—whenever that very conventional period may be supposed to begin.

'There's a fox in that gorse, I'll take my oath,' suddenly exclaimed he, in the midst of a long Canadian conversation, in which we had got interested; 'look at those hounds, how keen they are,' as one after another, emerging from a large long strip of open wood, which they had been unsuccessfully drawing, rushed, with ears erect and rising bristles, towards the prickly covert. 'Sir Benjamin' seemed to partake of the excitement, for he fidgeted about, snatched impatiently at his bridle, and trembled under me almost as much as the evergreen branches which were shaking above the backs of the busy hounds. 'Always a fox at Haverley,' said Lord Rasperdale, as he galloped by to call some foot-people off from a highly commanding position they had taken up exactly against the spot at which the wily animal was likely to go away. Even while he spoke, a clear sonorous holla rang through the air, and though I crammed the spurs into 'Sir Benjamin,' and rattled him down the middle-ride of the covert at a pace which would have made some racehorses look foolish, I only reached the other end in time to see the hounds pouring like a cataract over a high stake-boned fence, which crested the opposite eminence, accompanied by the faint and unnecessary 'too-too' with which Joy indulged himself on his horn, and the flutter of 'my lord's' coat-tails, as he disappeared on the further side of the fence. 'Now for it,' I thought,—there will be a rare scent over

over everything a quadruped might find, and in condition was fit to run for the day with all these advantages, and no weight upon his back, the deep ridge furrow, the wet holding soil of Haverley tures, large enclosures of from 50 to 100 acres, together with thick, blackthorn fences, sometimes adorned with two ditches, occasionally forfeited by a strong oak gave him, clipper as he was, quite enough to do at the extra pace created by that scouting ground. I fancy none of us regretted the delay, when a ploughed field, just front of Waterley Ash-bank, just behind the hounds and horses to a check, and after a little breathing time, sadly required by latter.

'What a capital thing,' said Cartouch, 'such a country.'

'The fastest fifteen minutes I ever saw in my life,' remarked Lord Rasperdale, peering out his watch; to which Tom Spencer replied, as he jumped off for one moment to relieve his panting steed, 'We have done yet; I'll bet my future bishopric over the vale, and we shall have the square to negotiate, twenty feet of water and a bank.'

Sure enough Joy hit off his fox, in his masterly manner, at the fourth end of the Ash-bank, and we were soon cantering up the hill at a somewhat reduced rate, over an easier country—the hounds, which had proved to us the pace at which they could run, now showing to admiration the closeness with which they could hunt; so far in the distance, amidst the vivid green of the fertile water-meadows, a line of white disclosed the winding course of the raceless Squelch. Deep, silent, and sluggish, the waters of Lathie is that forbidding stream. Many a gallant hunter has cooled his steaming sides in its broad wave, and, extracted with difficulty by a team of his fellow-troopers and a stout cart-ropes, has acquired high-bred disgust at the pure element, never cleared a brook again. Many a aspiring youth, whose vaulting ambition never acknowledged neither difficulty nor danger, has here baptized the unpaid-for coat, and drooled to wretchedness the vainglorious leathers; while many a cautious veteran writhes under a twinge of sympathetic bago, as he recalls his ill-advised attempt to ford the treacherous Squelch. Bridles, stirrups, spurs, whips, and cigar-cases—many treasures lurk concealed in the waters of oblivion; and who can tell how many more they may close for ever that gloomy day—long, long may it be deferred!—when the last who-whoop sound over the decline of fox-hunting in merry England—merry then no more—see her sole remaining pack of hounds vanish before the uncompromising approach of an iron age. In the meantime, the sun is improving; we are all one more in the swing; the old grass on which we have again got is sound and springy; and horses, as may be supposed, completely sobered. There are ten men with hounds, and, of these, three are showing unmistakable symptoms of having 'enough.' Cartouch has got a dirty one, although he is unwilling to confess the fact, which no one seems to have witnessed. Lord Rasperdale is still slightly in advance of me, and 'Sir Benjamin' is striding away before me, as only thorough-bred horses can, when subjected to severe and sustained exertion. Joy is sailing along, never taking his eye off his hounds, and leaving nothing but the choice of pace to his horse, who repays each unlimited confidence by his best. The scent is so good that a man has to interfere but little, and only given us a specimen of his skill at Ash-bank, which proved him an adept in his art. Thus it was that, notwithstanding an instinctive cunning of his kind, we were still upon such good terms with our fox, promised to place him in hand ere he could reach the distant forest, now scarce visible in the far horizon.

(To be Continued.)

BRINGING HORSES TO FACE STRANGE ANIMALS.

To prepare the horses of the Prince of Wales for their introduction to the various wild animals that they would be likely to meet in the Park where various wild animals are kept. Instead of entering the gardens led in a line they were slowly ridden up to the road known as the Outer Circle, from this position they could clearly see the male African elephant walking about in the paddock; in this way they felt somewhat more at ease when they had the open road before them, the elephant was behind the fence. As soon as the horses had recovered their surprise at the sight of this animal, they were ridden into the paddock and brought near enough to the elephant to make a close inspection of his general appearance. They were a little nervous at first, especially when the great brute set up his trunk and made an attempt to rush toward them, and utter his shrill note of alarm; however, soon began to acquire confidence, and cease to start or jump from him, and after a day or two, would allow him, when riding by, to come close enough to touch the side of his trunk. The next thing was to bring them to their notice the large male Indian elephant. However quiet the horses were in the paddock, this savage monster was extremely nervous at the sight of the men on horseback in the proximity to his abode, and he rushed about in and around his paddock in a state of excitement, and had it in his power to get at them, he would have made short work with his new acquaintance. Notwithstanding his fury, however, he behaved in the most cool and unassuming manner. It was most delightful to see the watchful and intelligent gaze with which this beautiful animal kept his eyes upon the various and enraged rhinoceros, without exhibiting any particular fear or alarm; and no momentary coolness on his part assisted greatly in his quietude. His two companions, "Cockney" and "Coomassie." It soon became evident that the black rhinoceros were soon afterward tried. Their shaggy hair, the strange humps, and queer horns and necks, seemed to puzzle the horses considerably; but after a while, they allowed them to come near enough to smell them, and gradually acquire more confidence, until they had stood side by side and pass round or behind them, touching them with their noses, becoming quite familiar. It may appear singular, but the horse "Coomassie" appeared to have a wish to examine and revisit all the animals in the gardens; he required no urging being him face to face with the lions and the bears, notwithstanding the excitement into which the sight of the horse caused these animals to fly, but "Coomassie" looked at them with a questioning eye, not appearing in the least degree alarmed. This, then, ended the training of three of the finest of the Prince's animals.—*Land and Water.*

BRINGING THE MILK.

Mr. Fawcett said his men had frequently told him and said, "Such and such a cow was dry; I cannot get a drop of milk from her." His answer was, "Go and get a drop and come with me." The man had laughed and said: "Its no use, sir." However, he had placed the man on one side of the cow to milk, and her calf on the other side to suck, and they had come away with eight quarts of milk from one side of the cow. Therefore, they must not form a hasty conclusion that they had got a very dry milk, for he had often found that by getting the cow's own calf suck on one side they got double the milk from the other side. He always lets a young calf suck on one side while they milked on the other. One of his cows called Ruby had frequently had two calves sucking, and supplied the whole of his household, consisting of twelve persons, with milk and butter. But they had taken her calves away from her, and they could not possibly have got the quantity of milk. They have no idea how it can be done, a cow to give her milk by placing a calf by her side and letting it suck.

A MAMMOTH OX.

Mr. Albert Cummins, of St. Mary's Cal., is the fortunate owner of a great curiosity in the shape of an immense ox, which is unquestionably the largest in the world. The ox was on record was exhibited some years ago at the annual Smithfield (England) Stock Exhibition. The animal measured

HORSES AT DETROIT.

The following statement of the horses in Detroit is condensed from an article of the Post, of that city of the 16th inst.:

VORHEIS' STABLE.

First of all, of course, comes Cosette, that little bay mare which shak s her heels at a record of 2:19, made at Rochester, N. Y., last summer. Mr. J. M. French owns her. This popular Michigan trotter was sired by Black Bashaw, but her dam is unknown. She has been on the turf from eight to ten years, and is said to be about 14 years old. Lady Turpin, a fine black mare of 16 hands height, whose record of 2:28½ was made, we believe, at Cleveland a year ago last summer, is the property of S. A. Brown, of Grand Rapids. She is in the neighborhood of ten years old. Her sire was Bell Morgan, and her dam was by Brignoli. Amazon, a four-year old bay mare owned by the same gentleman, will reach here with Lady Turpin. She is about 15½ hands high, was sired by Grand Sentinel, by Sentinel, and has a three-year-old record of 2:47. Indicator, a seven-year-old light sorrel stallion, owned by the same gentleman. He is about 15½ hands high, and made a record of 2:40½ as a three-year-old, under the name of Woodpecker Goldust. His sire was Rolla Goldust.

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Albert Steel's sorrel team, Sam and Fred, are eleven or twelve years old. They are generally driven in team races, although Sam shows some lively steps as a single trotter. They have not made a record as yet, we believe, but can accomplish a mile in something like 2:40 together, while Sam alone can trot in something like 2:38. He was sired by Erie Abdallah and, like his mate, is 16 hands high.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The only running horse at present on the track is the five-year old bay stallion Millionaire, owned by A. L. Chappel.

Harry Mitchell is a bay gelding, owned by Wm. A. Owen, and will be driven by Wm. Holmes. He has a record of 2:28½, is 16 hands high, and was sired by the original St. Lawrence.

These embrace the horses which start from Detroit. There may be a few more, which have escaped the argus eyes of the reporter.

NOVEL OPERATION IN DENTISTRY.

A feature of the Central Park menagerie is Baby, a half-grown lion about eighteen months old. For some months Baby has been passing through that period in which the first or milk teeth are replaced by the permanent teeth. Nature, unassisted, did not attend to this change properly, and therefore, Baby's health so began to fail that his keepers became alarmed. Cod-liver oil had been administered to tone up the system, but did not restore health to the patient. Finally Baby refused to eat for three days. A careful examination was made by the director, eliciting the fact that the gums were much swollen in places and that the new teeth were breaking through under the old ones. A dental operation was determined upon. One of the keepers, accompanied by one of the park police, entered the cage. The keeper placed himself astride the subject and held his fore-paws, while the assistant, *a la David* of old, opened the lion's jaws, and thrusting a stick in the back part of his maw, gently but firmly insisted that it should be allowed to remain there. One of the bars in front was slipped up, making a gap through which Baby's head was put. The director then, with a common pair of forceps, in a trice relieved master lion of a canine and a molar tooth upon the upper jaw and a canine tooth upon the lower jaw. How the young patient would have borne up had an ordeal of drilling, filing, or filing been necessary, or some of the permanent teeth needed drawing, of course can only be a matter of speculation, but as it was he behaved very well indeed, only evincing the state of his feelings by an occasional growl, and on the following day celebrated his convalescence by a sumptuous repast. Among the spectators present were many ladies, whose sympathies were highly wrought upon by the operation, some of them evidently believing that the teeth were extracted in order to prevent the animal from biting, and one did not hesitate to say it was a manifest outrage which Mr. Berg should be made cognizant of. The only other case that has occurred in the Central Park museum necessitating the pulling of animals' teeth was that of the aged elephant, Empress, and both teeth on the lower jaw badly decayed. The gums were swollen, she could not eat, and, judging from her howling, lay awake nights in her agony. Her dentistry was thus performed; Her keeper threw her trunk up over her head and held her mouth open, while a second party with a blacksmith's puncher broke off the decayed parts and extracted them. It required a three minutes' steady pull to remove the broken pieces, which had roots at least two and three-fourth inches long. She was somewhat nervous during the operation, but did not behave badly. A similar operation was lately performed upon the baby hippopotamus at the aquarium, which at the time was duly chronicled in the World. Baby's teeth are now in the possession of Mr. O'Brien, a surgeon dentist, at 203 East thirtieth street. Each is about three-fourths of an inch in length.—*New York World.*

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SINGULAR DEATH OF THE CIRCUS MARE BLACK BESS.

A most singular event occurred recently at the Norwich (Eng.) Circus. The performances included a representation of Dick Turpin's Ride to York, in which the death of Black Bess results. On the occasion alluded to, the mimic representation was converted into a reality, for when the grooms attempted to remove the mare from the hurdles, she was found to be actually dead. When jumping the turnpike gate she fell, and, no doubt, ruptured herself internally, but got up gamely and was ridden around the ring preparatory to another leap, when she cleared the gate at a bound, thus completing her part of the performance. The mare is then supposed to be killed by officers in pursuit, when the body is placed upon hurdles and removed from the mimic scene with appropriate mournful music. The bearers of the precious burden little suspected they were carrying away a lifeless body, and did not discover the fact until the mare was removed from the ring. Black Bess was the property of a French lady, Madame Gaertner, who had reared and trained it from a foal, and it was considered a very valuable animal.

AN ACTOR'S DOWNFALL.

The other day a bloated specimen of humanity, who looked as if he were tasting the cup of bitterness to the dregs, staggered up to the lunch counter of a saloon on Koarny street and begged for a plate of soup. "I'll give it to you," said the saloon man, "but you mustn't come bumming around here." The seedy specimen devoured the soup ravenously and then begged for some meat. "No; you've eaten your soup, now get out." "Only a little bit," pleaded the man. "Well here, take this," and he of the lunch counter handed over a well-polished ham bone. "Now get out of this, and don't you come in here again." With a wolfish look at the bottles behind the bar the man shuffled out. Old New Yorkers who used to crowd the Olympic theatre night after night to witness the then great sensation, "The Streets of New York," would not have recognized, had they seen him, in the person of this wreck of humanity, John K. Mortimer, the great Badger of the play. Yet it was he, and as he walked out of the saloon with the bone under his arm, he needed no additional properties to give with stirring effect the famous "garro" scene of the play. Poor Mortimer's last dining off a bone has become a daily and sad reality.—*San Francisco Stock Exchange.*

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| Won. | Drawn. | Won. | Drawn. | |
| W Stewart..... | 4 | 1 | R Hastie..... | 0 |
| W Jamieson..... | 3 | 2 | G Ambridge..... | 4 |
| D Farquhar..... | 1 | 2 | P Threlknot..... | 7 |
| D Smilie..... | 3 | 1 | R Shaw..... | 4 |
| J Edmonds..... | 6 | 2 | G Ingram..... | 5 |
| F X Lambert..... | 5 | 2 | M J Whalen..... | 4 |
| W Chalmers..... | 10 | 3 | G German..... | 5 |
| A Parris..... | 8 | 0 | P Chene..... | 6 |
| J M Ross..... | 2 | 0 | C Baupre..... | 10 |
| H McDonald..... | 3 | 1 | C A Vermithy..... | 6 |
| G Hutcheson..... | 7 | 2 | C D Hornsby..... | 3 |
| J Sutton..... | 5 | 2 | Capt. Stewart..... | 0 |
| W Perkins..... | 7 | 0 | W Anmond..... | 7 |
| D Robertson..... | 7 | 1 | R Laug..... | 6 |
| A Matthews..... | 11 | 1 | H Iughes..... | 1 |
| J Ross..... | 11 | 4 | N German..... | 12 |
| Lamont..... | 7 | 2 | G Mortimer..... | 6 |
| DC Martin..... | 3 | 1 | P Arnot..... | 5 |
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ESCAPE OF A STAG.

A very graphic account of a recent hunt in England in which the Prince of Wales and Earl Harcourt were engaged, tells how the stag finally eluded his pursuers.

As is the custom, the stag was brought in a van, a sort of menagerie waggon, to the place where the hunt began. This of this ye lovers of the chase in Old Virginia and the "Far West." Think of a stag out in your store clothes to a cut and dried hunt a stag baring, quite on a par with Spanish bull fighting, only not confined to an amphitheatre arena! Think of measuring off a certain distance for the sport of seeing a frightened animal struggle with delusive hope an animal already captured turned loose only that the victims of the old Roman gladiatorial spectacles may be gratified.

To hunt the stag in his native wilds for sake of food and raiment may be permissible, but to turn loose a captive animal within hopeless distance of trained hounds and fleet horses, accidents barred, is—

Whatever it be, the Prince of Wales and Earl of Harzwick were in the hunt, recalling vividly Macaulay's lines:—

—He whose cruel eyes Bore to look on torture and durst not look on war."

Mr. Goodall, the Queen's huntsman, had brought a splendid stag, which on being loosed led the chase toward Eton College and the Thames. Upon reaching the Brags the animal plunged into the river, and was followed by the hounds and surrounded. Eventually it cleared itself and swam down stream, pursued by watermen in boats and punts past the rafts to Wind sor Bridge, which was thronged by excited crowds of spectators. On clearing the bridge one of the huntmen and several boatmen again essayed the capture of the deer, but although at least half a dozen boats and punts joined in the pursuit, the noble animal evaded capture, and passing under the weir swam rapidly past the grounds of Eton College till it reached Black Potts, the fishing villa of Dr. Hornby, the head master. The deer having landed upon the Bucks shore was still inaccessible, till a hound attacking it, the animal once more dropped into the Thames, and, swimming as far as the Victoria Bridge, escaped into the private portion of the Home Park, where it was lost, and had to be left. The chase down the river was of an extremely animated and exciting description, hundreds of the townspeople joining in pursuit.

It is fashionable to hound loosened animals like stags in England—to hold out to the terrified victim a glimpse of hope, to gloat over its frantic efforts at escape, and to watch the savage hounds pull down the frenzied quarry. This is sport. But to pit two game chickens in antagonistic flight is vulgar.

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BRINGING THE MILK.

Mr. Fawcett said his men had frequently brought him and said, "Such and such a cow was dry; I cannot get a drop of milk from her." His answer was, "Go and get an and come with me." The man had brought and said: "Its no use, sir." However, he had placed the man on one side of the cow to milk, and her calf on the other side to suck, and they had come away with eight or eight quarts of milk from one side of the cow. Therefore, they must not form a hasty conclusion that they had got a very good milker, for he had often found that by placing the cow's own calf suck on one side and the other's on the other side, they got double the milk from the other side while they milked on the other. One of his cows called Ruby had frequently had two calves sucking, and supported the whole of his household, consisting of twelve persons, with milk and butter. But they had taken her calves away from her and they could not possibly have got the quantity of milk. They have no idea how it came, but urged a cow to give her milk by placing her calf by her side and letting it suck.

A MAMMOTH OX.

Mr. Albert Cummins, of St. Mary's Cal. the fortunate owner of a great curiosity in the shape of an immense ox, which is unquestionably the largest in the world. The largest on record was exhibited some years ago at the annual Smithfield (England) Live Stock Exhibition. The animal measured between 17 and 18 hands high, and was otherwise proportionately built. Cummins' ox measures over twenty-one hands in height, but his proportions do not yet correspond with his immense size. He is poor in flesh and his great frame looks exceedingly gaunt. This, however, may be readily accounted for by the fact that, until very recently, he was left to shift for himself in the foot hills of the coast range. The hypothesis is entertained, on the other hand, that his stomach is not large enough to digest sufficient food to put him in good flesh. This theory is evidently erroneous, as the stomach of an ordinary ox is capable of digesting food enough to make more flesh and fat than the animal can comfortably support. Nature in forming animals of more than ordinary size invariably supplies the whole with what to enable them to sustain themselves. Mr. Cummins appears to be of this opinion, for he has gone to the trouble and expense of sending his bovine giant to San Francisco to try the experiment of having him fattened at one of the breweries; meanwhile the cattle breeders of that locality will await the result with considerable anxiety. The present weight of the monster ox is 1,750 lbs.

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ED. ABRAM'S STABLE

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LOVE'S STABLE

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On the stage the same nonchalance is apparent. It an actor be not "word-perfect," the prompter follows him about with a book with at the slight attempt at disguise; a stage-carpenter, wanting a light for his pipe, does not hesitate to crawl in front of the actors and take one from the stage candles; men who are killed during the play are allowed to make their exits behind a piece of black cloth, boldly brought and held up by a boy; and a hit or accident ever justifies the drawing across of the curtain.

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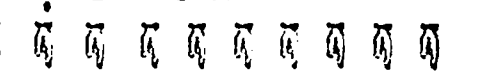
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An extraordinary case of double conception in a sow is recorded by Mr. Mueller, of Felaburg, near Hilderheim. Twenty-one days after the birth of a litter of six pigs the mother sow became restless and irritable, and refused to suckle them. Two days later, just twenty three days after birth, a second litter of seven, all well formed and healthy, appeared upon the scene. Five of the first and none of the second litter are living and doing well. The discovery, subsequently made, that the sow had access to the boar come three weeks after the first impregnation will account for this extraordinary double conception. As a general thing, female animals refuse the embraces of the male after impregnation has taken place, but instances are by no means uncommon with cows, horses, sheep, goats and hogs of their refusing the males after being impregnated, in some cases repeatedly, with no after result from such connections. The double conception is, therefore, a departure from one of Nature's laws, and of very rare occurrence.



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| Detroit (Spring) | May 16 to 18 |
| Brooklyn, N.Y. | May 29 to 31 |
| Belmont Park, N.Y. | May 29 to June 1 |
| White Marsh, Pa. | May 26 to June 1 |
| Freeport, Ill. | May 29 to June 1 |
| Madison, N.Y. | June 5 to 7 |
| Muskegon, Mich. | June 5 to 7 |
| Albany, N.Y. | June 5 to 7 |
| Syracuse, N.Y. | June 12 to 14 |
| Elmira, N.Y. | June 19 to 21 |
| Kalamazoo, Mich. | June 12 to 15 |
| Grand Rapids, Mich. | June 19 to 22 |
| Madison, Ind. | June 19 to 21 |
| Detroit, Mich. | June 26 to 29 |
| Cincinnati | June 30 to July 4 |
| Oranjestad, N.Y. | July 4 |
| Detroit, Mich. | July 3 to 6 |
| East Saginaw, Mich. | July 17 to 20 |
| Chicago, D. St. Park | July 17 to 20 |
| Cleveland, O. | July 24 to 27 |
| Brooklyn, N.Y. | July 31 to Aug. 3 |
| Freeport, Ill. | July 31 to Aug. 3 |
| Freeport, Ill. | Aug. 21 to 24 |
| Hartford, Conn. | Aug. 28 to 31 |
| Springfield, Mass. | Aug. 21 to 24 |
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| Louisville, Ky. | May 22 to 28 |
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| Cincinnati. | June 2 to 7 |
| Columbus. | June 11 to 14 |
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| Montreal (Local) | May 24 |
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sociations and prominent breeders before that time to have the Bill amended as to do away with its more obnoxious features. Between now and the next session of the Dominion Legislature petitions should be sent in from every section of the country, praying for such amendments to the Act as may seem just. Our opinions have been very fully ventilated on this subject, and our readers will readily recognize the merit of the amendment suggested—the Act to have no effect on recognized race courses in race meetings conducted by, or matches run, under the supervision of properly constituted associations. This amendment would effectually shut out all the objectionable forms of pool-selling on political or other affairs, and, we think, would meet with the approbation of all parties interested in the question.

But it has been advanced as an argument by those in favor of the Act, but who are totally unaware of anything about pool-selling or betting themselves, that the prohibition had the countenance of many horsemen. This can be denied in its fullness. A few, and a very few, individuals, who in years gone by had been indirectly connected with the turf, made themselves individually prominent in supporting this measure, but they are no more to be considered representatives of the racing spirit of to-day than Moody and Sankey are to be classed as missionaries of the See of Rome. A fine opportunity is presented this season for this class of turfmen, to give race meetings conducted in their style, and submit the results of the competition with the modern method of conducting races. If they have been honest in their opposition to pool selling, and bona fide in their support of the Act in question, they should make a practical experiment of their theories. Unless this is done, their professions must be considered hollow, and their much-vaunted interest in the welfare of the equine interest of the country a mockery. By their works let them be known.

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possibility with any one Association. It is comparatively but a few years since racing there has come to the front again, but in that short time has attached itself to the people in a way that it will be difficult to eliminate. If recent enactments should interfere with their favorite amusement in time to come to the extent that may be reasonably expected, it may very safely be presumed that its penalties will be allowed to keep company with those of the law first spoken of, and not intrude themselves upon an unwilling people.

In Pennsylvania, too, are laws prohibiting horse racing and contests of speed. One of their provisions is the forfeiture of the stake or purse run or trotted for, to some charitable fund of the State. It was only last year that a case of this kind occurred somewhere in the northern part of the State. A dispute occurred about a race, and legal proceedings were threatened on both sides, when the County or City Attorney stepped in and settled the case by attaching the money under this all but obsolete act, and devoting it to the charity which was designated under the law. This has been the only case for a number of years, the law was considered obsolete, and the general practice had been so universal as to make it to all intents and purposes dead.

The instances above cited show that practically public opinion is paramount to legal enactments, so far as general usage is concerned, although at times individual cases will crop out like the Pennsylvania one above illustrated, when the force of an unknown law is put into effect. There are, doubtless, laws in Canada which have become obsolete, and many more deserve to be; but the instances related above are given because their bearing is particularly upon racing, and as such would be of more general interest to our readers.

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Sporting Gossip.

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Messrs. J. W. Wood and C. Schoon, of Owatonna, Minn., have recently taken out a Canadian patent at Ottawa for an improved trotting sulky.

Lucknow Races are announced for May 29th and 30th. \$600 will be given in premiums.

A chicken controversy took place a short distance east of the city on Wednesday of last week, between the east and west ends which resulted in favor of the former by winning four straight fights. However it transpired the east-enders were fighting Uxbridge birds instead of their own.

At a complimentary dinner to Mr. James Fahey, the popular newspaper man and lecturer, at Hamilton, on Friday evening last, the toast of "The Interests of the Turf," was suitably responded to by ex-alderman Nowlan, the owner of the speedy horse St. Patrick.

Mr. Henry C. Jewett, of Buffalo, N. Y., a gentleman who is entering quite extensively into the breeding of fine trotting stock, has had the misfortune to lose, recently, by death, a promising weanling colt, by Allie West.

April showers are right bowlers.

Mr. Joseph Dixon, the champion billiard expert, will accept the challenge issued last week by Mr. Wm. Sexton to play him for the Championship of America, the gold medal, and \$500 a side.

The St. Mary's Driving Park Association will hold their annual Spring Meeting on the 24th of May. They offer \$450 to be run and trotted for, divided into five races. Race horses will have to be plenty in Ontario about May 24, to have enough to make a race at each of the places advertising for that day.

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The Michigan Trotting Circuit, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Jackson and Detroit, commences on June 5th, and is continued weekly in the above routine. The total premiums amount to \$80,750.

The Associated Press Report says that the Dominion Park Association, Ottawa, will give a three days' meeting, commencing on June 24th.

Mr. Blake's Pool Bill dissolved the negotiations of some Waterloo gentlemen who had made a bargain to purchase a celebrated Kentucky stallion at a price of \$4,000, subject to the introduction of this ill-advised measure. Of course the farmers and breeders of the County of Waterloo are the main sufferers.

It is reported Mr. Shoff, of Sarnia, has purchased a "dark" horse, on which the owners of some of our flyers will require to keep a sharp eye. When Denis makes to his mind to go to the front, he is about gone there; you bet, this year, for next year you can't.

Mr. Pike, of Chatham, requests us to state he withdraws his name in connection with that of Mr. Mummery, of London, to shoot a double-handed match with any two men in Detroit. The cause is unnecessary to mention.

Mr. George Wilkes, of the "Spirit of the Times," New York, sailed for Europe last Saturday.

Mr. Conant announces that the Oshawa Spring Races will take place in June. The date is not settled yet, awaiting concurrence of other clubs.

At Cobourg last week the thoroughbred imported mare Castaway by Weatherdam Andromaque by the Flying Dutchman dropped a foal by Hyder Ali, by Learning out of Lady Duke by Lexington. A high bred youngster.

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THE DERBY SWEEP.

During the past week or two we have received a large number of letters containing orders for tickets in the SPORTING TIMES Derby Sweep, asking that we book the applications. To all those we have given satisfaction, but the fact of booking the application is not an absolute guarantee that we can

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THE POOL BILL PASSED.

TO TAKE EFFECT MAY 1, 1878.

There has probably never been a measure introduced into the Legislature of this country, which was so pregnant of results, and received so little attention from our representatives, as the Pool Bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Blake. It passed through the Commons as if it had been shot out of a 100-lb. Armstrong. With the exception of Mr. Thompson, of Cariboo, it had no audible opponent in the Commons, and probably would have passed the Senate with the same facility had it not been for the energetic action of Mr. Lauzon, President of the New Dominion Trotting Park, Ottawa, and a few others, who, individually, canvassed the members of the Upper House in its behalf. The result of their labors was to have the operation of the Bill postponed until May 1, 1878. It is almost unnecessary to say we expect some action to be taken by our Driving Park As-

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DEAD LAWS.

To show how public opinion completely nullifies a legal enactment, is only necessary to point out a very prominent instance in the neighboring State of New York. Before or about the year 1840 the following enactment was passed in that State, and ever since has been in full force, so far as the law was concerned, but particularly void by public sentiment:—

"All running, trotting or pacing of horses, or any other animals, for any bet or stakes, in money, goods, or other valuable thing, or for any reward to be given to the owner or rider of any animal, which shall excel in speed, (excepting such as are by special laws or that purpose expressly allowed, shall be deemed racing within the meaning of this article; and are hereby declared to be common and public nuisances and misdemeanors, and all parties concerned therein, either as authors, butts, stakers, stakeholders, judges to determine the speed of the animals, riders, connivers or abettors thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by fine, not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year."

This we believe was active in all parts of the State with the exception of the Union Course, which had a special charter or grant. In about 1845, racing may be said to have ceased in New York State, as the Union track was not able to keep up the enthusiasm, as indeed would be an im-

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We have heard it is proposed to form a circuit, embracing Ottawa (New Dominion track), Prescott, Ogdensburg and Montreal, in the order named.

It is said some people not far from Port Hope are circulating reports detrimental to the success of Oysterman, Jr., by stating he is not the horse of that name, and by seeking to throw discredit on his fine running record. These silly apes know not of what they speak, as Messrs. Hunt can readily show.

Mr. James Northgraves, of Glenallen, Ont., has sold the trotting horse Blind Tom to his brother, Mr. R. D. Northgraves, of Port Elgin. It is said Blind Tom has no record, but can trot in about 2:40. The consideration was not made public. He will be trained this spring at Kincardine.

The horsemen of Canada are under deep obligations to Mr. E. E. Lauzon, of Ottawa, President of the Dominion Trotting Association there, for his persistent efforts in opposing the obnoxious Pool Bill. It was almost solely to his untiring exertions that its operation was postponed until next year. During its progress through the Legislature he was unceasing in his labors, and finally his work was partially rewarded by getting the bill amended in the Senate, so as to not have it come in effect this year. All honor to him.

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During the past week or two we have received a large number of letters containing orders for tickets in the SPORTING TIMES Derby Sweep, asking that we book the applications. To all those we have given attention, but the fact of booking the applications is not an absolute guarantee that we can return tickets for gentlemen on their request. The only safe way is to remit the amount of the letter and then the tickets will be forwarded. In this manner there is no danger of disappointment. We desire to accommodate all parties, but it can hardly be expected we will refuse to issue tickets for which money is sent, and retain them for those who have barely sent in a booking order. The explanation is due to gentlemen who have sent in orders with the booking conditions attached. Orders have been received for Halifax to Sarnia, and the interest taken in the affair is shown by the large extent of country our patrons occupy. Parties desiring tickets should send in their orders once.

STALLIONS IN "SPORTING TIMES"

The County of Wellington in times past used to occupy a leading position in the breeding interest of Canada. Until recently it did not maintain its former good name but late additions in the shape of fine stallions will do much to restore it to its old place in this industry. Mr. F. J. Chubb, Guelph, has recently purchased the bred trotting colt Abdallah Chief, and make the season with him in Guelph vicinity. Abdallah Chief is a fine large of beautiful appearance and good trot action, though entirely undeveloped. Eight years old and unites in the direct line the two prominent strains of trotting so much valued in Canada—Royal Gen and Hambletonian. Through his sire's blood of the George's courses through his veins, while his dam Maggie is claimed to have been an original Abdallah by the horse, the sire of Rysdyk's Hambletonian. It is said she showed trials equal to 2:36 on both sides his claims to speed and breeding are equally good. From his size, breeding and general appearance, we should judge he would be a favorite in the section in which his enterprising proprietor has located.

Correspondence.

HALIFAX, N. S.—The annual meeting of the Halifax Foot Ball Club was held on the 11th inst., when the following officers were elected for the season:

Field Captain, H. J. Fyson; Committee, G. A. Black, D. Brownfield, W. Duffus, A. Higginson. It was unanimously resolved that the club be affiliated with the Canadian Foot Ball Association. This afternoon they were playing a match against all comers, but the result is not yet known.

At the regular quarterly meeting of the N. Yacht Squadron it was resolved that races be sailed on the 23rd June, 12th July, and 24th September; and a liberal amount was appropriated for the purchase of suitable prizes. The squadron is in a very flourishing condition.

At the annual meeting of the Camilla Cricket Club, on the 20th inst., the following officers were elected for the summer campaign:—Captain, Fred. Kaizer; Secretary, Wm. Hepon. Committee of Management, H. Shaefer, jr., W. Ritchie, and E. Archibald.

Professor Norton's concert on 16th, in Temperance Hall, to a good house.

Manager Nunnery opens in the Academy of Music, on Monday, for the Spring and Summer season, in Sweethearts and Tom Cobb.—**BLUE NOSE.**

COBourg.—Picking up sporting items is just like shooting pigeons—it is easy enough to shoot them after you find them, but you have got to find them first. The "boys" are looking for them every day, but, so far, there has not been seen as much as one.

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Aquatic.

Who is He?—The McKee club of Pittsburg proposes to match Nick Layberger against Hanlan.

Brayley and Brown (a cousin of the late George Brown, of Halifax,) will be contestants in the Silver Lake regatta.

WALLACE ROSS VS. PLAISTED.—A telegram from St. John, N. B., states that Wallace Ross will row Fred. Plaisted, of New York, that arrangements to that end are in progress, and that Ross begins training at once on the Kennebecasis. If this is correct, the probabilities of Hanlan and Ross coming together are rather indefinite, but it is singular we have no reply from the latter respecting Hanlan's *defi*.

Base Ball.

HAMILTON.—At a largely attended meeting of the Standards last week, the following officers were elected:—J. Steward, President; E. Moore, Vice-President; J. Stoneman, Secretary; J. G. Pole, Treasurer; A. G. McIntyre, scorer; Directors—Messrs. F. Cusack, J. Kerner, F. Harris, and W. Campbell.

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| Collingburne | Norwich |
| Peloponnesus | b c by Idus—Nanny |
| The Rover | Thornaby |
| Atlantic Cable | b c by Macaroni— |
| Thunderstone | Reginella |
| Ploarmel | ch c by Trumpeter— |
| Cook Robin | Hecate |
| King | Waldemar |
| Waterloo | Duchess of Edinburg |
| Jacobin | Regulus |
| Julius Lætus | Boiador |
| Orthos | Clodomir |
| b c by Young Mel- | Vesuve |
| bourn—Ischia | St Cloud |
| Bay Athol | MacMahon |
| Rhidorroch | Destruction |
| Felix | Philammon |
| Charles Edward | Dauntless |
| Covenanter | Lord Byron |
| Balmoral | Dr Grant |
| Jagellon | Queenstown |
| Prince of Orange | Kimbolton |
| Illustrigimus | Coatral Firo |
| Swing | Woburn |
| Zucchero | Sauzur |
| c by Lacydes, dam | Baron Oxford |
| by Wild, Dayrell— | G C B |
| Rapee | Auckland |
| Ancient Mariner | Benjamin |
| Antisepic | Marshal Neil |
| Grendon | Easton |
| Extravagance | ch c by Camerino— |
| Grey Friar | Arethusa |
| Monachus | b c by Jove—Spec |
| Asteroidal | Ellerton |
| Hadriau | Titan |
| Excellence | Pernambuco |
| Reveillon | Hilarious |
| Palmier | Capilaire |
| Brocard | Lady Golightly |
| Fairfax II | King Clovis |
| Fier-a-Bras | Queen's Herald |
| Peterboro | Silvio |
| The Bellman | Sleipnir |
| Palmotto | Sidonia |
| Roselyon | Warrenby |
| Fieldfare | Siubad |
| Y Roscius | Dr Gully |
| Knight of the Shire | Calton |
| Southron | Palestine |
| Agricola | Cartridge |
| Burgomaster | Chevron |
| Maccaron | Morier (l Mon Frere) |
| Catgut | Helter Skelter |
| Town Hill | Azami |
| Monk | Bickerstaffe |
| Kingsclero | ch c by Trumpeter |
| Polydorus | —Miss Sarah |
| Harbinger | b c by Bro to Bird |
| Wonderland | on the Wing—Sis |
| English Archer | to Gen Peel, 1862 |
| The Soldan | Kidlington |
| Collegian | Rifle |
| b c by Mentmore— | Muscadin |
| Venus | ch c by Friponnier— |
| Kearsage | Sphinx |
| Merry Agnes | St Antony |
| Rigoletto | Il Gladiator |
| Mossman | Warren Hastings |
| Cluveno | Don Juan d'Austria |
| Desdichado | ch c Triton |
| Columbia | Alyo |
| b c by Mandrake— | Adamite |
| Timaru | Lady Miller |
| Monte Carlo | Effingham |
| Prince Giles First | Milant |
| Passé Partout | Touche |
| Lord Athol | Rosbach |
| Tantalus | br c by Parmesan— |
| Forest Queen | Old Maid |
| Captain Cuttle | b c by King Tom— |
| Herbalist | H'wain Blossom |
| b c Red Gauntlet | Doublou |
| br c Sheldrake | Monkhood |
| Zither | Lord Abbot |
| Tantrum | Glorious |
| Go Bang | Father Matthew |
| Deacon | Egotist |
| Gl'n Arthur | Brown Prince |

A WONDERFUL CURIOSITY.

Out in the town of Deersfield, about ten miles from Owatonna, Wis., there was unearthed a most wonderful curiosity. There was found by some hunters, under a load of manure, what resembled both a man and a colt. The head resembled very much that of a man, while the lower parts that of a colt. The eyes were located about midway of the head, and the nose, about four inches long, resembled the nose of a colt. The size of this curious specimen could not be ascertained, as it had been cut in two, with only one front leg remaining. The head was covered with soft and fine hair, and the soft spot usually found on the top of the head of a very young child was found about where it would be on a child's head. Where this came from is unknown, but it certainly was hidden where it was and cut into in the manner it was by some one. From the shape of the figure as cut in two, one would be led to suppose that the creature had only two legs, as parts of the ribs were attached to the part of the body found. Many suppose this unnatural object to be the offspring of a woman, and to conceal the matter the parent took this means of concealing it from the public. Parties from this city went out to the woods where this object of curiosity was found and procured the part above described and will place it on exhibition to-morrow.—*St. Paul Press.*

Amusements.

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Says the Strathroy Age:—Mr. J. R. Spackman, manager of the Royal Star Dramatic Troupe, has most handsomely acknowledged a kindly act of charity, of which a member of the theatrical profession was the recipient at the hands of the members of Howard Lodge, I.O.C.F., of this town. The circumstances occurred in conjunction with the death of a female member of the McKee & Campbell Dramatic Troupe, whose husband was an Oddfellow, during their visit here. By the timely and most kindly assistance of the members of the Order, the immediate necessities of the bereaved husband were relieved, the dead buried, and the other attentions received that go far to prove the generous sympathy that dictates the action of members of the Order. Mr. Spackman, himself an enthusiastic Oddfellow, placed the services of his company at the disposal of the Order, in order to acknowledge the disinterested act of kindness, and his liberality in this matter must make him respected and esteemed among the Order over the continent. It is one of those touches of nature which make the whole world kin.

Mr. Stratton has been exhibiting at Brockville an otter weighing 15 lbs., which he killed on his farm. The animal was an unusually large one and of a beautiful color.

FRENCH TURF.—One of the rules governing the French turf is, that no two-year-old shall appear in public until the month of August. The French give a much larger number of long-distance races than the English, and the notion is going abroad that their horses stay better than the English thoroughbreds. It may be that climate may have something to do with producing this superiority, if it really exists in fact.

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The "Canadian Sporting Times"
DERBY SWEEPSTAKES
1877.

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

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A REMARKABLE PLAY.

Mr. F. G. Welch, of Chicago, the well-known author and fancier of horse flesh, having owned and driven probably one of the finest four and six in hand teams in the country, has originated and dramatized a novel play, and adapted it for production on a half-mile race track, with actual horses, postillions, etc. Certainly a beautiful idea, which can be used to advantage by managers desiring to add something new and exciting to the racing programme, but there is not much money in it for the pool-box. The play is entitled *Gretna Green*, and is a representation of an actual occurrence in real life in England and Scotland during the past century. Fourteen horses, seven thiro people, a darkey, four mounted postillions, a blacksmith's shop in operation, a dog-cart, and a farm waggon are required for its production. The characters are old man and woman, bride and groom, blacksmith, servants, driver, postillion, and outriders. The love scenes are played on the track, in front of the grand stand, and the races, which are the most exciting parts of the play to the horseman, are between four in hand trotting teams at a 2:50 gait, carrying bride and groom in an English chaise, and four running horses with old people in pursuit. The blacksmith's shop sits opposite the grand stand. History does not record, I believe, an instance of an obstinate father ever catching a fleeing daughter and lover en route for "Gretna Green," and so will it ever be both at home and abroad.

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The Queen's Theatre was opened on Monday evening with a strong variety company, under the management of Mr. John P. Long, of Detroit. The audience during the week have been large, a tribute to Mr. Long's enterprise. The leading features of the opening night were the songs of Miss Flora Moore; the contortion act of Sig. Montanio; the duets of the Burtons, the songs and dances of Messrs. Woodville, and Ferguson & Flynn; and the trained dogs of Mr. Neil Smith, marvels of canine education and instinct. On Monday evening there will be an entire change of programme, with several fresh faces.

Slavin's Georgia Cabin Singers, after the conclusion of their engagement here at the Grand Opera House, will take a trip westward, under the management of Mr. J. R. Smith. Mr. Frank Cooper goes ahead of the party.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Mr. Neil Warner took his benefit at the Academy of Music on Saturday last, as *Virginus*; operatic selections by Miss Fiske; reading by Miss Morris; concluding with the farce of *Box and Cox*. On Monday evening Amateur Theatricals by the Victoria Rifles. Tuesday and rest of the week Mr. John Raymond as Col. Sellers. Mr. Max Strakosch announces that he will open the Academy for a summer season on June 4th with a new company, and Lotta as the leading attraction; to be followed on the 11th by Moutague, and on the 18th by Miss Kate Claxton. If sufficient inducements offer he will bring on Gilmour's Band, conducted by Gilmour himself.

OTTAWA.—Sam Villa and Agnes Wallace are coming.

KINGSTON.—The drop curtain caught fire in the City Hall the other night, during a theatrical performance, but the bass violinist jumped on the stage, tore it down, and prevented a panic.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKES 1877.

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

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F. J. CHUBB,
April 24, '77. Guelph,

Miscellaneous.

St. Thomas is to have a big shooting match shortly.

The project of forming a yacht club at Brockville is meeting with hearty approval.

A Lonsdale farmer got nineteen pounds of wool from a sheep which he killed the other day.

When you build a dog house, do not forget to put in a bay window. It should be roofed with bark, of course.

A Dunnville fisherman brought to Port Colborne on Tuesday a muskunge weighing thirty pounds.

A lot of white fish fry from the Newcastle hatchery has been sent to Peterboro' for distribution in the back lakes.

Mr. Jas. Gibb, jr. and three friends from London, Ont., spent three days duck shooting below Sandwich, on the Canada side, and bagged 100.

Mr. Gabel, of Mitchell, sold three pairs of pigeons a week ago to a gentleman in New York, receiving therefor the handsome sum of \$70.

After the running of the grand national steeplechase near Liverpool the other day, the police were pursuing a party of three-card monte men over a ploughed field, when one of the fugitives dropped down and expired immediately.

The train on the Great Western conveying the horses belonging to Messrs. Geo. Patterson and T. C. Watt, of Guelph, to New York, for the English market, made a quick run from Guelph to the Bridge. The train left Guelph at 7:30 p.m., and arrived at the Suspension Bridge before midnight.

It is a question worth considering, if it would not better to keep mares upon the farms for breeding, instead of selling them to work in the cities, where their productive powers are not used. We have found mares equally serviceable with horses for farm work, and an annual colt with nearly pay for a mare's feed.

There was an exciting bear hunt in Greensboro', Vt., the other day, where a party of out-its followed an animal two days, finally overtook him at nightfall, and a shot from one of the party finished him. On examination the "bear" was found to be a large St. Bernard dog, and the hunters, at last accounts, were looking for a small hole to crawl into.

On Feb 14, con. 3, Scarborough, a few days ago, one of Mr. Hugh McDonald's sheep gave birth to two lambs, one of which had two heads, each of which was perfect so far as the outward appearance was concerned. The lamb was dead when first found, but was supposed to have lived a short time.

Says the Leamington Post:—"Mr. Crow, an old man, who will be 104 years old next May and who lives on the 9th concession Miss is a remarkable case of longevity. He is still hearty and exceedingly active. One day he went to cut down a large tree about four or five feet in diameter, and did not appear to be much fatigued by the work. He talked the snow shovelling about the house at the time of the great depth of snow.

He is that he hard worked during the winter had a little rest before the spring work begins. The loose coat should be well brushed out and some linseed meal given to the feed to help the shedding of the hair. At night the feet are muddy or wet, wash with warm water and some soap, and rub dry with a piece of woollen blanket.

A sick cow in Hatfield was recently treated to three painful of medicine, whereat the owner of the cow marvelled greatly. "Why, bless you," exclaimed the physician, "the same thing last Tuesday I gave a cow three painful of strong thoroughwort tea, boiled down black; three quarts of castor oil, a pintful of butt nut oak tea, steeped away strong, and a quart of gum—and the pretty color did them!"

Some fine human form, on the 11th of Tuesday, 3rd inst., entered the city of Toronto, and was the property of Mr. J. C. Davis, of the corner of York and St. James streets, and out of the city of Toronto, Ontario.

Horse Notes

BREAKDOWN OF ARAMIS—Mr. A. Hankins' (Chicago, Ill.) bay horse Aramis, five years old, by imp. Phaeton, dam Nellie Gray by Lexington, broke down at New Orleans last week.

SALE OF FLYING CLOUD, JR.—A Corbin, Jr., Gouverneur, N. Y., has bought of Dr. A. D. Johnston, Slato Lick, Pa., the trotting stallion Flying Cloud, Jr., by Black Flying Cloud, dam Mate by Morgan Sultan.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CONVERT—The California trotting gelding Defiance is entitled to be placed upon the record as one of the most remarkable animals ever produced upon this continent. As a pacer, June 7, 1878, in California, he beat Dan Voorhees and Longfellow a race, the fourth heat of which he won in 2:19. Following this, on July 5, he beat Dan Voorhees a first heat in 2:18, and subsequently beat Jim Brown, Lady St. Clair, Longfellow and Dan Voorhees a sixth heat, in 2:19. After this he was converted to a trotter and defeated St. James, a third heat in 2:24.

FORTUNATE ESCAPE OF BEN MACE—The perils of fast driving were singularly illustrated in New York on Thursday. While Ben Mace was driving the famous trotter Hopeful to a road wagon at a 2:30 gait, the king-bolt broke from the axle. Mace with great presence of mind, pulled his horse firmly back, and fortunately lapped the wagon on the shafts, holding it there until the horse stopped. It was a narrow escape for both Mace and Hopeful. The horse was seriously injured about two years ago. He is sound again, with a record of 2:17, and is valued at \$30,000.

THE TORONTO HOUNDS.

The following laughable description of a run with the Toronto Hounds is from the graphic pen of the Toronto correspondent of the Stratford Herald:—

"The hunting season of the Toronto Hunt Club is now in full swing. A pack of fox-hounds in countries where there is a scarlet-coated aristocracy consists, I believe, of fifty-two dogs, but our pack consists of about twenty, reinforced when there is a very grand meet by as many retrievers and hybrids. The fox on all occasions, the perennial roynard in short, is Mr. Halligan, a gentleman every inch of him, from the County Limerick. On hunting morns, usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays, Mr. Halligan repairs to the nearest druggist and buys a quantity of assafoetida. This is for scent. He puts it in a bag, and proceeds to cover. Arrived at cover, John waits for the club to gather. Mr. Worts, the distiller, and Mr. Copland, the brewer, are the foremost horse-men, and there comes a motley gathering of tavern-keepers, bank clerks and livery-stable men, all more or less mounted, John then breaks cover, starting at a swinging gait over such portions of the county side as are not owned by cranky farmers who won't enter into the spirit of the thing. Then the horsemen begin to grow excited. John doubles, even troubles, climbs the snake fences like a chip monk; skips the water brooks like a young hart; and, gaining the open territory of the Dundas road, is soon lost to view, en route for Wilson's hostelry, where he shelters for a moment, and, issuing with foam on his lips, prances madly in a round about direction for the place of meeting, where he drops the assafoetida and awaits results. Heavens! look at the daring horsemen. They are in fully tally-ho, especially the dogs, for the scent is good, not to so vivid! Hark!

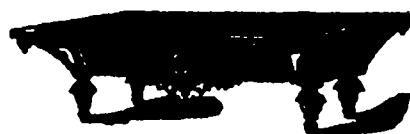
The horn, the horn, O the hunter's horn, Hark ye not its notes this hunting-morn? Away, away, sail the bold chivalry. Short shrift for thee, O Fox, this hunting morn.

At Wilson's aforesaid, there is a check, and the canines are puzzled, but not so the hunters. A drink all round, and away dash again like a noble Six-Hundred-thousand, the pace beginning to tell on some of the lively horses, oats being now quoted at 45c to 46c per bushel. At length Reynard is run to earth, but they don't kill him. John has buried the assafoetida, and over its grave the horsemen congratulate one another on their noble devotion to what has been described as the "pastime of princes." Thus our sportsmen enjoy a sublimer degree of sports than that which falls to the share of old-country squires. The latter brutally maltreat a dumb animal and finally tear it in pieces, but in this case the hunters like it, the horses like it, and Mr. Halligan like it.

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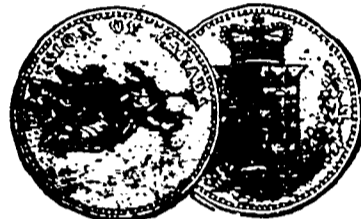
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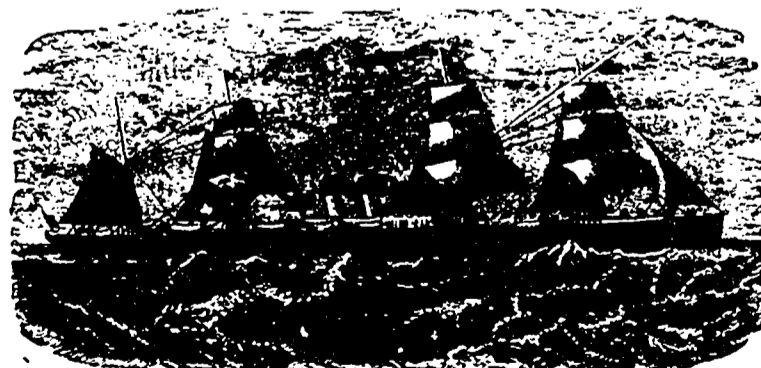
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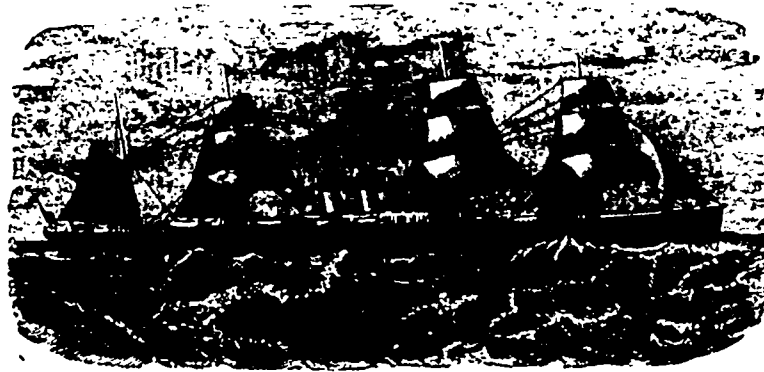
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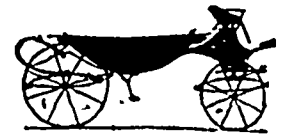
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