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## WON IN A CANTER.

(CONTINUED.)

The old gentleman's face turned deadly pale as he read the insolent epistle. He stood muttering before the fire for a few moments with the open letter in his hand, and then sat calmly down at his writing-table, and dictated the following:

"Mr. Thornhill, in answer to Sir Turbit Turbit's note just received, begs to say that he totally denies Miss Thornhill ever having shown Mr. John Turtlefat any preference."

"Mr. Thornhill also happens to know that his daughter would never have accepted Mr. Turtlefat, or would Mr. Thornhill ever have sanctioned such a proceeding; and he is not aware that it is usual for persons, calling themselves gentlemen, to take such liberties as Mr. John Turtlefat endeavored to do towards an unprotected girl whom he was bound, by every tie of honorable feeling, under the circumstances, to have treated with the utmost courtesy."

"Sir Turbit Turtlefat has only anticipated Mr. Thornhill in stating that their families can no longer be on terms of intimacy."

"Mr. Thornhill, in conclusion, begs to say that he honors the young lady who so courageously took his daughter's part; and as the same is sure to be trusted about, though by no means of Mr. Thornhill, he thinks it would be better if Mr. John Turtlefat, for his own sake, were to be absent himself from the neighborhood for some time at least."

"Laden Hall, Wednesday evening."

The note he dispatched by one of his servants, and when his daughter and her friend made their appearance some hour and a half afterwards, he had quite recovered his temper and usual serenity.

"Mary," he said, "Sir Turbit has written to me, and he has my answer. Never let us allude to this painful subject again; but you will understand that we are not even now on friendly terms. Miss Sprightly," he added, "though it will not be Miss Sprightly long, looking slyly at her, "you and my daughter must for the future be the greatest friends, and I shall," he continued, "with your mamma's permission—that is, if she has no objection, when the day arrives, give you away."

## CHAPTER XVII.

## THE PRICE OF A KISS.

The same evening a gentleman was walking along smoking a cigar, and endeavoring to find his way to Farmer Penstraw's. Shirkington Duffer having dined, and left his friend Blus asleep as usual, thought he could do no better than spend a couple of hours at the worthy yeoman's and relate some of his astounding adventures. Walking along in the darkness and fog he nearly ran against some one.

"If you please, Mr. Duffer," said a voice, "do tell me the way to the cottage."

"Cottage! what cottage?" replied the gentleman, for it was so dark that he could not discover who the speaker was.

"I am, Alice, sir, you know, Miss Sprightly's maid; my young lady is dining and sleeping at Squire Thornhill's, so I went to see a friend, and now for the life of me I cannot find my home again."

"Your mistress at Laden Hall? the devil she is! how did that come about? I was not aware she knew Miss Thornhill."

"They made acquaintance to-day, sir; the squire's daughter was lost in the fog, and my young lady showed her the way home."

"Well then, I will show you your way; I have nothing to do, and I want to speak to you. I suppose," he continued, after they had walked a few paces in silence, "now that your mistress is going to be Lady Verriefast, that she will not require your services much longer?"

"She has not exactly told me so, sir," replied the girl, "but she has hinted as much; she will want some one grander than me now—she will require a French lady's-maid, one who can dress her hair in the newest fashion; as for madam, her mother, I would not remain with her now she is going to be married to the Colonel—but I can find plenty of places."

"Of course you can," said Shirkington; "a pretty girl like you need never go begging for a place."

"Alice was exceedingly nice looking, and I saw it."

"Shirkington after a short pause, said, 'Do you want to make a liver?'"

"Over, sir! what's that?"

"Five pounds to be sure, five sovereigns you know."

"Of course I should, Mr. Shirkington, but it is to be done?"

"I don't know; don't you think you

proof cloak. I shall get a note conveyed to Lord Verriefast, who will be sure to pass at that time, and when I feel certain he has spotted us, I shall put my arm round your waist and kiss you—I won't do it in reality if you don't like; now if you will do all I will tell you, I will give you a sovereign now on account."

"Very well, sir, I will do it to oblige you, but I shall run a dreadful risk," putting the sovereign that Shirkington had given her into her pocket; "but you must give me five pounds to-morrow, and you may have the kiss in reality."

"Very well," said Shirkington, "mind to-morrow, wet or fine, a little before four; now, good-night, go straight ahead and you can't miss your way."

It being a non-hunting day, the following morning Lord Verriefast was somewhat late to breakfast, so he did not open his letter-bag till after he had finished his meal, then seating himself in his arm-chair, and lighting a cigar, commenced to wade through its contents. At last he came on a letter with the address written in a somewhat cramped hand.

"Who the deuce is this from?" he muttered as he opened it. His Lordship seemed rather surprised at its contents.

"Good God!" he exclaimed at last, jumping up considerably excited, "it is incredible, I can hardly believe it."

The note which had so put him out ran thus:

"My Lord,

"You are, I believe, engaged to be married to a Miss Sprightly; do you know anything about her? I think not. Perhaps you are not aware that she was for a long time the affianced of Mr. Shirkington Duffer, whom you have doubtless met in the hunting-field, but she threw him over for you, knowing you were the bigger fish—happy man. You are dining to-night with Lord Lavender, take the trouble to ride down the road past her mother's cottage, this evening about half-past four, you will see a stile on the right-hand side, look down the footpath, and you will perceive you are not the only one she favours with her smiles. A coronet is worth angling for, but as there is many a slip between cup and the lip, the young lady very wisely thinks there is nothing like having two strings to her bow."

"Yours,

"A FRIEND."

"By jingo!" exclaimed his Lordship, putting the note carefully away in the breast pocket of his sporting coat "it is a true bill: I am dining at Lavender's to-night, I do know very little about her, except that she is an exceedingly pretty lady-like girl, and that I am deuced spooney on her. Upon my soul I never liked any woman half so much; as a point of honor I broke up the little establishment in St. John's Wood, and a deuced expensive get out it was, so she can have nothing to say on that—I will forswear the whole sex from this time forth. I'll telegraph to White at Cowes, and tell him to have the yacht put into commission immediately, and go for a cruise down the Mediterranean I shall be in time yet to have a pot at the woodcocks. I never would have believed it of Bessy, but by G— I will see who this favored swain is!" and he threw himself into his arm-chair again, and took up the *Times*, which he soon cast down impatiently.

At half-past three precisely his Lordship's cob was brought round, which he mounted and drove quietly away across the park, telling his man, previously to doing so, to have the close carriage ready at a quarter before seven.

At half-past four o'clock, or a few minutes later, he passed the stile at a slow walk, and looking down the footpath which led from it, saw a sight which made his heart leap into his mouth.

Although it was nearly dark, there was no mistaking Mr. Shirkington Duffer's figure or dress, and he was equally well acquainted with the waterproof and hat of Bessy.

Mr. Duffer was walking slowly and deliberately along with his back towards him, his arm was around the young lady's waist, but he presently stopped and deliberately kissed her.

"By heavens!" said the nobleman, as he turned his cob and rode rapidly away towards the cottage, "I will go and wait for her coming home, she little thinks I have seen all, how damned spooney they were, she will be rather astonished when I tax her with her perfidy, the infernal coquette, what an escape I have had," and as he uttered this, he dismounted at the widow's cottage and rang the bell.

"I rather think, Alice," said Shirkington, as they heard the horse canter away, "his Lordship has a pill that will disagree with his constitution, capitally managed was it not?"

"Very well so far," returned the girl, "if I am not found out, which I fear I shall be, and then what will become of me; you promised to only to kiss me once, and you have kissed me at least a dozen times—there, give me my money and let me go."

have had time to get home, but I could almost swear to your hat and cloak."

"My hat and cloak!" returned the girl, "why I have not been out of the house to-day; but I will soon see if my things are in my room," and she ran upstairs.

"Lord Verriefast," said she, returning almost immediately, "my hat and cloak are gone; I have rung for Alice, but she is not in the house."

"Not in the house!" exclaimed the gentleman. "Then I have it; wait for a few minutes, and I will unravel this mystery," and taking up his hat he left the room, and sauntered out on the highway.

He had not been there two minutes before a figure came running towards him, dressed in the identical cloak and hat.

"Miss Sprightly's maid, I believe?" said the nobleman stopping her: "and if I mistake not, dressed in her mistress's clothes."

"Oh, my Lord! for God's sake forgive me I do not tell on me; I have been very wicked and thoughtless, I know, but I will explain all."

"Oh, pray don't explain to me," returned he, "I have nothing to do with it," and he turned back, and entered the house.

"My dear Bessy," he said, entering the room where the young lady sat anxiously awaiting his arrival, "I have been very much to blame for doubting you, but I received this," putting the note he had got that morning into her hand, "which will explain all. I kept the appointment, and I was not mistaken when I said your hat and cloak were in company with Mr. Duffer; the fact is, your girl Alice has given a rendezvous to the irresistible Mr. Duffer."

"And daring to wear my clothes—I shall discharge her instantly."

"No, I should not do that," said the gentleman musingly; "let me manage this for you. It strikes me I shall be able to get something out of her, for there is more in this than we know of."

In ten minutes Alice was rung for.

"Well, Alice," said her mistress laughingly, as the girl made her appearance, "I hope you have had time to fold up and put away my things tidily; Lord Verriefast has told me of your meeting with Mr. Duffer, and I shall thank you in the future to go in your old clothes and not in mine."

The maid here began to cry and sob. "It's no good crying, my girl," said the gentleman; "look here, tell me how it came you were walking with Mr. Duffer this evening—the whole truth, mind you, and I will engage your mistress takes no further notice of it."

Alice, emboldened by this assurance, told the entire story from beginning to end, how she had met Duffer the previous evening, what he had asked her to do, what she had received, and what she was to receive the following night.

"As ill-planned and rascally a scheme as I ever heard of!" ejaculated the nobleman; "look here, girl," continued he, "you will not utter one word about all this, you must keep your appointment to-morrow with the gentleman, and I will see you before then—you can go now."

"Your old admirer, Bessy," said his Lordship, "seems to be a nice gentlemanly sort of fellow; I hardly know what to do, whether to horsewhip him, or treat it with silent contempt, but the latter course will be the best. I must be off now, for I have but little time," and begging his future wife not to say a word about what had happened, took his departure.

The following evening about half-past four, Lord Verriefast was talking to Alice in the cottage dining-room.

"Now, look here," said he producing a paper, "Mr. Duffer must sign this, but he must not see what is written on it, I think it can be managed in this way. You must take this ink bottle, a pen, and a blank sheet of paper," and the nobleman in a low tone gave her some instructions.

At five o'clock the girl was at the stile, where the chivalrous Duffer was waiting for her.

"Well, Alice, what news?"

"Very bad," said she, "everything is found out."

"Good God!" exclaimed Duffer, "then I must bolt, the country will be too hot for me."

"Do not be alarmed, sir," replied the girl, "if you will do as I tell you, all will be well. I must pretend that last night I was keeping an appointment with you, that you had sent me a note which I must show this evening, as his Lordship is coming to the cottage."

"But how the deuce am I to write such a note?" asked Shirkington, who was in a dreadful state of excitement at his paltry proceedings being discovered.

"As easily as possible, Mr. Duffer, I have brought a sheet of paper, a book to write it on, a pen, and a little bottle of ink, such as tax-gatherers carry about with them; I think you can see to do it."

"What a girl you are!" exclaimed he,

here, sign the letter ~~will~~ hold the book up for you, and let me run off, or we shall be found out, sign it here—"pointing with her finger to the place where his signature was to go. "This will make it all right," she remarked, as she put the letter in her pocket, "do not forget what you promised me, I am sure I have worked hard enough for it, and have incurred a fearful risk."

"There you are," said Shirkington, giving her a note, "you're a brick, just one kiss," he exclaimed, as he caught hold of her, "and then you shall go, but meet me here to-morrow at the same time."

"Well, then, take it quickly," holding up her cheek, and the next instant she was running towards her home, but only just in time to escape from Mr. Pastern, who passed Shirkington at a brisk walk, saying, "Good-night, Mr. Duffer; a cold night this; I think we are going to have a frost."

"Damn the fellow," muttered Shirkington, "he has spotted me; I wonder if he knew the girl?"

"Well, Alice," said Lord Verriefast, as the maid entered the room where he was sitting with Mrs. and Miss Sprightly, "how have you succeeded?"

"Famously, my Lord, and the right paper is signed."

"Ah!" said the gentleman, laughingly, as he glanced over them, closing the letters up in an envelope and giving it to her. "There, take care of that, they may be useful to you some of these days; your mistress has agreed that you shall remain with her, so mind there are no more counter-plottings, or a word said on this subject."

"But he wants me, my lord, to go to-morrow night, and tell him how all is ended."

"Well, do so," said he, putting something into her hand, which was marvellously like paper; "be faithful to your mistress, she has forgiven you once at my suggestion, but recollect she will not do so a second time."

Shirkington went home remarkably pleased with himself at having concluded a very disagreeable matter so cleverly.

"A deuced pretty, clever girl," he soliloquized, "far prettier than her mistress. I wonder I never discovered, and what a head for business."

Lord Verriefast rode towards home, also equally well pleased at the discovery he had made, and the termination things had taken, and chuckled to himself at the nice trap he had set for Shirkington, and how beautifully that gentleman had tumbled into it.

He was walking his cob quietly along, smoking his cigar, when heard a horse coming furiously towards him. "Look out!" he cried, as the unknown rider approached him, "it's infernally dark you'll be over me."

"Are you the doctor, sir?" asked a voice, pulling his horse short up.

"No," replied Lord Verriefast, "who are you? what doctor is wanted?"

"I am Sir Turbit Turtlefat's coachman, sir, the Knight is down with apoplexy—in fact, he's dead; not all the doctors or bleeding in the world could do him any good, poor gentleman. All the horses is out with the men looking for the doctor; he must be found," and he passed on.

"God bless my soul!" said the nobleman, as he put his back into a trot, "how awfully sudden, I'll take the take the Hall on my way home and see how matters really are."

His Lordship was a kindhearted man, generous to the poor, and polite to all; subscribed liberally to all the country sports, and in this lay the secret of his popularity.

He was too feeling to ride up to the front door and make a display by ringing the bell, so he quietly rode round to the stable-yard and made his unostentatious enquiries there.

The account he had heard on the road was too true, the poor pompous old city Knight had gone the way of all flesh, over-eating and drinking had called him to his account, before the threescore years and ten allotted to man had passed over his head, for the Knight was barely sixty-five years of age.

"Such is life," his lordship muttered to himself as he wended his way homewards, "in the midst of life we are in death, and we never know how soon our turn may come." He little knew how truly he spoke.

In taking a short cut through his own domains, and passing by one of his covers, he thought he heard some voices in the wood; dismounting from his horse and fastening him to a tree, he stole softly towards the spot where he fancied he heard the voices.

"I tell you," said a voice, "this is far the better time for nobbling the long tails; don't you know that the keepers are taking their supper now, and enjoying their halo and baccar, they never goes out till nine or ten o'clock, and oftentimes much later, for they know that is our time. I always commences early, the earlier the better. I have been at this game ten year and never got took."

"But you will be now, Stevens," and the

other

stayed

an hour earlier than usual, "there has been a terrible accident!"

"Accident!" cried Bessy, "good heavens, Alice, what is it? nothing wrong with mamma, is there?"

"No, miss, there is nothing the matter with madam."

"What is it then, Alice? Anything with the horses?"

"No, nothing with the horses," said the girl, slowly and hesitatingly, and bursting into tears, "far worse than that, miss."

"For God's sake, Alice, do not torture me further, but tell me at once what it is!"

"Why, miss," sobbed the girl, "don't you take on; but poor—poor Lord Verriefast was murdered last night."

"What!" screamed Bessy, jumping from the bed, "murdered! oh, Alice, don't don't say so!"

"Yes, my dear mistress, brutally murdered in his own wood by poachers."

"My God!" exclaimed Bessy, turning deadly white, clenching at the bed-post with one hand, and placing the other on her heart, "is it true, Alice?"

The servant had started forward to save her mistress from falling, but there was no occasion for her to do so, for she stood as rigid and motionless as a statue, not a tear fell from her eye, nor did she utter a single word, but mechanically dressed herself.

An hour afterwards two doctors rode hurriedly up to the cottage. Bessy Sprightly was in an alarming state.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

## THE RETRIEVER ON TRAIL.

"Why here is my Lord's cob come home alone, and his bridle broken all to pieces," exclaimed one of the under-grooms, as he discovered the animal standing before the stable door shivering with cold. "Here, Dick," to one of the lads, "run sharp to Mr. Martingall's, and tell him to come here quickly, there's been an accident."

The lad presently returned with his Lordship's stud-groom.

"I beg your pardon, sir, for sending for you, my Lord's cob is come home in the way you see him," going up to the stall where the animal stood.

"Dick," said Martingall, "run down to the keeper's immediately, and tell him to come up here with his black retriever; there must have been an accident, for my Lord was not a man to be thrown from any horse, let alone his cob, who is as quiet and as gentle as a lamb—and you," turning to the man who had sent for him, "get all the lanterns ready, and all the lads to come with us; this looks like a bad business."

In about a quarter of an hour the head-keeper made his appearance, accompanied by a splendid black retriever.

"Keeper," said the old stud-groom, "his Lordship's cob has come home alone, his bridle broken. I am afraid there is something wrong, we cannot look for my master in such a dark night as this, and I don't know where he has been to; will your dog hunt heel?"

"He'll hunt anything I put him on," replied the man, who divined on the instant what Martingall was driving at. "You wants him to take up the horse's track backwards, don't you? well my dog will do it," answered the keeper, proudly, "if his Lordship is within a mile of the house, we shall be shall be up to him wherever he may be barring it's water, in half an hour."

In a few minutes the noble dog was put on the horse's track.

"I could have followed this trail myself without ere a dog, it's plain enough," added he, pointing to the deep imprint of the horse's hoofs on the soft turf, "he's come away right across the park, and through the little wicket at the bottom; shouldn't wonder that my Lord had been knocked off there in trying to open it."

"No, Sparkes, no," replied the groom mournfully, "the cob would stand for a week for a gate to be opened; I am afraid it's something worse than that."

"Well, come along," said the keeper, "the dog's hot on it now; softly, my lad, softly, he's concluded, as the sagacious animal wanted to take up the trail at a gallop, and away they went at a quick pace across the park."

It was as the keeper had said, the horse had come through the wicket at the bottom of the park, and the dog instantly took up the line again at the other side of the gate.

"My Lord has come off the high road, into the ten-acre field," remarked the keeper for he well knew the road his master must have come by.

They followed the dog for some half mile farther, when all at once he stopped.

"Why, dash me, this is where the horse has been fastened," remarked the keeper pointing to the numerous prints of the hoof on the ground, "and he's been tied here some time; and his Lordship has gone into the

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"Aha! Lee was exceedingly nice-looking, and I love it."

"Shirkington after a short pause, said, "Alice, do you want to make a fiver?"

"Fiver, sir! what's that?"

"Why, five pounds to be sure, five sovereigns, you know."

"Of course I should, Mr. Shirkington; but how is it to be done?"

"Easily enough, don't you think you could put my arm round your waist, and kiss me for a fiver?"

"Sir—Mr. Shirkington! if you attempt such a thing, but you'd better not."

"You stupid little idiot. I don't mean now, it is a plan I have got in my head; but I see I must explain. Will you promise me never to divulge a word of what I am going to tell you?"

"Never, sir; on my word of honor, I'll never reveal a word," her woman's curiosity had got the better of her, and she was ready to swear to anything.

"Well," commenced Shirkington, "you know how Bessy—Miss Sprightly, I mean—"

"Oh! yes, sir," replied the girl, "she refused you."

"Just so," said Shirkington, "and accepted of that fellow Lord Verriest."

"Yes, sir, but it was not a very bad exchange, was it? at least," she added, a little confusedly, "in point of money. I mean."

"Damn her!" said Shirkington, savagely, "I had plenty over two thousand a year, and a care say that fellow has not three hundred and can call his own. Now I want to give Miss Bessy a turn; to-morrow is a non-hunting day, and I know that Verriest is going to dine with Lord Lavender at half-past seven. Now what I want you to do to-morrow is this: at half-past four o'clock, it will be nearly dark then, you meet me down the road there, but you must put on your mistress's hat and her crimson water-

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"By jingo!" exclaimed his Lordship, putting the note carefully away in the breast pocket of his sporting coat "it is a true bill: I am dining at Lavender's to-night, I do know very little about her, except that she is an exceedingly pretty lady-like girl, and that I am duced spooney on her. Upon my soul I never liked any woman half so much; as a point of honor I broke up the little establishment in St. John's Wood, and a duced expensive get out it was, so she can have nothing to say on that—I will forswear the whole sex from this time forth. I'll telegraph to White at Cowes, and tell him to have the yacht put into commission immediately, and go for a cruise down the Mediterranean I shall be in time yet to have a pot at the woodcocks. I never would have believed it of Bessy, but by G— I will see who this favored swain is!" and he threw himself into his arm-chair again, and took up the *Times*, which he soon cast down impatiently.

At half-past three precisely his Lordship's cob was brought round, which he mounted and drove quietly away across the park, telling his man, previously to doing so, to have the close carriage ready at a quarter before seven.

At half-past four o'clock, or a few minutes later, he passed the stile at a slow walk, and looking down the footpath which led from it, saw a sight which made his heart leap into his mouth.

Although it was nearly dark, there was no mistaking Mr. Shirkington Duffer's figure or dress, and he was equally well acquainted with the waterproof and hat of Bessy.

Mr. Duffer was walking slowly and deliberately along with his back towards him, his arm was around the young lady's waist, but he presently stopped and deliberately kissed her.

"By heavens!" said the nobleman, as he turned his cob and rode rapidly away towards the cottage, "I will go and wait for her coming home, she little thinks I have seen all, how damned spooney they were, she will be rather astonished when I tax her with her perfidy, the infernal coquette, what an escape I have had," and as he uttered this, he dismounted at the widow's cottage and rang the bell.

"I rather think, Alice," said Shirkington, as they heard the horse canter away, "his Lordship has a pill that will disagree with his constitution, capitally managed was it not?"

"Very well so far," returned the girl, "if I am not found out, which I fear I shall be, and then what will become of me; you promised too only to kiss me once, and you have kissed me at least a dozen times—there, give me my money and let me go."

"But you will meet me to-morrow at five?" asked the young man, as he put five bright new sovereigns into hand, "and tell me how all has gone off? I will then give you another five."

"All right," said the girl as she ran off, "I will be here at five."

"Is Mrs. Sprightly at home?" asked Lord Verriest, as the servant opened the door.

"Yes sir,—my Lord," and the nobleman hitching the reins of his horse on to the rustic pales, entered the house and was ushered into the drawing-room.

If his Lordship had been astonished that morning at receiving the anonymous communication, he was still more astounded at seeing Bessy Sprightly quietly seated before the fire reading a novel.

"Why, good God! Bessy—Miss Sprightly what do I see?"

"What on earth, Lord Verriest, is the matter with you?" exclaimed the young lady, jumping up, "you are as white as a sheet."

"Why—why," stammered the nobleman, "I have just seen you, or your ghost, walking in the foot-path with Mr. Duffer, he had his arms round your waist, and he—by Jupiter! yes, he kissed you?"

"Are you mad, Lord Verriest? has any accident occurred? what on earth do you mean?" she asked.

"It could not be you, I know," stammered the bewildered gentleman, "you could not

discharge her instantly."

"No, I should not do that," said the gentleman musingly; "let me manage this for you. It strikes me I shall be able to get something out of her, for there is more in this than we know of."

In ten minutes Alice was rung for.

"Well, Alice," said her mistress laughingly, as the girl made her appearance, "I hope you have had time to fold up and put away my things tidily; Lord Verriest has told me of your meeting with Mr. Duffer, and I shall thank you in the future to go in your old clothes and not in mine."

The maid here began to cry and sob.

"It's no good crying, my girl," said the gentleman; "look here, tell me how it came you were walking with Mr. Duffer this evening—the whole truth, mind you, and I will engage your mistress takes no further notice of it."

Alice, emboldened by this assurance, told the entire story from beginning to end, how she had met Duffer the previous evening, what he had asked her to do, what she had received, and what she was to receive the following night.

"As ill-planned and rascally a scheme as I ever heard of!" ejaculated the nobleman; "look here, girl," continued he, "you will not utter one word about all this, you must keep your appointment to-morrow with the gentleman, but I will see you before then—you can go now."

"Your old admirer, Bessy," said his Lordship, "seems to be a nice gentlemanly sort of fellow; I hardly know what to do, whether to horseship him, or treat it with silent contempt, but the latter course will be the best. I must be off now, for I have but little time; and begging his future wife not to say a word about what had happened, took his departure.

The following evening about half-past four, Lord Verriest was talking to Alice in the cottage dining-room.

"Now, look here," said he producing a paper, "Mr. Duffer must sign this, but he must not see what is written on it, I think it can be managed in this way. You must take this ink bottle, a pen, and a blank sheet of paper," and the nobleman in a low tone gave her some instructions.

At five o'clock the girl was at the stile, where the chivalrous Duffer was waiting for her.

"Well, Alice, what news?"

"Very bad," said she, "everything is found out."

"Good God!" exclaimed Duffer, "then I must bolt, the country will be too hot for me."

"Do not be alarmed, sir," replied the girl, "if you will do as I tell you, all will be well. I must pretend that last night I was keeping an appointment with you, that you had sent me a note which I must show this evening, as his Lordship is coming to the cottage."

"But how the deuce am I to write such a note?" asked Shirkington, who was in a dreadful state of excitement at his paltry proceedings being discovered.

"As easily as possible, Mr. Duffer, I have brought a sheet of paper, a book to write it on, a pen, and a little bottle of ink, such as tax-gatherers carry about with them; I think you can see to do it."

"What a girl you are!" exclaimed he, delightedly. "A capital head for business, I will write it on this gate here," and he took hold of the pen, "now what had I better say?" he continued, as he arranged the book and paper on the top of a gate, and dipped his pen in the ink preparatory to commencing.

"Let me see," said the girl pretending to think (she had got her lesson by heart), "you had better commence: 'Alice.'"

"All right," said Duffer, "go on."

"I wish you to meet me this evening at the stile, just below the cottage, at half-past four o'clock, as I want you to do something for me; it is merely, if you can, to get my photograph out of Miss Sprightly's album, as I object to her having anything of mine."

"There, that will do, will it not? let me see that it is all right, for it will not do to have any mistake. Hark!" said she, "there is some one coming," and she concealed the letter under her cloak, "take care of the book," she added, "do not drop that or we shall be discovered, for Miss Sprightly's name is in it."

"All right," whispered Shirkington, "it's too dark for any one now to know us," and they lounged carelessly away.

A man presently passed them, who merely said, "Good-night," and went on his way.

"Good gracious!" said the girl in pretended alarm, "it's Pastern, your old servant, he is sure to be back immediately;

"Well, do so," said he, putting something into her hand, which was marvellously like paper; "be faithful to your mistress, she has forgiven you once at my suggestion, but recollect she will not do so a second time."

Shirkington went home remarkably pleased with himself. If at having concluded a very disagreeable matter so cleverly.

"A duced pretty, clever girl," he soliloquized, "far prettier than her mistress. I wonder I never discovered, and what a head for business."

Lord Verriest rode towards home, also equally well pleased at the discovery he had made, and the termination things had taken, and chuckled to himself at the nice trap he had set for Shirkington, and how beautifully that gentleman had tumbled into it.

He was walking his cob quietly along, smoking his cigar, when heard a horse coming furiously towards him. "Look out!" he cried, as the unknown rider approached him, "it's infernally dark you'll be over me."

"Are you the doctor, sir?" asked a voice, pulling his horse short up.

"No," replied Lord Verriest, "who are you? what doctor is wanted?"

"I am Sir Turbit Turtlefat's coachman, sir, the Knight is down with apoplexy—in fact, he's dead; not all the doctors or bleeding in the world could do him any good, poor gentleman. All the horses is out with the men looking for the doctor; he must be found," and he passed on.

"God bless my soul!" said the nobleman, as he put his hack into a trot, "how awfully sudden, I'll take the take the Hall on my way home and see how matters really are."

His Lordship was a kindhearted man, generous to the poor, and polite to all; subscribed liberally to all the country sports, and in this lay the secret of his popularity.

He was too feeling to ride up to the front door and make a display by ringing the bell, so he quietly rode round to the stable-yard and made his unostentatious enquiries there. The account he had heard on the road was too true, the poor pompous old city Knight had gone the way of all flesh, over-eating and drinking had called him to his account, before the threescore years and ten allotted to man had passed over his head, for the Knight was barely sixty-five years of age.

"Such is life," his lordship muttered to himself as he wended his way homewards, "in the midst of life we are in death, and we never know how soon our turn may come. He little knew how truly he spoke."

In taking a short cut through his own domains, and passing by one of his covers, he thought he heard some voices in the wood; dismounting from his horse and fastening him to a tree, he stole softly towards the spot where he fancied he heard the voices.

"I tell you," said a voice, "this is far the better time for nobbling the long tails; don't you know that the keepers is taking their supper now, and enjoying their hale and baccar, they never goes out till nine or ten o'clock, and oftentimes much later, for they knows that is our time. I always commences early, the earlier the better. I have been at this game ten year and never got took."

"But you will be now, Stevens," and the nobleman stepped fearlessly amongst a band of ruffians. "I have caught you at last, my man."

"It's the Lord! by all that is holy!" ejaculated one of the scoundrels; "every one for himself."

A thud was heard like the kick of a horse, a bludgeon, wielded by a murderous arm, crashed on the skull of the unfortunate gentleman, who fell without life on to the ground.

"Here's a go," said Shirkington, rushing into his friend's room on the following morning, "Lord Verriest has been found murdered in his own wood, beaten to death by poachers."

"Lord Verriest! no, you don't mean it!" cried Bluster, sitting up in his bed. "I am very, very sorry to hear it, and poor Bessy Sprightly too; I hope it is not true."

"As for Bessy, it serves her right; this will lower her pride a bit; I do not pity her an atom."

"Don't talk in that way, Duffer, or you will make me hate you," answered Bluster; "you cannot mean it, surely you do not rejoice in murder?"

"Of course I don't, Bluster, I am not talking of that; I was ashamed of myself; 'of course I am sorry for Verriest, but all my sympathy will not bring him to life again."

"If you please, miss," said Alice to her young mistress, on bringing in her hot water

"Why here is my Lord's cob come home alone, and his bridle broken all to pieces," exclaimed one of the under grooms, as he discovered the animal standing before the stable door shivering with cold. "Here, Dick," to one of the lads, "run sharp to Mr. Martingall's, and tell him to come here quickly, there's been an accident."

The lad presently returned with his Lordship's stud-groom.

"I beg your pardon, sir, for sending for you, my Lord's cob is come home in the way you see him," going up to the stall where the animal stood.

"Dick," said Martingall, "run down to the keeper's immediately, and tell him to come up here with his black retriever; there must have been an accident, for my Lord was not a man to be thrown from any horse, let alone his cob, who is as quiet and as gentle as a lamb—and you," turning to the man who had sent for him, "get all the lanterns ready, and all the lads to come with us; this looks like a bad business."

In about a quarter of an hour the head-keeper made his appearance, accompanied by a splendid black retriever.

"Keeper," said the old stud-groom, "his Lordship's cob has come home alone, his bridle broken. I am afraid there is something wrong, we cannot look for my master in such a dark night as this, and I don't know where he has been to; will your dog hunt heel?"

"He'll hunt anything I put him on," replied the man, who divined on the instant what Martingall was driving at. "You wants him to take up the horse's track backwards, don't you? well my dog will do it," answered the keeper, proudly, "if his Lordship is within a mile of the house, we shall be shall be up to him wherever he may be, barring it's water, in half an hour."

In a few minutes the noble dog was put on the horse's track.

"I could have followed this trail myself without ere a dog, it's plain enough," added he, pointing to the deep imprint of the horse's hoofs on the soft turf, "he's come away right across the park, and through the little wicket at the bottom; shouldn't wonder that my Lord had been knocked off there in trying to open it."

"No, Sparkes, no," replied the groom mournfully, "the cob would stand for a week, for a gate to be opened; I am afraid it's something worse than that."

"Well, come along," said the keeper, "the dog's hot on it now; softly, my lad, softly," he exclaimed, as the sagacious animal wanted to take up the trail at a gallop, and away they went at a quick pace across the park.

It was as the keeper had said, the horse had come through the wicket at the bottom of the park, and the dog instantly took up the line again at the other side of the gate.

"My Lord has come off the high road, into the ten-acred field," remarked the keeper for he well knew the road his master must have come by.

They followed the dog for some half mile farther, when all at once he stopped.

"Why, dash me, this is where the horse has been fastened," remarked the keeper, pointing to the numerous prints of the hoofs on the ground, "and he's been tied here some time too, and his Lordship has gone into the cover here," holding down the lantern to examine the place. His quick and practised eye instantly discovered signs of where the unfortunate gentleman had gone through the fence.

"Here, Prince lad," putting him on the track of the footsteps, "seek, lad, seek; do you all come behind me," he said, "this looks ugly. My God in heaven, his Lordship's down!" he exclaimed, as he came up to the body, which was lying on its face with a pool of blood around it. "Fetch a hurdle quick," he continued to one of the under-keepers who had just up; "and you," addressing two or three others, "run to old Martha's cottage for a mattress and a couple of blankets."

"Is he dead, Sparkes?" hoarsely demanded the old groom.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

A few days since a dog saved the life of a woman who had gone down in the North River, at New York, with a capsized scow. The dog plunged far down beneath the surface and soon re-appeared, holding his mistress by her clothes with his teeth. He made three more dives in search of some children who had gone down, but his efforts were unavailing. Better think of this the next time you feel like giving your dog a gratuitous kick.



**SALE OF THOROUGHBREDS.**

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 22.

The sales of thoroughbred yearling colts and fillies, with other well-bred stock, the property of Mr. A. Keene Richards, of Blue Grass Park, took place here to-day. The entire lot of twenty-four offered were disposed of as follows:

**YEARLING COLTS.**

- 1—Chestnut colt, foaled April 26, 1874, by War Dance, dam Sue Dougherty, by imp Mickey Free; Col D McDaniel, \$250
- 2—Chestnut colt, foaled May 17, by War Dance, dam by Revenue, son of imp Trustee; B G Thomas, 800
- 3—Bay colt, foaled May 4, by Melbourne, jr, dam Transylvania (the dam of Limestone), by imp Arabian Massoud; L A Hitchcock, 100
- 4—Chestnut colt, foaled April 12, by War Dance, dam the dam of Spindrift, by Wagner, son of Sir Charles; Alfred Allen, 270
- 5—Brown colt, foaled May 20, by Melbourne, jr, dam Date Tree, by imp Mickey Free; R Weisiger, Texas, 90
- 6—Bay colt, foaled March 20, by Melbourne, jr, dam Annie Laurie, by Vincent Halte; D Swigerl, 210
- 7—Bay colt, foaled April 20, by Melbourne, jr, dam Income, by Revenue; R Weisiger, 150
- 8—Bay colt, foaled May 25, by War Dance dam Destiny, by imp Hooten; Col McDaniel, 400

**YEARLING FILLIES.**

- 9—Bay filly, foaled March 28, by Gilroy, dam Lass of Sidney (the dam of Tubman), by imp Knight of St George, W C Phillips, Texas, 330
- 10—Chestnut filly, foaled March 25, by War Dance, dam Princess Royal, by imp Sovereign; J W Samuels, 310
- 11—Bay filly, foaled March 18, by Melbourne, jr, dam the dam of Optimist, by imp Glencoe; J W Samuels, 120
- 12—Bay filly, foaled May 4, by War Dance, dam Monomania, by Lewis Melbourne, son of imp Knight of St George; J W Samuels, 130
- 13—Bay filly, by War Dance, dam sister to Newton, by imp Knight of St George; Gen Cook, Texas, 150
- 14—Bay filly, foaled May 5, by War Dance, dam Saratoga, by imp Knight of St George; Col S D Bruce, 425
- 15—Bay filly, foaled March 22, by War Dance, dam Kitty Free, by imp Mickey Free; L A Hitchcock, 105

**COLTS AND FILLIES.**

- 16—Bay colt, Britska, foaled 1873, by imp Phaeton, dam Brenna, by imp Knight of St George; B G Thomas, 650
- 17—Bay filly, Guelder Rose, foaled 1872, by Gilroy, dam Mary Hadley, by O'Meara; Gen Wells, Louisiana, 375
- 18—Bay filly Gilly Flower, foaled 1872, by Gilroy, dam sister to Ruric, by imp Sovereign; Captain Moore, 500

**BROOD MARES.**

- 19—Annie Laurie, chestnut, foaled 1859, the dam of Locust Pest, by Vincent Nolte, dam Peggy, by Boston; Charles Taylor, 140
- 20—Kate McDonald, chestnut, foaled, 1863 the dam of Trouble, by imp Mickey Free, dam Annie Laurie; Dr Buckner, 200
- 21—Bay mare, foaled 1858, by imp Glencoe, dam Laura Webster, by Medoc; B G Thomas, 160
- 22—Chestnut mare, foaled 1861, by Revenue, dam Minnow, by Voucher; same, 94
- 23—Chestnut filly, foaled May, 1875, by War Dance, (see pedigree No. 22); same, 110
- 24—Monomania, bay mare, foaled 1865, by Melbourne, jr, dam Young Utilia, by Florizel; J W Guest, 150

**SALE OF BLOOD HORSES.**

At the auction mart of Messrs. Barker & Sons, Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, in New York city, on Monday last, the following race horses, from the stables of August Belmont, and Mr. Pierre Lorillard, were sold:

From the Belmont stables were Silkstocking by Kentucky, bought by A Welsh, of Philadelphia, \$100; Manfred, G Longsdorf, New York, \$95; Salem, Col R Penistan, Philadelphia, \$100; Salvador, F B Wallace, Kentucky, \$90; Adonis, withdrawn.

From Mr Lorillard's stud farm were—Attila, A Crook, New York, \$230, Alarie, W H Hoey, New York, \$125; Leonora, F G Thomas, New York, \$200; Erasive, F G Thomas, New York, \$250.

After this sale several other horses known to the turfmen were sold, as follows: D McDaniel's colt, by Enquirer, A Coleman, Canada, \$200; Babcock & Graham's Eclipse filly, T G oere, \$80; Babcock & Graham's Eclipse colt, A Coleman, Canada, \$95; horse Business, withdrawn; John O'Donnell's Australian colt, T McLoughlin, \$120; Eclipse colt, Longbranch, E R Bringham, \$85.

**ALL SORTS.**

Prof. John Tripp walked one hundred miles in twenty-two hours and nine minutes on the track of the Eastern-Duchess Agricultural Association, Armenia, N. Y., finishing at nineteen minutes past ten o'clock, on Saturday night. He made the one-hundredth mile in nine and a half minutes.

Keraronwe, the Montreal Indian, is prepared to match himself to run ten miles within one hour, or to run ten miles while any horse goes twenty miles.

Arrangements have been completed for another "international" swimming match

**BASE BALL.**

ST. LOUIS VS. PHILADELPHIA.

Over fifteen hundred persons witnessed the game between the St. Louis Club and the Philadelphia at St. Louis on June 21. It was beautifully played throughout, not a run being made until the ninth innings, when the Browns made two, which gave them the game. The score by innings follows.

St. Louis.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—2
Philadelphia.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Time, 1h. 48m.

CHICAGO VS. HARTFORD.

0 TO 0 AT LAST!

Last week a game was reported as having been played near Boston between amateur nines, in which not a run was scored on either side until the eleventh innings but no official score having been received thus far of the contest, and therefore the remarkable game played on June 19, in Chicago, Ill., between the Hartford and Chicago clubs, stands on record as the finest game of ball ever known, eleven innings being required to win the match for the latter, and then they made but one run; a bad throw by Burdock to first giving Devlin third, and Hines' hit to left bringing him home. The batting was not strong on either side, the infielders having their hands full in attending to the many balls coming in their way. A bad throw by Miller, a passed ball by Higham and muffs by Devlin and Warren made up the total of fielding errors on the part of the Whites, while, with the exception of three errors by Caroy, no fault could be found with the play of the Hartfords, who at the third and eighth innings had all the bases occupied. The score:

Chicago..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—1
Hartford..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Time, 2 hours.

BOSTON VS. HARTFORD.

One of the attractions provided for the entertainment of the residents of and visitors to Boston, on the occasion of the Banker Hill Centennial Celebration, June 17, was the third contest between the Boston and Hartford Clubs. About three thousand persons witnessed the game.

Boston....	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	—4
Hartford....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Time, 1h. 30m.

HARTFORD VS. NEW HAVEN.

Below will be found the score of the game between these clubs at Hartford, Ct., June 14.—Latham, who played 2nd base for the Danntless of this city last year, filled the ss. position in the New Haven nine.

Hartford.....	0	3	1	1	1	0	3	1	0	—10
New Haven.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Time, 2 hours.

They were to have contended again next day, but the Elm City nine were so badly demoralized by their ignominious defeat that they forfeited the game by a score of 9 to 0.

ATLANTIC VS. OLYMPIC.

Remarkably fine playing was done by the professional Atlantics of Brooklyn, L. I., and the amateur Olympics, of Paterson, N. J., at the latter place, on Thursday, June 17. The score was as follows:

Atlantic.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—1
Olympic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Time, 1h. 40m.

**DEATH OF KING JOHN.**

This well known stud horse, for long an object of interest to Middle Park visitors, died recently at that well-known stud farm. King John, a bay horse, by Kingston, out of Dinah, by Clarion, was bred by the late Mr William Bienenkron in 1861, and being one of the last batch of Kingston's foals, and remarkably promising, his breeder decided on retaining him, with a view of his eventually taking his favorite Kingston's place at the stud. Being a very big, heavy colt, some difficulty was experienced in training him, but just previous to Bath Races of 1863, when he was two years old, he had a very satisfactory gallop with Molly Carow (in great form at that time, having just before carried off the Althorp Park and Epsom Two Year Old Stakes), who, on account of the hardness of the ground at Epsom, had been taken by her trainer, Reeves, to Seven Barrows, Lambourne, where King John was under the charge of George Oates. It was intended that he should make his debut at Ascot, but during his trainer's absence at Epsom the colt unluckily threw a hind shoe, which struck the back tendon of the fore leg with great force, and injured it so severely that, although he ran twice at three years old, he could never undergo a proper preparation. That he possessed very remarkable speed is undoubted, and his action was as true and regular as machinery. At four years old he was put to the stud, and about the end of the season Messrs Weatherby offered 4,500 guineas for him, on behalf of Baron Maltzahn, at that time Prussian Master of Studs. This offer, as well as many tempting ones subsequently, was refused. For size, bone, and shape he had hardly any superior in the country, and, like Kingston, his tractable and kind disposition and intelligence made him a special pet at Middle Park

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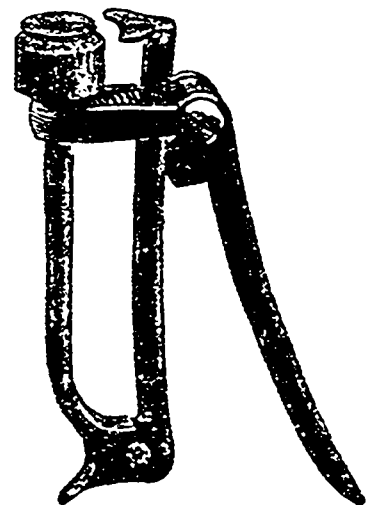
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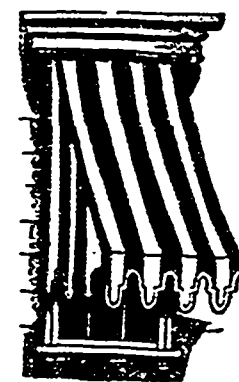


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imp Glencoe; J W Samuels, 120  
 12—Bay filly, foaled May 4, by War Dance, dam Monomunia, by Lewis' Melbourne, son of imp Knight of St George; J W Samuels, 130  
 13—Bay filly, by War Dance, dam sister to Newton, by imp Knight of St George; Gen Cook, Texas, 150  
 14—Bay filly, foaled May 5, by War Dance, dam Saratoga, by imp Knight of St George; Col S D Bruce, 425  
 15—Bay filly, foaled March 23, by War Dance, Dam Kitty Free, by imp Mickey Free; L A Hitchcock, 105

**COLTS AND FILLIES.**  
 16—Bay colt, Britska, foaled 1879, by imp Phaeton, dam Brenna, by imp Knight of St George; B G Thomas, 650  
 17—Bay filly, Guelder Rose, foaled 1872, by Gilroy, dam Mary Hadley, by O'Meara; Gen Wells, Louisiana, 375  
 18—Bay filly Gilly Flower, foaled 1872, by Gilroy, dam sister to Runc, by imp Evereign; Captain Moore, 500

**BLOOD MARES.**  
 19—Annie Laurie, chestnut, foaled 1859, the dam of Locust Pest, by Vincent Nolte, dam Peggy, by Boston; Charles Taylor, 140  
 20—Kate McDonald, chestnut, foaled, 1863 the dam of Trouble, by imp Mickey Free, dam Annie Laurie; Dr Buckner, 200  
 21—Bay mare, foaled 1858, by imp Glencoe, dam Laura Webster, by Medoc; B G Thomas, 160  
 22—Chestnut mare, foaled 1861, by Rev- enne, dam Minnow, by Voucher; same 94  
 23—Chestnut filly, foaled May, 1875, by War Dance, (see pedigree No. 22); same 110  
 24—Monomunia, bay mare, foaled 1865, by Melbourne, jr, dam Young Utilia, by Florizel; J W Guest 150

**SALE OF BLOOD HORSES.**

At the auction mart of Messrs. Barker & Sons, Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, in New York city, on Monday last, the following race horses, from the stables of August Belmont, and Mr. Pierre Lorillard, were sold:

From the Belmont stables were Silkstocking by Kentucky, bought by A Welsh, of Philadelphia, \$100, Manfred, G Longsdorf, New York, \$95, Salem, Col R Penistan, Philadelphia, \$100; Salvador, F B Wallace, Kentucky, \$90; Adonis, withdrawn.

From Mr Lorillard's stud farm were—Attila, A Crook, New York, \$280; Alarie, W H Hoey, New York, \$125; Leonora, F G Thomas, New York, \$200; Erasive, P G Thomas, New York, \$250.

After this sale several other horses known to the turfmen were sold, as follows: D McDaniel's colt, by Engurer, A Coleman, Canada, \$200; Babcock & Graham's Eclipse filly, T G oere, \$80; Babcock & Graham's Eclipse colt, A Coleman, Canada, \$95, horse Business, withdrawn; John O'Donnell's Australian colt, T McLoughlin, \$120; Eclipse colt, Longbranch, E R Bringham, \$85.

**ALL SORTS.**

Prof. John Tripp walked one hundred miles in twenty-two hours and nine minutes on the track of the Eastern Duchesse Agricultural Association, Arden, N. Y., finishing at nineteen minutes past ten o'clock, on Saturday night. He made the one-hundredth mile in nine and a half minutes.

Keraronwe, the Montreal Indian, is prepared to match himself to run ten miles within one hour, or to run ten miles while any horse goes twenty miles.

Arrangements have been completed for another "international" swimming match for \$2,000 and the championship of the world, between J. B. Johnson, the champion of England, and Thomas Coyle, of Chester, Penn., the "champion of America." They are to swim from Chester to Philadelphia (sixteen miles), and the one who gets nearest to Philadelphia to be declared the winner. The contest is to take place on the 16th of July.

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On Saturday last, Dr. W. J. Kingsley, of Rome, N. Y., bought of Geo. Hammill the brown Stallion hitherto known as Roman Chief, a name which Dr. Kingsley has changed to Hambletonian Chief. The price paid was \$10,000. He is four years old, stands 15½ hands high, and weighs 1,180 pounds. He was got by Walkill Chief, he by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam the trotting mare Pegg Woffington, with a record of 2:37. It is said that he has shown a trial in 2:30, without a skip. Dr. Kingsley is also owner of a four-year-old bay colt, by Aberdeen, out of Flora, that can go the quarter-pole in '88., and is entered in the Country Gentleman's Stakes this Fall. This colt is named Captain, Byn, dars.

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**BOSTON VS. HARTFORD.**

One of the attractions provided for the entertainment of the residents of and visitors to Boston, on the occasion of the Bunker Hill Centennial Celebration, June 17, was the third contest between the Boston and Hartford Clubs. About three thousand persons witnessed the game.

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 Hartford...0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
 Time, 1h. 30m.

**HARTFORD VS. NEW HAVEN.**

Below will be found the score of the game between these clubs at Hartford, Ct., June 14.—Latham, who played 2nd base for the Dauntless of this city last year, filled the ss. position in the New Haven nine.

Hartford.....0 3 1 1 1 0 3 1 0-10  
 New Haven....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
 Time, 2 hours.

They were to have contended again next day, but the Elm City nine were so badly demoralized by their ignominious defeat that they forfeited the game by a score of 9 to 0.

**ATLANTIC VS. OLYMPIC.**

Remarkably fine playing was done by the professional Atlantics of Brooklyn, L. I., and the amateur Olympics, of Paterson, N. J., at the latter place, on Thursday, June 17. The score was as follows:

Atlantic....0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1  
 Olympic....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0  
 Time, 1h. 40m.

**DEATH OF KING JOHN.**

This well known stud horse, for long an object of interest to Middle Park visitors, died recently at that well-known stud farm. King John, a bay horse, by Kingston, out of Dinah, by Clarion, was bred by the late Mr William Blenkiron in 1861, and being one of the last batch of Kingston's foals, and remarkably promising, his breeder decided on retaining him, with a view of his eventually taking his favorite Kingston's place at the stud. Being a very big, heavy colt, some difficulty was experienced in training him, but just previous to Bath Races of 1863, when he was two years old, he had a very satisfactory gallop with Molly Carew in great form at that time, having just before carried off the Althorp Park and Epsom Two Year Old Stakes, who, on account of the hardness of the ground at Epsom, had been taken by her trainer, Reeves, to Seven Barrows, Lambourne, where King John was under the charge of George Oates. It was intended that he should make his debut at Ascot, but during his trainer's absence at Epsom the colt unluckily threw a hind shoe, which struck the back tendon of the fore leg with great force, and injured it so severely that, although he ran twice at three years old, he could never undergo a proper preparation. That he possessed very remarkable speed is undoubted, and his action was as true and regular as machinery. At four years old he was put to the stud, and about the end of the season Messrs Weatherby offered 4,500 guineas for him, on behalf of Baron Maltzahn, at that time Prussian Master of Studs. This offer, as well as many tempting ones subsequently, was refused. For size, bone, and shape he had hardly any superior in the country, and, like Kingston, his tractable and kind disposition and intelligence made him a special pet at Middle Park. Still, he disappointed expectations as a sire, although his stock occasionally realized large prices, and the best of his winners that we can call to mind were Napoleon III., Prince Henry, Prince Arthur, Johanniberg, Lackland, Annie Bland, Sir Fanciful, Querida, King of Norfolk, Cecily, Royalist, and Bannymede. King John was attacked with peritonis on May 3rd, to which disease he succumbed in two days. His owner, in informing us of the poor King's death, mentioned that in a great measure his end was brought about by his having been fed up with a view to exhibition at the forthcoming horse shows, and becoming too fat internally. As a rule, the Middle Park stallions are noteworthy for their healthy and rather light appearance, but very valuable stallions have been lost from causes like that which occasioned King John's death, and this should act as a warning to owners of stud horses to keep them in a healthy, natural state, and not in the condition of candidates for Christmas beef prizes.—*Bell's Life.*

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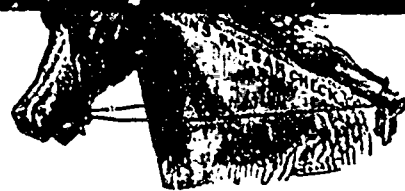
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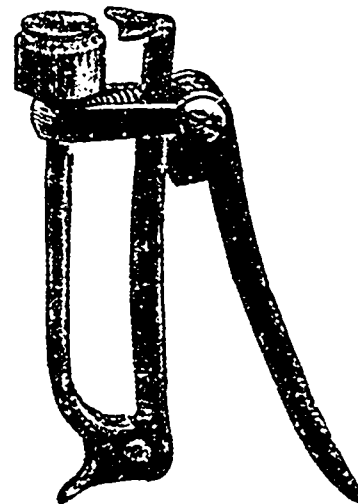
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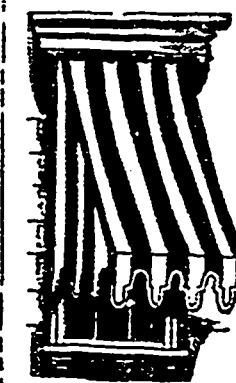
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RACING FIXTURES.

JUNE.

Hamilton, Ont. 30 to July 2.
Kalamazoo, Mich. 30 to July 3rd.

JULY.

Table listing racing fixtures for July with columns for location and dates. Locations include Montreal, Detroit, Long Branch, Sharon, Columbus, Harrisburg, Mason, Buffalo, Chicago, Rochester, Poughkeepsie, Utica, Ogdensburg, Portland, Montreal (trotting), Chatham, Watford, Erie, Chicago, Saratoga, and Cleveland.

AUGUST.

Table listing racing fixtures for August with columns for location and dates. Locations include Saratoga, Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Utica, and Springfield.

SEPTEMBER.

Ogdensburg 23 to 30

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Table listing entry closing dates for various locations: Montreal (July 8), Chatham (July 21), Watford (July 10), Buffalo (July 10), Rochester (July 21), Utica (July 21), Poughkeepsie (July 21), and Springfield (Aug. 14).

The proprietors of the SPORTING TIMES are desirous of securing correspondents in all the leading cities and towns in the Dominion. A weekly letter will be required and only one correspondent will be appointed in each city or town. Gentlemen wishing to occupy this position will please communicate with this office when full particulars will be forwarded. Several advantages are connected with the position.

CLAIMING TIME.

New York, the summer season is beginning and the racing managers are commencing to calculate upon their chances for the Fall Meeting. As soon as a Club has agreed upon going races, it should immediately announce the date, even if the whole programme is not decided upon. Usually there is a number of meetings throughout the season, and as the time is passing, the weather becomes more dangerous, and the chances of some gate meetings taking place in the winter are increased, whereas by a proper arrangement the trouble might be avoided. It is also to be considered which would prove a more profitable and good feeling to the management, and a profit to the spectators. It is the time to lay out the ground, and to have a good feeling to the management, and a profit to the spectators. It is the time to lay out the ground, and to have a good feeling to the management, and a profit to the spectators.

some other club has also selected the same or neighboring days for its meeting. When the localities happen to be but a short distance apart, and the amount of premiums about the same, there may be a double failure expected for there are not sufficient numbers of race horse campaigning to make two meetings at one time, and these circumstances, a success. When the distance between the two points is great, and the individual source of each association left undisturbed, the chances of failure are not so great. In our paper to-day will be found illustrations of both the above instances. In representing our latter statement we have Montreal and Hamilton; both of which places doubtless will have good meetings, probably a sufficiency of horses to make the races exciting and well contested, and also be favored with a large assemblage of spectators. It can be easily understood why this will be the case, as from the distance intervening, one scarcely interferes with the other either as respects the entries or the attendance. But, nevertheless, it will be readily admitted that there would have been a larger gathering at Montreal if Hamilton had elected to hold its meeting on some other day, and vice versa. But when this clashing of dates occurs in neighboring localities such as Chatham and Watford, it is then likely to send both of them to the wall and prove ruinous, at least to one, when there should have been two successful meetings. The local support the former place is likely to receive will be much in its favor, and is an advantage, we opine, that its more suburban rival does not even lay claim to. The clashing may, and no doubt did occur innocently enough and without any feeling of ill-will between the two places. But this will not save them from a penalty. Both to a certain extent will suffer while thus divided in interest, whereas if united for one another's weal, only a greater degree of prosperity could result. Not knowing anything of the feeling between the two clubs, and not being aware of the reasons why the same time should be selected for both, it would be highly improper for us to speak in a manner that might be construed into dictation, but of one thing we are assured it would have been much better financially, socially, and in the best interests of the Turf if the meetings had been arranged to follow one another instead of running simultaneously.

NEW RACING STOCK.

If there is one thing more than another suggestive of the advancement of the Turf in Canada, it is the importation of new racing stock. During the last week or two quite a number of horses have been brought from the States to Canada, prominent among which may be mentioned the bay colt Vandorn, by Vandal, out of Dew Drop, by Lexington, purchased from Col. J. B. F. Jackson & Co., of Kentucky, by Mr. M. Burgess, of Woodstock, Ont. Vandorn is credited with being a very fast and game horse. He is entered in the Canadian Derby, and when that race takes place, will be found a very dangerous competitor. Vandorn started once as a two-year old, at Nashville, Tennessee, in a mile dash, which was one by Katie Pearce in 1:45 1/4. This season we find him recorded as having started twice, the first time at Nashville, Tenn., on May 9th, in the Maxwell Hunt Stakes, a dash of a mile and a half, which was won by Verdgris, another Derby entry, in 2:41 1/4. Vicksburg, also in Ontario, was in the same race, and to him and our subject was delegated the honor of bringing up the rear. Again, at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 22nd of May, we find him in the Clarke Stake, a dash of two miles, which was won by Voltigeur, by Vandal; Volcano and Vandorn, two Derby entries, driving the rest of the home. Notwithstanding his ill luck, Vandorn is doubtless a fine animal, and Mr. Burgess is to be congratulated as the possessor of such a horse. If there were a few more such spirited men in Ontario, the racing interest would receive an impetus that would keep it glowing with flying colors for

BRAMPTON RACES.

From our own Correspondent.

Leaving Toronto on Thursday morning, we arrived at this beautiful county town at an early hour in the day. The hotels were well filled with horse men and visitors, while the crowds on the streets, and the rush of vehicles to and fro indicated that something more than ordinary was to take place in the town. Calling at Mr. Hunter's Restaurant, the headquarters of the sports, we were pleased to see so many of the thoroughbreds there congregated from all parts of the country. Walsh's Queen's Hotel was fairly taken possession of by the horse men, who speak in the highest manner of the accommodations and attention they received. After dinner we repaired to the splendid half-mile track, which is situated very conveniently to the town, and were agreeably surprised at its appearance and equipments—a covered stand and nicely laid out course, on the most approved principles—making it one of the best of its class in the country. The day opened beautifully, very warm and clear. The attendance, though good, was not as large as the managers had a right to anticipate—the majority of those present apparently being from the country and city—while the townspeople, who should be the most alive to encourage such sport as offered by the Association, were much in the minority. The entries were numerous enough to promise good racing. There were three events on the bill: A half-mile heat race, 8 in 5, for Dominion bred, 4 entries; 2:40 trot, 6 entries; and a local trot, 5 entries. The judges were, Mr. D. Ellison, of Brampton, and Mr. W. Bookless, of the Derby Club, Toronto. The bell was rung and only three horses responded, Raven being withdrawn. After a couple of false starts they got off, Jim Christie having the best of it, and led Galvantress over a length around the first turn; on the back stretch the mare came up, and at the 1/4 pole was head and head with the white-legged one, Emma P. being about three lengths behind; from this point home a fearful struggle took place, both horses being put to their utmost, but the Orangeville hero had the advantage of the turn, and the "Blue Nose" mare was not able to reach him before the wire was reached, Christie winning by about a head, in 52 sec., Emma P. some distance back.

Shortly after the conclusion of this heat a very heavy rain storm set in, which rendered it impossible to proceed any further with the races for this day, and they were consequently adjourned till the next day. The morning broke brightly, giving promise of a fine day. The crowd was, if anything, better than on Thursday, while the track appeared to be in good condition notwithstanding the soaking it received the day before. The officials of the Association did everything in their power to render everybody comfortable. The judges the second day were, Mr. D. Ellison, and Mr. Hamilton, of Brampton, and Mr. J. B. Saure, Jordan. We continue our report of the half-mile race from yesterday.

Second Heat.—On the third trial they got away, Christie having the pole, Galvantress 2nd, and Emma P. on the outside; the two former were coupled to the quarter, when Galvantress made a spurt and secured a lead of a neck, but Christie, with plenty of run in him, when called upon, came on even terms with Galvantress at the head of the stretch, and they ran in this position to the wire, a dead heat in :53, Emma P. some lengths in the rear.

Third Heat.—Emma P. and Christie broke away several times and ran to the quarter, and on one occasion ran a half mile, without the flag being dropped. Galvantress in each instance being pulled up. An interval of some ten minutes having elapsed after the false heat above referred to, they were again called, and at the third effort a good send off was effected, Christie having the lead by three lengths around the turn, Galvantress second, Emma P. running a bad third. Galvantress lapped Christie on the back stretch, on coming round the last turn the mare secured the inside, and a hot race home ensued, but Christie being given his head, secured the heat by half a length, Emma P. a dozen lengths behind, in 53 1/4.

Fourth Heat.—On the falling of the flag Christie jumped off with a lead of two lengths from Galvantress, the same distance prevailing between Emma P. and the latter; along the back stretch the Nova Scotian closed on Christie, running at his saddle to the head of the turn; down the stretch they ran abreast to within a few strides of the string, when Christie came away and won by a head, Emma P. running a better third than in the former heats. Time :53 1/4.

BRAMPTON PARK, June 25th.

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curled until the 1/4 pole was reached, when Toronto Boy challenged and secured third place from Quaker Boy; rounding into the home stretch Sam on the lead, Varcoe and Toronto Boy well up, they came along at a slashing pace, but Sam secured the heat by two lengths, Toronto Boy beating Varcoe by a length for second place, in 2:40 1/4.

Third Heat.—They got away in the following order: Litti; Sam, Gen. Grant, Toronto Boy, Quaker Boy, Varcoe, the latter getting a bad send off, but by an excellent turn of speed Varcoe had secured second place at the 1/4, the same order was held to the 1/2 pole with the exception above referred to; rounding the turn Varcoe closed on Litti Sam, and at the head of the stretch an exciting race home occurred, but Sam held his lead of a length under the wire, and Toronto Boy beat Varcoe for second place by half a length, Quaker Boy 4th, Gen. Grant 5th, all well up. Time, 2:43 1/4.

Fourth Heat.—They got away with Little Sam leading, Varcoe, Gen. Grant, Toronto Boy, Quaker Boy, following in order named, at the 1/4 Gen. Grant retired to fifth position, having broke badly, and at the 1/2 and 3/4 no change was noticeable; rounding into the stretch Little Sam came home an easy winner by four lengths, Varcoe 2nd, Quaker Boy 3rd, Toronto Boy 4th, Gen Grant 5th. Time, 2:48.

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John Fleming's ch g Toronto Boy .... 5 2 2 4
Bon Gold's b g Quaker Boy ..... 3 5 4 3
Geo Forbes' ch h Gen Grant ..... 4 4 5 5
Time, 2:46, 2:40 1/4, 2:43 1/4, 2:43.

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F.E.P., U.S.—You have been misled. The missing numbers cannot be procured. See instructions first column, fourth page. Will appear next week.

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**CLAIMING TIME.**

Now that the summer season is becoming advanced, many managers are commencing to calculate their chances for the Fall Meetings. As soon as a Club has agreed upon giving races, it should immediately announce the date, even if the whole programme is not decided upon. Usually there is a great number of meetings throughout the country during the Fall, and as the time is necessarily short during which fine weather may be looked for, there is the more danger of two or more gatherings taking place in the same week, doing a great injury and proving a serious loss to all concerned; whereas by a timely notice the trouble might be avoided, and a circuit established which would prove a source of interest in the management, and a source of pleasure and profit to the spectators and visitor. Now is the time to lay out your plans, and if found clashing with some other mutual understanding may be arranged at which the interests of either party are not prejudiced, and an almost fraternal regard for one another's prosperity cultivated. The success of one meeting under the management would be indicative of a pleasant contrast to the policy as usual, as it was unwise of each one running on its own hook regardless of the feelings or of the interests of the other. Lead by any of the rest—a line of action that has before and will again lead to disappointment and loss, and while having nothing to recommend it is a policy which will be justly and fairly judged to be a dangerous one, and not fatal to those who may commit themselves to its policy.

**CLASHING OF DATES.**

There is no subject so infinitely concerning the success of a Race meeting, as fixing the date. Of course it is always to be assumed that it is not the desire of any Club to interfere with the time selected by another, unless there are very ponderous reasons for the action. And how great the loss to a Club when your time is announced and your programme published that

rumorous, at least to one, when there should have been two successful meetings. The local support the former place is likely to receive will be much in its favor, and is an advantage, we opine, that its more suburban rival does not even lay claim to. The clashing may, and no doubt did occur innocently enough and without any feeling of ill-will between the two places. But this will not save them from the penalty. Both to a certain extent will suffer while thus divided in interest, whereas if united for one another's weal, only a greater degree of prosperity could result. Not knowing anything of the feeling between the two clubs, and not being aware of the reasons why the same time should be selected for both, it would be highly improper for us to speak in a manner that might be construed into dictation, but of one thing we are assured it would have been much better financially, socially, and in the best interests of the Turf if the meetings had been arranged to follow one another instead of running simultaneously.

**NEW RACING STOCK.**

If there is one thing more than another suggestive of the advancement of the Turf in Canada, it is the importation of new racing stock. During the last week or two quite a number of horses have been brought from the States to Canada, prominent among which may be mentioned the bay colt Vandorn, by Vandal, out of Dr. W. Drop, by Lexington, purchased from Col. J. B. F. Jackson & Co., of Kentucky, by Mr. M. Burgess, of Woodstock, Ont. Vandorn is credited with being a very fast and game horse. He is entered in the Canadian Derby, and when that race takes place, will be found a very dangerous competitor. Vandorn started once as a two-year old, at Nashville, Tennessee, in a mile dash, which was won by Katie Pearce in 1:45½. This season we find him recorded as having started twice, the first time at Nashville, Tenn., on May 9th, in the Maxwell House Stakes, a dash of a mile and a half, which was won by Verdigris, another Derby entry, in 2:41½; Vicksburg, also in Ontario, was in the same race, and to him and our subject was delegated the honor of bringing up the rear. Again, at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 22nd of May, we find him in the Clarke Stake, a dash of two miles, which was won by Voltigeur, by Vandal; Volcano and Vandorn, two Derby entries, driving the rest of them home. Notwithstanding his ill luck, Vandorn is doubtless a fine animal, and Mr. Burgess is to be congratulated as the possessor of such a horse. If there were a few more such spirited men in Ontario, the racing interest would receive an impetus that would keep it moving with flying colors for years to come.

Report speaks highly of another youngster, Judge Fryor, not hardly long enough a resident to be called a citizen, the property of Mr. John Mitchell, of this city. He is kept quite unostentatiously, no parade being made of his qualities. He is entered at Hamilton, where he will meet the "crack" Vicksburg and the old reliable Protection. After his performances this week, we will be better able to judge of his merits.

The enthusiastic turfman, Dr. Coleman, of Ottawa, has likewise been investing in some fresh stock in New York, one of which will make its appearance at Ogdensburg on Monday next in the hurdle race.

A few more additions such as the above to our racing supply will lend an interest to our Turf matters, which cannot but have a highly beneficial effect.

**SALE OF A CHAMPION MARE.**—Major Chamberlain, of Canadaigua, N. Y., has sold his fine young Champion mare, Lady Chamberlain, to Mr. C. E. Smith, of Buffalo, N. Y. for \$1,000.

A half-mile heat race, 3 in 5, for Dominion bred, 4 entries; 2:40 trot 6 entries; and a local trot, 5 entries. The judges were, Mr. D. Ellison, of Brampton, and Mr. W. Bookless, of the Derby Club, Toronto. The bell was rung and only three horses responded, Raven being withdrawn. After a couple of false starts they got off, Jim Christie having the best of it, and led Galvantes over a length around the first turn; on the back stretch the mare came up, and at the ¼ pole was head and head with the white-legged one, Emma P. being about three lengths behind; from this point home a fearful struggle took place, both horses being put to their utmost, but the Orangeville hero had the advantage of the turn, and the "Blue Nose" mare was not able to reach him before the wire was reached, Christie winning by about a head, in 52 sec., Emma P. some distance back.

Shortly after the conclusion of this heat a very heavy rain storm set in, which rendered it impossible to proceed any further with the races for this day, and they were consequently adjourned till the next day. The morning broke brightly, giving promise of a fine day. The crowd was, if anything, better than on Thursday, while the track appeared to be in good condition notwithstanding the soaking it received the day before. The officials of the Association did everything in their power to render everybody comfortable. The judges the second day were, Mr. D. Ellison, and Mr. Hamilton, of Brampton, and Mr. J. B. Snare, Jordan. We continue our report of the half-mile race from yesterday.

**Second Heat.**—On the third trial they got away, Christie having the pole, Galvantes 2nd, and Emma P. on the outside; the two former were coupled to the quarter, when Galvantes made a spurt and secured a lead of a neck, but Christie, with plenty of run in him, when called upon, came on even terms with Galvantes at the head of the stretch, and they ran in this position to the wire, a dead heat in :53, Emma P. some lengths in the rear.

**Third Heat.**—Emma P. and Christie broke away several times and ran to the quarter, and on one occasion ran a half mile, without the flag being dropped, Galvantes in each instance being pulled up. An interval of some ten minutes having elapsed after the false heat above referred to, they were again called, and at the third effort a good send off was effected, Christie having the lead by three lengths around the turn, Galvantes second, Emma P. running a bad third. Galvantes lapped Christie on the back stretch, on coming round the last turn the mare secured the inside, and a hot race home ensued, but Christie being given his head, secured the heat by half a length, Emma P. a dozen lengths behind, in 53½.

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**BRAMPTON FAIR, JUNE 25th.**

1. Running, \$150. Open to Dominion bred horses; half-mile heats, 3 in 5. 125 to first, 25 to second.

W J Middleton's ch g Jim Christie. 5 yrs, by Harper, dam by Lapidist.....	1 + 1 1
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Time, 52, 53, 53½, 53½.

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**ELLIOTT'S TRACK.**—The Hurdle and Flat Races announced for this track on Saturday were postponed on account of the rain. Quite a numerous gathering, however, despite the weather, were on hand to witness the expected sport, but were compelled instead to enjoy themselves discussing friend Jack's good cheer in which there is never any disappointment.

**THE WATERTOWN, N. Y., RACES.**—Our report of these races has not at the time of going to press come to hand. However, we learn that Helen Bennett won the mile heat race in 1:51½ and 1:40½, beating three others. In the last heat she distanced the field. The Hurdle race was won by the grey mare Lilly, 7 years old, by Jack the Barber, dam

Neillie, who ran for the Queen's Plate two years ago, at Barrie, being owned at that time by Mr. Defries of this city, but now the property of Mr. Blanchard of Saratoga. Jack on the Green was second, and Lobelia third; Helen Bennett being nowhere in the race on account of running against a hurdle which was rendered invisible by the great dust, and throwing Dedrick who took the bridle with him.

**OGDENSBURG RACES.**—There is every reason to believe that the one day's racing at Ogdensburg, N. Y., on Monday, July 5, will be very fine—the entry list we are assured being quite strong. Several Canadian horses will put in an appearance and no doubt will be favorites with the numerous Britishers who will be on hand to witness such fine sport.

**POSTPONED.**—By a notice in our advertising columns it will be seen that the Watford Races have been postponed until July 14th and 15th. The entries will close on July 10.

It appears we were led in error last week in mentioning the sale of the mare Magnet, belonging to Mr. James Powell, of Brooklyn. It was Midday Mr. P. disposed of.

It is the intention of the Ogdensburg people to give a large meeting on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of September next. The programme will shortly be published, and, as in anything emanating from that quarter, will be worthy the attention of Canadian horse-owners.

**AMUSEMENTS.**

Within the last few days of hot weather, and the opening of the summer season of outdoor sports and recreation, it is not to be wondered at that all indoor entertainments should suffer neglect, and unless something very rare and attractive be introduced, sparsely seated auditoriums will be in order.

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE.**

The Forresters have appeared during the week in a nightly change of bill, and drew fair houses though hardly what this really talented company are deserving of.

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The Gourlay family opened on Monday evening under the patronage of the Caledonian Society, and the lovers of Scotch songs, dances, and farces, who were present on the occasion enjoyed themselves to the utmost, as they are very clever artists indeed.

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A good variety entertainment is offered at this house, and with the introduction of a comedy of the highly sensational school entitled "The Female Bathers," a marked increase in attendance is noticeable.

**ENTRY FEES AT BUFFALO.**

BUFFALO, June 20, 1875.

**DEAR SPIRIT:** I looked anxiously in the last number of The Spirit for your editorial comments upon the action of the Buffalo Driving Park Association, in reducing the entrance fee for its August Meeting to five per cent. of the amount of the purse, as I happened to know that a telegram had been sent you informing you of the fact; but found no allusion to the matter. Doubtless the dispatch did not reach you in time, as it was sent the day you went to press. We are curious out this way to see what the recognized authority in sporting matters will have to say in regard to this important innovation, and probably our curiosity will be satisfied in your next number.

I happen to have had considerable conversation with the directors of our Association on this subject, and can inform your readers as to the motives which have prompted their action. It has become more and more evident as time has passed that the leading trotting parks were growing rich at the expense of horse-owners. The few fortunate men,

and never paid up. This left them \$28,000 to the bad, as far as this part of the business was concerned, yet they did not succeed in losing much money, even in that year. No such deficient can be experienced this season, though the rate of entrance is much lower, and I confess I should not be surprised beyond measure if the usual number of entries might be more than doubled, for no doubt the horse owners will appreciate the generosity of the Association. Those who intend to enter their trotters at only one of the great meetings, can much more than save any additional travelling expenses by choosing Buffalo in preference to any other point, and considerations of this sort will weigh in these hard times. It may be true that the action of the Association here was precipitated by the fact that Poughkeepsie has selected the same days as Buffalo for its meeting; but it was discovered before the clashing of dates occurred, and, all the same, will benefit those who enter horses, and probably result in giving the public a better show than they would otherwise have had. On its face, it is a most liberal action, and Buffalo is entitled to great credit for leading off in so prompt a manner.

**EXTRAORDINARY RULING AT JEROME PARK.**

By reference to the detailed report of the last day's racing at Jerome Park, it will be seen that a most extraordinary outrage was perpetrated upon the public by the judges, under cover of an assumed strict construction of the law. At the finish of the first steep-chase, the gelding Trouble, ridden by Murphy, came in a winner by three clear lengths ahead of Daylight, but it is claimed by the judges that Murphy dismounted without having first obtained their permission, whereupon they declared Trouble distanced, gave the race to Daylight, and ordered that pools and bets should follow the race. That Trouble had clearly and fairly won the race, was evident to every spectator upon the ground, thus demonstrating the correctness of the judgment of those who had laid their money on him; but by an alleged breach of rules after the race had been run, he was declared disqualified from being a winner, and those who had backed him were thereby virtually robbed of their money by the action of the judges. The rule upon which this action was based is as follows:

Every rider, immediately after the race or heat, shall ride his horse to the usual place of weighing, then and there alight, after obtaining the consent of the judges, and not before, and weigh to the satisfaction of the clerk of the course; before doing which, he is forbidden to touch anything beyond the equipments of the horse. Unordered to dismount by the judges, the rider must not suffer any person to touch or put cover on his horse. The person unsaddling the horse shall, as soon as the saddle and equipments are removed, hand them to the rider, who shall immediately carry them to the scale to be weighed. If the rider be disabled by accident to himself or horse which should render him incapable of riding back, he may walk or be carried to the scale.

If the jockey dismounts without permission, or otherwise violates this rule, his horse is disqualified for winning the race, unless he can allege extraordinary circumstances, the sufficiency of which must be decided by the judges.

We will not attempt to discuss the question as to the sufficiency of the excuse offered by Murphy, which is, that he returned to the judges' stand as required, gave the usual salutation, thought he was recognized by one of the judges, and immediately dismounted, as he was suffering from a severe pain in the side, brought on by the violent exercise of the ride. Scores of witnesses will testify to this fact, but we are bound to accept the declaration of the judges that he was not recognized, and dismounted without permission.

But what then? The punishment for this breach of racing etiquette, if breach it was, should only have been visited upon the guilty party, and the pools and bets should have been paid to the parties that were fairly entitled to them by virtue of the performance of the horse upon which they had staked their money. The judges had no authority to boldly and autocratically transfer this money to the pockets of the backers of a horse that had been clearly beaten in the race, neither had they any authority whatever to declare the pools off, for this is a right which is invested in them only in cases where there is suspicion of collusion and fraud between the jockey and some of the outside bettors. Otherwise, this extraordinary and dictatorial attribute over "outside bets" is not called into existence, and does not vest. In this case no such emergency had arisen, but, on the contrary, the jockey had demonstrated the integrity of his motives by bringing his horse to the wire a winner by three open lengths. Consequently, by all the principles of law and equity, and by a rational construction of the rules of this club, his backers were entitled to the purse.

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**TRIGGER.**

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It is the intention of the Ogdensburgh people to give a large meeting on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of September next. The programme will shortly be published, and, as in anything emanating from that quarter, will be worthy the attention of Canadian horse-owners.

### AMUSEMENTS.

Within the last few days of hot weather, and the opening of the summer season of outdoor sports and recreation, it is not to be wondered at that all indoor entertainments should suffer neglect, and unless something very rare and attractive be introduced, sparsely seated auditoriums will be in order.

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### ENTRY FEES AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, June 20, 1875.

DEAR SPIRIT: I looked anxiously in the last number of The Spirit for your editorial comments upon the action of the Buffalo Driving Park Association, in reducing the entrance fee for its August Meeting to five per cent. of the amount of the purse, as I happened to know that a telegram had had been sent you informing you of the fact; but found no allusion to the matter. Doubtless the dispatch did not reach you in time, as it was sent the day you went to press. We are curious out this way to see what the recognized authority in sporting matters will have to say in regard to this important innovation, and probably our curiosity will be satisfied in your next number.

I happen to have had considerable conversation with the directors of our Association on this subject, and can inform your readers as to the motives which have prompted their action. It has become more and more evident as time has passed that the leading trotting parks were growing rich at the expense of horse-owners. The few fortunate men, who have had trotters speedy enough to carry away first or second money frequently, have done well, but the majority of owners have suffered; while such Associations as Cleveland, Buffalo, and Springfield have been constantly prosperous. They have, indeed, stood no considerable part of the risk; as the entrance-fees, under the old system, have scarcely ever fallen much short of the total amount of premiums offered, leaving gate-money, and the other numerous means of resource almost clear profit, after deducting running expenses. Now, this year, everybody feels poor; and while there are plenty of horses ambitious to win laurels in the circuit from Cleveland to Springfield, many owners will find it difficult to put up in advance ten per cent. of all the purses for which they wish to enter their flyers at five meetings, they standing all the chances of failure to get anything back. In view of this, the Buffalo Association has generally decided to divide profits this year at least, with owners, by reducing the entrance fee fifty per cent., and some of the managers believe that five per cent. entrance will be the rule of the future. They will try the experiment at the 1875 meeting, at any rate, and feel that they can well afford to do so. In 1873, when the Buffalo track gave \$70,000 in premiums, it only received about \$42,000 in entrance fees, some of the published entries being condition-

chase, the gelding Trouble, ridden by Murphy, came in a winner by three clear lengths ahead of Daylight, but it is claimed by the judges that Murphy dismounted without having first obtained their permission, whereupon they declared Trouble distanced, gave the race to Daylight, and ordered that pools and bets should follow the race. That Trouble had clearly and fairly won the race, was evident to every spectator upon the ground, thus demonstrating the correctness of the judgment of those who had laid their money on him; but by an alleged breach of rules after the race had been run, he was declared disqualified from being a winner, and those who had backed him were thereby virtually robbed of their money by the action of the judges. The rule upon which this action was based is as follows:

Every rider, immediately after the race or heat, shall ride his horse to the usual place of weighing, then and there alight, after obtaining the consent of the judges, and not before, and weigh to the satisfaction of the clerk of the course; before doing which, he is forbidden to touch anything beyond the equipments of the horse. Unordered to dismount by the judges, the rider must not suffer any person to touch or put cover on his horse. The person unsaddling the horse shall, as soon as the saddle and equipments are removed, hand them to the rider, who shall immediately carry them to the scale to be weighed. If the rider be disabled by accident to himself or horse which should render him incapable of riding back, he may walk or be carried to the scale.

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We will not attempt to discuss the question as to the sufficiency of the excuse offered by Murphy, which is, that he returned to the judges' stand as required, gave the usual salutation, thought he was recognized by one of the judges, and immediately dismounted, as he was suffering from a severe pain in the side, brought on by the violent exercise of the ride. Scores of witnesses will testify to this fact, but we are bound to accept the declaration of the judges that he was not recognized, and dismounted without permission.

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SCORING.—After the drivers are weighed, receive their colors, and are given their positions, scoring to get the word follows. Do not send them much below the distance stand. The further they go down the less the likelihood of a good start being effected, for they will come up straggling—the first ones first, and the slower behind. Order them to turn just below the distance stand. Show them at once that you must be obeyed, and if some disobey, two them with a V, which will be a gentle reminder. If this does not have the proper effect, increase it until it does. But do not fine, and then allow others to do as they like.

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THE HUNDRED OF ENGLISH HORSE SHOWS AS REGARDS THE THOROUGHBRED STALLION.—After the first year or two of the Islington Show, owners of racing stallions found that the "game was not worth the candle," and the entries in the class for thoroughbred stallions very soon decreased in both numbers and quality, until there can be no doubt that it was the wisest policy to expunge this, the best of all equine stock, from the list of classes. In 1873, the last year of the exhibition of thoroughbred stallions, there were only nine entries, and three of these were French-bred. One of the latter took the only prize offered in this class, but, if I except the handicap horse Captivator, winner of the Metropolitan, there was nothing in the little lot that had gained more than very moderate sort of honors on the turf. In fact, the better class of racing sires are far too valuable to risk at horse shows, and even if they could be spared from their duties at this period of the season to travel long journeys by rail, and be cooped up with more plebeian company at the Agricultural Hall, a premium of £50 is barely sufficient to pay the expenses of sending them and their attendants. As regards the honors to be gained by winning a first prize at such places, they are most certainly of a very questionable character, for in one season at least the first premium at the Islington Show was given to a thoroughbred stallion who was well known by every stable cad to have been a rank roarer on the turf. Since then, the first prizes at Dublin and at Inverness have been awarded to two well-known roarers, so that in these instances horse shows, so far from being an encouragement to the improvement in our breed, have proved to be a positive injury. A protest was very properly lodged against the roaring champion of the Agricultural Hall receiving the premium, and he was disqualified in favor of a thoroughly sound horse. The two thoroughbred sires who marched away to the sound of their own music at Dublin and the Highland Society's Show at Inverness, with the certificates of the judges on the brow bands, as being the best horses of pure blood "calculated to get hunters," are, however, still sowing the seeds of the insidious disease—the greatest of all curses to good horseflesh—in Ireland and Scotland, to be handed down from generation to generation. The proper place for the award of premiums to racing stallions is the seat of justice occupied by Mr. Clark, opposite the winning post for the Derby, or at the goal for the great Cup races of the season at Ascot, Goodwood, and Doncaster. Horses that gain such prizes as these are not only a credit and a blessing to Britain but as racing stallions they also subsequently become "mines of wealth" to the owners, without being subjected to questionable judgment, like that to which I have called attention, when competing for such paltry prizes as are awarded them at horse shows in any part of the United Kingdom. Such horses as Citadel and Dalesman have not unworthily gained first premiums at the Islington Show, while the far superior racehorses and successful sires of racing stock, Lord Clifden and Scottish Chief, have been altogether rejected as first-prize winners in the same arena. Citadels, indeed, the most powerful thoroughbred are now at the stud, unless it be his recent son at Mentmore, King Tom. Other such known racehorses as Broomielaw, St. Diaphantus, Nutbourne, and Suffolk have also frittered away a portion of their lives in the boxes at Islington without receiving the most favorable notice of the judges. Galopin, the Derby winner of last week, would, no doubt, had he been exhibited have been rejected as a prize winner, for the sole reason that he shows quality and truth of symmetry without the sort of lumber so frequently and erroneously mistaken for power. It is a somewhat anomalous proceeding on the part of several writers, and the Secretary of the Agricultural Hall Company among the number, to state in their letters to the daily papers that racing sires are not suitable for getting the better kind of equine stock for ordinary purposes, while the majority of horses exhibited at Islington in the first and second class of hunters are by thoroughbred sires who were in their day well known as racers. Many of them are also out of thoroughbred mares. This year there are thirty out of the forty-four in the building "equal to not less than 15 stone to hounds" entered as being got by thoroughbred horses, and I feel quite certain that a better show of hunters, for power in the right places, symmetry, action, soundness, and good manners, was never seen at Islington.—*London Sportsman*.

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There is not a more lovely city on the "western main" than Leavenworth, Kansas. Rich, too, in historical things, and a gem over which the "Jawhaker" ever glants. There General Van Vliet, chief quartermaster of the department of the Missouri, abides, and listens to the bugle calls up at the fort, and enjoys himself in the delightful summer days that came down upon that delightful city and linger about the esplanade which is to that town what the boulevard is to Chicago. He is a warrior, but out there no rude alarms ever come to disturb him except when Mad Anthony has his periodical quarrel and shot. The rebellion is never with him, and all over his genial face there is no trace to tell that he ever wanted to kill a "rebel." He enjoys his quiet life in the "loveliest village of all the train," and so peacefully does the old Missourian love the rock-ribbed base of this city that he came to believe there was no such thing as crime or meanness on the mundane sphere. But he is down on weddings. He heard in his delightful abode that Gen. Phil Sheridan, his old comrade, was going to get himself a wife in Chicago.

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PITTSBURG, June 18th.—The grand prize fizzle of yesterday culminated in the departure of Tom Allen for his home in St. Louis, and in his retirement forever from the prize ring. He publishes the following card.

TO THE PUBLIC: I wish to announce my retirement from the prize ring, in which I have figured for nearly twenty years. Of my career as a pugilist I have little to say. I leave the public to judge of that, and flatter myself that it will bear inspection, and not compare unfavorably with the records in general of men of the profession of which I now take leave. Whatever mistakes I may have made outside of the prize ring—and we are all liable to mistakes, were errors more of the mind than of the heart, and are ever to be regretted by me. My entering the ring yesterday at Mill Creek was to carry out, as far as in my power lay, the rules of the ring—rules that I never violated, either by shunning a fight or by any other cowardly dodge, so commonly adopted at the present day by would-be pugilists, whose matches are made for reputation that could not be earned in the ring, and whose battles are fought in the columns of newspapers. Ben Hogan has seen fit to challenge me. He arrived in this city on Wednesday, and had a splendid opportunity of entering the ring with me yesterday, but a meeting then he declined. He is simply after capital, by connecting his name with mine—capital he cannot make within the ropes and stakes, nor outside of them, except with those who are incapable of judging between the genuine and counterfeit. I do not propose to allow myself to be completely fooled for the third time. I have had two lessons already in that school. I have gone through a thorough course of training for many weeks, at a heavy expense, and my business suffering, perhaps neglected, at St. Louis. I realized, when too late, that I had been the dupe of a coward, hungry for pugilistic fame and the dollars that might have been made by it, yet afraid to fight or even put in an appearance on the battle ground. Thus ends my career in the ring. I bid it good-by, now, once and forever. Respectfully yours,

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## THE FEROCITY OF WHITE MICE.

There is a cage containing four white mice at the Delta Saloon, Virginia, which are quite a study. After seeing their manoeuvres for an hour or two, one is not at all surprised at the racket made by mice generally, for during the early part of the evening they take constant and violent exercise. They consume a great deal of water, taking a drink every ten minutes or oftener. It would be supposed that such a small animal as a mouse would not be at all ferocious and aggressive; but such appears to be the case with the white species, at least. A chipmunk that was put into the cage with those at the Delta was attacked by them all, and very quickly despatched, without one of the mice being injured in the least by the unfortunate victim. A gray mouse, which was subsequently put into the same cage, was very roughly handled, being attacked by two of the white mice, who took hold of him like a couple of bull dogs, and repeated the attack again and again, shaking him by the throat and biting his legs and tail, the latter being nearly severed from his body. Perhaps white mice, like red ants, are a particularly ferocious species of the genus to which they belong.

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HOW TO DRIVE.—A correspondent in a paper called *The Perfect Horseman*, throws cold water on the theory of driving with a tight rein. As usual with men who have pet theories, he goes too far the other way, while pointing out the absurdity of wrapping the lines around the hands and throwing the weight on the horse's mouth. He says: "I seldom grasp the lines with both hands when the road is straight, but hold them gently in one hand, shifting the bit in the horse's mouth to give him encouragement." This

## PISCATORIAL.

FINED.—Squire McCann, the Fishery Inspector of the Thames Division, fined a man named Campbell \$5 and costs at Cashmere, yesterday, for placing nets across the river contrary to law.

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A striped bass, weighing seventy-two pounds, was caught last Thursday in the Connecticut River near Essex, Conn.

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SALMON.—Mr. Joseph Gates and Mr. S. McNair, of Hamilton, this morning exhibited at our office a salt water salmon, caught in lake Ontario last night, by Mr. Benjamin Foulds, of Burlington Beach. It is about a year old, weighs three-quarters of a pound, and is supposed to be one of the young fry placed in the Twelve-mile Creek by Mr. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, last summer. The fish is the "observed of all observers" to-day, and its being taken from the water with a miscellaneous crowd of white fish, herring, etc., with a seine, establishes the fact that salt water salmon can be propagated in the fresh waters of Canada.—*Hamilton Times*.

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#### A HUNTING INCIDENT.

A correspondent writes to the *Sporting Gazette*.—I cannot allow the hunting season of 1874-5, now fast closing, or closed, to pass over without informing you of an incident which recently took place with Lord Galway's Hounds, hunting in North Notts and on the borders of Yorkshire, and which I believe to be absolutely unparalleled in fox-hunting annals. The hounds pursued a vixen until, after various twisting and turnings, she thought necessary to take refuge in an old drain. Every effort was made to bolt her, but it was all to no use; there she was, and there it was evident she meant to stop. At last it was suggested that a little terrier dog, belonging to a well-known admirer and follower of the sport should be fetched. No sooner said than done. Directly the dog arrived he evinced a strong disposition to enter the slough, and immediately he was put in, out bolted no fewer than five foxes. The hounds immediately dashed after them and some of the field joined in, while others remained to see what became of the fox that had run into the drain, it being believed that she was still inside. However, no terrier made his appearance. Night came on, and still no dog. The next day and the day after that resulted likewise. Occasional barkings could be heard in the slough, but nothing more. At last it was determined to explore the secrets of the prison-house, and a number of strong and willing hands commenced digging towards the place from which the barking appeared to proceed. After considerable labor the spot was reached. It was in a kind of gully or branch drain, and here lay the dead and mangled body of the fox, intercepting the dog's egress. It was clear that a dreadful struggle had taken place between the fox and the terrier, and the vixen had died a terrible death. As for the dog, he also was considerably injured, his shoulders were horribly lacerated; but, fortunately, after kind and considerate treatment, he has now quite recovered.

**RETIREMENT OF J. H. SADLER.**—It will perhaps interest our athletic readers to know that J. H. Sadler, the well-known champion sculler of England, intends to retire at the end of the present season. Several of his friends intend giving him a start as a boat-builder, and he has taken a piece of ground at Teddington on a long lease for that purpose. Sadler's straightforwardness during his career as a sculler, and his acknowledged skill as a coach, cannot fail to secure him a large share of patronage in his vocation.

**FORTY-FIVES FOR A GIRL.**—They sometimes do things in a quaint manner on Ashburnham Hill, as will be seen by the following narrative: Two young men had been paying their attentions to the same young lady, who looked upon them with equal favor. In her estimation one was as good as the other, and it was a difficult question to decide which one of the two should have her hand. Finally the two swains met, and after talking the matter over seriously, they decided, in order to avoid quarrelling, to play a game of 45's for the fair one. They played; and the game stood 40 and 35. The last hand of cards was now given out; it was a dreadful moment of suspense, whilst neither spoke, but finally one planked down the five fingers and declared himself the victor. The other swore he had been the 40, and maintained it so obstinately that, though they would not fight about the girl, they fought over the cards.

I have had two lessons already in that school. I have gone through a thorough course of training for many weeks, at a heavy expense, and my business suffering, perhaps neglected, at St. Louis. I realized, when too late, that I had been the dupe of a coward, hungry for pugilistic fame and the dollars that might have been made by it, yet afraid to fight or even put in an appearance on the battle ground. Thus ends my career in the ring. I bid it good-by, now, once and forever. Respectfully yours,

TOM ALLEN.

#### THE FEROCITY OF WHITE MICE.

There is a cage containing four white mice at the Delta Saloon, Virginia, which are quite a study. After seeing their manoeuvres for an hour or two, one is not at all surprised at the racket made by mice generally, for during the early part of the evening they take constant and violent exercise. They consume a great deal of water, taking a drink every ten minutes or oftener. It would be supposed that such a small animal as a mouse would not be at all ferocious and aggressive; but such appears to be the case with the white species, at least. A chipmunk that was put into the cage with those at the Delta was attacked by them all, and very quickly despatched, without one of the mice being injured in the least by the unfortunate victim. A gray mouse, which was subsequently put into the same cage, was very roughly handled, being attacked by two of the white mice, who took hold of him like a couple of bull dogs, and repeated the attack again and again, shaking him by the throat and biting his legs and tail, the latter being nearly severed from his body. Perhaps white mice, like red ants, are a particularly ferocious species of the genus to which they belong.

**HORSE TALK.**—"Suppose you were in the harness, and I were in the wagon, I had the whip and you the traces, what an ardent advocate you would be for kindness to the irrational creation! Do not let the blacksmith drive the nail into the quick when he shoes me, or burn my flecks with a hot file. Do not mistake the 'deadeye' that nature put on my foreleg for a wart to be exterminated. Do not cut off my tail short in fly-time. Keep the north wind out of our stables. Care for us at some other time than during the epidemics, so that we may see your kindness is not selfish. My dear friends, our interests are mutual. I am a silent partner in your business. Under my sound hoof is the diamond of national prosperity. Beyond my nostril the world's progress may not go. With thrift and wealth and comfort, I daily race neck and neck. Be kind to me, if you want me to be useful to you."

**HOW TO DRIVE.**—A correspondent in a paper called *The Perfect Horseman*, throws cold water on the theory of driving with a tight rein. As usual with men who have pet theories, he goes too far the other way, while pointing out the absurdity of wrapping the lines around the hands and throwing the weight on the horse's mouth. He says: "I seldom grasp the lines with both hands when the road is straight, but hold them gently in one hand, shifting the bit in the horse's mouth to give him encouragement." This will be news to our turfmen, that a horse can be encouraged by saving his mouth with the bit, and that a horse will "break less when driven with a slack rein." It is wonderful how wise some men are in their own opinion.

**THE BURLINGTON YACHT CLUB.**—This new club is open, we believe, for the accommodation of members, which will supply a want long felt by many of the young men in the city, and we trust will have a successful career. It has a spacious dining-room facing the Bay, a billiard room, smoking room, ladies' drawing room, and reading room, kitchen, pantry, etc. A most efficient steward has been engaged, and though all the rooms are not yet quite furnished, the club is in a sufficiently advanced stage of completion to warrant it's being opened for use.

**WESTERN FAIR.**—This Fair will be held on the Palace Grounds, London, commencing Tuesday, 28th Sept., and continuing for the three following days. The exhibition is expected to be even more successful than preceding ones. The prize list has been increased to \$12,000. Prize lists will be ready for distribution in a few days.

Trebles' shirts are all the rage this season. They have been gradually gaining favor for the last five years; try them, Trebles, 53 King St. West, 2 doors East of Bay.

**SALMON.**—Mr. Joseph Gates and Mr. S. McNair, of Hamilton, this morning exhibited at our office a salt water salmon, caught in Lake Ontario last night, by Mr. Benjamin Foulds, of Burlington Beach. It is about a year old, weighs three-quarters of a pound, and is supposed to be one of the young fry placed in the Twelve-mile Creek by Mr. Kerr, Fishery Inspector, last summer. The fish is the "observed of all observers" to-day, and its being taken from the water with a miscellaneous crowd of white fish, herring, etc., with a seine, establishes the fact that salt water salmon can be propagated in the fresh waters of Canada.—*Hamilton Times.*

**CAUGHT A STURGEON.**—Yesterday a boy whilst fishing off Mr. Eddy's Wharf, Hull, hooked a large sturgeon by the tail and brought him on to *terra firma*, when he indulged in a series of antics, which however did not secure him liberty.

In Lake Champlain large quantities of fish are captured by exploding torpedoes in the water, stunning the fish so that they rise to the surface. Four hundred fish were thus taken at one blast recently. Such fishermen ought to be arrested.

For years past the Mississippi lake, above Carleton Place, has never been known to abound so plentifully with fish as this year. One hundred pounds of fish a day is a common catch for two men to take with bait and troll. Some parties have turned fishermen, and are living exclusively on the proceeds got by fish, which return them handsome profits.

**A BIG FISH.**—Mr. Parkinson of Sarnia arrived in town this morning with a magnificent sturgeon, 5½ feet long, weighing 70 lbs, which he presented to Mr. Chas. Sharpe, who has placed it in the Red Mill dam. The sturgeon was caught off Point Edward, Lake Huron, and was conveyed to Guelph in a pine box, being watered occasionally on the way. It was six hours out of the water and when placed in the dam appeared highly delighted at its return to its native element.

**A GREAT YEAR FOR FISH.**—This will be known in future records as a remarkable year for fish. The shad run in the eastern rivers has been simply unprecedented. At one place on the Hudson river, the other day, the fishermen caught 6,000 in twelve hours, where, a few years ago, 600 would have been considered a large day's catch. The fishing in the islands of Lake Erie is the best known for many years. The parties of anglers who have gone up there this spring to catch the black bass have in many cases found the fishing so prolific that it soon ceased to be sport, but seemed more like cod or mackerel catching, where the day's work is ended when the fisherman's boat is filled. The question is, where have all these myriads of fish come from?

#### EVERYTHING.

While some school-boys in Littleton, N.H., were playing ball recently, a ball batted by one of them struck a swallow in the air and brought him down as suddenly as if hit with a bullet.

Mr. Blackadder, on Saturday, walked from Brantford to Simcoe, twenty-five miles, in four hours and a-half, and returned in less than five hours, on Monday.

The only original Tom Collins Cricket Club has been organized in Brantford. It is composed of hotel keepers. No Irish need apply. So says the *Brantford Expositor*, but the announcement puzzles us. We always thought Tom Collins himself was an Irishman.

Now that Paul Boynton has successfully crossed the English Channel, he says there's "not enough monkey in all England to tempt him to do it again."

S. L. M. Barlow, who is called the best whist player in the United States, has promised to write the articles on whist for the new edition of the American Cyclopaedia.

It is said hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of live stock have recently died in the Northwestern States from the effects of bites by the Buffalo gnat. This is a pest unknown in the more northern States, but one which is often a source of great loss to farmers and planters in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Louisiana.

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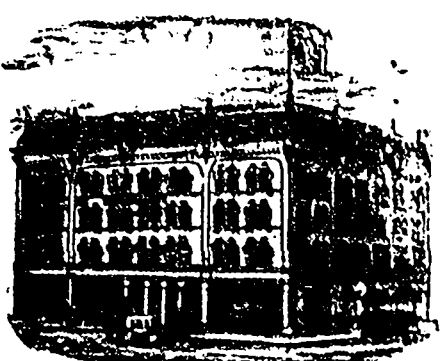
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THIRD DAY.

- 9.—Running, \$200. Dominion Handicap, mile heats, top weight 120 lbs.; \$150 to first horse, 50 to 2nd.
- 10.—2:50 Trot, \$250. Open to all horses owned in Canada on 1st of January last, that have never beaten 2:50. \$175 to first horse, 50 to 2nd, 25 to third.
- 11.—Running, \$350. Open Handicap, 1 1/2 mile heats, top weight 110 lbs.; \$275 to first horse, 75 to second.

RULES.

1. Trotting to be 3 in 6 to Harness.
2. Three to enter and 40 to start.
3. Entrance fee to all races, 10 per cent. on purse and must accompany all nominations.



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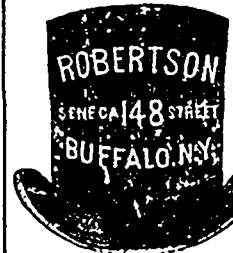
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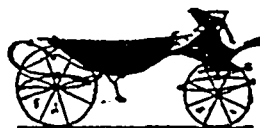
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- 11.—Running, \$350. Open Handicap, 1 1/2 mile heats, top weight 117 lbs; \$275 to first horse, 75 to second.

**RULES.**

1. Trotting to be 3 in 5 to Harness.
2. Three to enter and two to start.
3. Entrance fee to all races, 10 per cent. on purse and must accompany all nominations.
4. Heats in each day's races may be called alternately.
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Hurdle Race—\$800; open to all horses; two miles, over eight hurdles, 3ft 6in; turf club weights; \$250 to first, 50 to second.

## SECOND DAY.

Handicap Hurdle Race—\$250; open to all horses; two miles, over eight hurdles, 3ft 6in; \$200 to first, 50 to second.

Dominion Bred Race—\$300; for Dominion bred horses, turf club weights; mile heats; \$250 to first, 50 to second.

Three Mile Dash—\$300; open to all, turf club weights; \$250 to first; 50 to second.

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  - 5th—The Judges' decisions in all cases final.
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