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Time—0:58.

ay—Purse \$50, for all ages; \$40, \$10; 1/2 mile.

ch g (Cannon) Steptoe, 5 yrs, by well, dam Fanny Bugg..... 1

y's br g Dailgasian, 6 yrs, by Blarney, dam Lucy Fowler..... 2

ch Risk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam..... 3

Time—1:55 1/2.

ay—Purse \$50, for 2:50 class; \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5, in harness.

ell's blk s Fred Taylor..... 1 1 1

han's b m Mamie..... 2 2 dis

ch m Springfield..... dis

Time—3:11, 3:14 1/2, 5:05.

ounds, Mobile, Ala, March 8—Purse 100, for handicaps, one and a half miles, over 1/2 mile.

ch g (Cannon) Steptoe, 5 yrs, by well, dam Fanny Bugg..... 1

y's br g Dailgasian, 6 yrs, by Blarney, dam Lucy Fowler..... 2

ch Risk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam..... 3

No Time

ay—Purse \$—; for all pacers, half-mile in 5, in harness.

y's gr m Daisy..... 1 1 1

han's br g Frosty..... 2 2 2

rd's b g Billy Grimes..... 3 3 3

Time—1:23 1/2, 1:23, 1:32.

was elected captain of the '78 team.

The Tecumseh Club players are ordered to report at London by the 1st of April. The nine is as follows:—Goldsmith, centre field; G. H. Bradley, pitcher; Powers, first base; Barnes, second base, Doscher, third base; Dinuen, short stop; Hornung, left field; Quinton, centre field; I. H. Smith, right field.

## Aquatic.

### DETROIT, MICH., MATTERS.

At the last meeting of the Emerald Boat Club, of Detroit, Mich., which was held on the 4th instant, the following gentlemen were elected as officers:—President, John E. Leclerc; Vice-President, Walter S. Paton; Secretary, William Brothaupt; Corresponding Secretary, Edward M. Griffin; Treasurer, W. F. Gilmore; Captain, Clark L. Harris, Commander, Frank E. Audett; Lieutenant, Commander, William Ray; Eusegu, Mark A. Walker. It is the intention of this club to purchase a new ten-oared barge.

The following is a list of the officers of the Excelsior Boat Club, of Detroit, Michigan, for the season of 1878:—President, W. L. Baker; Vice-President, G. E. Wassey; Secretary, Richard Catton; Treasurer, Harry Hawk; Captain, H. W. Dyar; Board of Managers—H. C. Potter, W. B. Isbell, J. B. Moloney, H. D. Preston, Reuben Robison. (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer ex-officio Board members.) Delegate to Northwestern Amateur Rowing Association, George W. Bates; Delegate to Detroit River Navy, F. S. Lewis; Delegate to National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, F. D. Standish.

### FROM THE ANTIPODES.

Our Australian exchanges for January come to us laden with announcements of midsummer meetings, complaints of the great heat, and eulogies of "strength-restoring swims on these baking afternoons." The committee of the Victorian Rowing Association met January 7th. They decided to hold the Melbourne Regatta April 6th, and to publish the programme and all necessary details February 2nd. The Richmond Rowing Club had their scratch fours January 5th, the winning crew being Milne, 1; Ross, 2; Hatfield, 3; Jerrem, stroke; Harrison, coxswain. Afterwards the Richmond Rifles beat the Richmond Rowing Club. At the end of February the clubs were to row for Mrs. Mowatt's prize. Mr. Case, the gentleman entrusted by Charles E. Courtney with the management of his interests, was in New Zealand January 7th, on his way to Australia, and it was thought that he and Trickett would have no difficulty in coming to terms. The Inter-Colonial eight-oared match between Melbourne and Sydney was fixed for March 2nd, and at our latest advices, January 26th, both crews were in active training. Laycock intended to start against Trickett for the Colonial championship at the Sydney Anniversary Regatta. There were five entries for the Amateur Championship, and more were expected.

ROYAL HALIFAX YACHT CLUB.—At the annual meeting, March 7th, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. John Pugh; Vice-President, A. W. Hart; Rear President, H. Y. Hart; Secretary and Treasurer, C. C. Vaux; Assistant Secretary, W. E. Weir. There will be several matches during the season, dates for which are still unsettled.

PLAISTED.—Fred. Plaisted is enjoying the hospitalities of the Dauntless Club, New York. He has changed the rig of his boat, and with this new rig has adopted a style of

rowing club, who wish to raise money for a new boat, are circulating a paper, reading as follows:—"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to pay the sums set opposite our names, etc., payable after the four-oared crew of the — Club have beaten the Sho wae-ae-mette crew, of Monroe, Mich." Will some insurance actuary, of aquatic proclivities, calculate for us the exact mathematical probability that "the undersigned" will ever be asked to pay their subscriptions?

### BEAUCLERC, THE DERBY FAVORITE.

(From the Sporting Life's Special Commissioner.)

It is, now-over, with Beauclerc that I have curiously to deal, and favorable as was the impression which he created when at exercise, I liked him even better when stripped in the stable. In color he is brown, with his off and heel white, and the moment one looks him over, it becomes apparent how happy the coarseness of the Blacklock tribe has been toned down by an alliance with Rosicrucian, for in Beauclerc power and fashion are blended. He has a well-formed, genial, though not a small head, wide under the jaw, while the neck is muscular, and runs into shoulders oblique, but indicative of immense power; and while inheriting that remarkable muscular development of form which is so characteristic of Rosicrucian's get, he is essentially a deep-girthed colt, stronger over the back and loins than his handsome sire, very wide over the hips, and long from the hip to the tail; indeed, such massive quarters are seldom found on a thoroughbred three-year-old. All in all, he represents a rare combination of power, with freedom and racing-like symmetry, and the improvement which he has made since stripped for the Middle Park Plate is marked. A word about his off fore pastern, which is slightly twisted outwards. This peculiarity, because of its existence in more than one of his relations, I always took to have been hereditary until last week, when I learnt that it was the result of an accident, which occurred in his days of babyhood, though the cause nobody can exactly define. Mr. F. Anson tells me that he found the colt scarcely able to move in one of the paddocks, but whether the mishap came from a wrench when scampering about or from striking into some railings near where he found him, is uncertain. The youngster was in great pain for a long time, and much inflammation surrounded the fetlock, but when it had subsided the colt was quite sound, and since then, although the pastern remains twisted, he has never looked back; and, such being the case, I do not see why this slight malformation should militate against his claims for the classic races. However, I shall not here enter into a discussion on Beauclerc's victories at Redcar and York, nor even on his clever victory for the Middle Park Plate, though I may remark he has not yet been thoroughly wound up, and was hardly himself when he cut down his opponents at Newmarket. Neither shall I state outright my opinion of his future, leaving my readers to glean from the above in what esteem I hold the son of Rosicrucian and Bonnie Bell.

DEATH OF WOODFORD CHIEF.—The famous horse Woodford Chief, owned by Col. R. P. Pepper, of Frankfort, Ky., died on Saturday March 9, of pneumonia, at the stables of his trainers, Macey Brothers, Versailles. Woodford Chief was a bay stallion, bred by Benjamin Williams, of Woodford County, Ky., and foaled in the Spring of 1872. His sire was Clark Chief, who was by Mambrino Chief, out of Little Nora, by Bay Messenger. 2nd dam Mrs. Caudle, the dam of Ericsson. The dam of Woodford Chief was Virginia, by the race-horse E. J. Townes, son of imp. Fylke. This mare was strong and courageous, and she was ridden in the Confederate Army by General Williams.

fully in preventing the illegal destruction of fish and game, although at first much opposition had been raised against them. New societies, with kindred objects, had also been formed in other parts of the country, and their efforts appreciated, not only by sportsmen, but the general public. In this neighborhood game is again plentiful, and quail, snipe, woodcock and partridge can be shot within easy distance of the city. The mill dam obstructions have been removed and proper fish-ways constructed, resulting in the River Thames being better stocked with fish year by year. Bass have been plentiful and of good size. At Cashmere some man-killing have been taken. Provincial Associations are recommended to be formed. During the past year there has been no necessity to prosecute any persons for infringement of the Game Act. Nine offenders against the fishery laws have been fined for illegal netting in the River Thames, and two dip-nets taken and destroyed at Byron dam. The pollution of the south branch of the Thames has, to a large extent, been prevented. We should endeavor to secure a supply of spawn for restocking our creeks and rivers. The slight trouble occasioned last year from the opposition of the taxidermists has been removed, and they are now amongst the foremost to assist us in carrying out the laws. With regard to the Act for the Protection of Insectivorous Birds, there are two birds, in the opinion of most sportsmen, that should be omitted, viz., meadow larks and blackbirds both to be shot after the 1st September. Measures have been taken to secure this concession. There is a feeling amongst genuine sportsmen, more especially in this and adjoining counties, that the season for woodcock shooting opens some six weeks too early, that during July the weather is too hot for men or dogs to work; that many birds, shot in the early morning (unless kept on ice) are spoiled, and become unfit for food; that the birds are small and slow on the wing, and scarcely worth the killing. On the other hand, the northern sportsmen maintain if an alteration in the close season is made from the 1st July to 15th August (as proposed) they will have no cock shooting. This in a measure may be correct. The remedy suggested (as most fair to all parties that are interested) by this Society is, that certain counties to the north should commence shooting on the original date, viz., 1st July, and those to the west and south should defer the commencement of the season until August 15th. A meeting is suggested to discuss this question. The law, as it stands, at present, as to the exposing of game by dealers for one month after the close season commences, is found to work in a disadvantageous manner, and is calculated to do harm. It holds out inducements to pot-hunters and poachers to defy the law. This is a matter that requires our close and immediate attention. In order to prevent any waste of surplus stock the dealers may have on hand when the close season begins, we consider fourteen days would meet all requirements, and not prove a harsh measure to those concerned. The wanton and cruel destruction of insectivorous birds, it gives us great pleasure to inform you, has nearly ceased, and we wish to impress upon you (in the face of the great and alarming increase of insect pests, and especially caterpillars) the imperative necessity of protecting our small and useful birds. The report also recommended that a room be obtained, in which to hold the monthly meetings; suggested the introduction of quail, and their protection, and that a kennel club be formed, in order to cultivate a taste for high bred animals, to give place to the "worthless curs who now infest the city and make night hideous."

The Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$105.25, and the disbursements \$84.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$20.60.

Officers were elected for the current year as under:—President, Dr. Woodruff; 1st Vice-President, Colonel Walker. 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Niven; Secretary, B. C. Marshall; Treasurer, J. F. Mahon; Committee—Messrs. W. C. L. Gill, W. Hudson, H. Bruce, A. J. Smith, T. H. Smallman, Ccl. Macbeth and A. McRae.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the different constables of Middlesex, calling their attention to the heavy fines imposed for any violation of the law.

like a stone. I have a muzzle loader, you to order, with a long barrel, and the back might far forward, but it won't do. Please answer.

Yours,  
W. H. S.

This question covers the case of a great and we fear, increasing class in our community men who have overstrained their sight in reading and writing in America and have been called on. It is impossible to answer W.H.S., or any other man, with perfect confidence without knowing the state of his eyes, the number of the glass he wears, etc., but there are some general principles which can be laid down which will enable an intelligent man to treat his own case without success. In the first place, the question of "W.H.S." is not one for a rifle expert, but an optician. We can console him with one fact. Mr. Leonard (longer, one of the best long-range shots at Creedmoor, west of way to the top rank shooting with glasses, and that "W.H.S." need not despair. At the same time, we should not recommend him to take to long range shooting. The struggle to attain first place would be very severe, and likely to injure the eyes permanently. Off-hand shooting is not nearly so hard on the eyes, as the aim is not dwelt on so long, and we would therefore recommend "W.H.S." to confine himself to that branch of marksmanship. The general rule for shooting glasses is. Take a glass just half the power of the glass with which you read and write. If you try to shoot through your reading glasses, you will strain the sight and permanently injure the eyes. A glass half the power of the reading glass will sufficiently clear distant objects, and enable you to see the sights of the rifle plain enough to shoot. Glasses are numbered by their focus in inches, going from No. 50 down to No. 6, called "cataract glasses," only used by those whose sight is almost destroyed.—Spirit.

### A CAGED PUGILIST.

Admirers of the well-known pugilist Sam Collyer, whose real name is Walter Jamison, are making efforts to secure his release from the New Jersey State Prison, where he is now serving a sentence for acting as a second in the fatal mill between Wooden and Walker, some time ago. Collyer belongs to Williamsburg, N.Y., and, during the war, belonged to a Brooklyn regiment. He displayed bravery in the many engagements during the war, and, on one occasion, swam across the Potomac and spiked the guns of a rebel battery. After the war he fought several prominent ring-fights for the light-weight championship, and made a good living as a variety performer, in which he was very successful. A number of prominent New York and Brooklyn politicians will sign the petition, also many of the prominent theatrical managers. After the petition is drawn out and signed, it will be forwarded to the Court of Pardon. It is the general opinion that, owing to Collyer's record as a soldier, the court will grant the pardon. The keepers of the State Prison speak well of Collyer's conduct, which will also help his case.

### GENERAL BUFORD IN A NEW ROLE.

It is gratifying to note the fact that General A. Buford, the lordly proprietor of Bosque Bonita Stud Farm, Midway, Ky., is gradually attaining considerable prominence in the Kentucky Legislature. On the 6th inst., General Buford's bill for the improvement of the Kentucky River, was made the special order of the day, on which occasion that gentleman made a powerful appeal in advocacy of the measure, setting forth the many advantages that would accrue to the State, and the incidental benefits its people would enjoy through its adoption. The General's speech is spoken of as a forcible, eloquent and argumentative effort, glowing with the local pride and patriotism which heretofore distinguished many of Kentucky's gifted sons. In days to come, when the sage of Bosque Bonita shall have retired from the Legislature forever, and the grateful sentiments go with him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," among the pleasant recollections associated with his name will be reminiscences of his life as a breeder of thoroughbred stock, and a zealous patron of the American turf.

### BONTO—THE TECUMSEHS.

meeting of the Tecumseh Base Ball Club last week, the following members were elected to office for the coming season: Cashman, Manager; Jos. Feddie, 1st; Charles Brown, Vice-President; W. Secretary; W. Jackman, Treasurer; W. Warner, J. W. Way, and James W. Committee. This club was very successful last year, and claims the championship of the city. They will put a strong team in the field this coming season. On the 1st of April the several clubs in



# THE Master of the Hounds

CHAPTER XXIV.

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As the time had for holding the assizes now near, Beauchamp's tenderness and encouragement to strengthen her for the coming trial; and every hour he could spare was devoted to her.

"Oh, William!" she exclaimed one day when they were walking arm-in-arm in the garden, "I have such a dread of appearing in court, that I wish Charles would give up all further proceedings, and let the matter rest as it is. Will you ask him to do so, as he will not listen to me?"

"My dearest girl, you know I would do anything to spare your feelings; but you must consider, if the trial is vented taking place, your fair name will be tarnished for ever, and people will say you consented to elope with Lord Vancourt; this will be undoubtedly the opinion of the world, and the reflection cast upon your character for such an act will follow you through life. Would you consent to lie under such an imputation, merely to avoid a little unpleasantness for a few minutes? as you have little more to depose to than your honor, and surprise at Lord Vancourt's attempt to hurry you off."

"If not for my own sake, yet for yours, dear William, must I summon then all my courage, as no reflections shall ever be cast on your wife, which I now consider myself to be, in the sight of Heaven, having vowed never to marry another, if it pleases the Almighty to spare our lives until that event takes place."

"My own dearest Blanche, on my account you shall never be subjected to one moment's inquietude, which it may be in my power to prevent. The world is nothing to me. I care neither for its favors nor its frowns; it is for yourself only I am thinking, should any unfortunate circumstance prevent our union; for without Mrs. Harcourt's consent, I cannot claim your hand until two long years have elapsed; and how many things may happen in that time to dash the cup of happiness from my lips!"

"Nothing, William, but the hand of death can ever prevent me fulfilling my engagement, although I fear you will never believe me sincere in this oft-expressed determination. Oh, would that you could read every secret feeling of my heart, which beats for you only! Indeed, indeed, dear William, your doubts and suspicions make me very miserable; for three long weeks, day after day, hour after hour, I sat wondering why you never came, watching and hoping that the sound of every horse I heard approaching might be yours. Oh, had you come as usual, I had been spared that unpleasant scene with Lord Danby, and you the agony of believing for one moment that I could prefer him or any other human being to yourself."

"Dear, dear Blanche, pray spare me those bitter reflections which my past conduct calls up; but, indeed, I could not help thinking, from what occurred at the ball, and afterwards at Barton Court, when you were sitting so long with Lord Danby, and so evidently pleased with his society, that his attentions must be most agreeable to you; and it was on that account solely, and lest my presence might influence you, or deter him from an expression of his sentiments, that I absented myself so long from the Priory."

"Well, dear William, you do not now, I hope, believe that I ever intended anything more than common civility to Lord Danby; but to console you of my unwavering attachment to yourself, here is a little present which I had purchased expressly for your own hand—producing a beautiful diamond ring, with a small lock of her hair inside—and which you must wear as a symbol of my love. Come, give me your hand—I shall place it myself on your finger, and when I cease to be your own dear Blanche, as you so often call me, then return this ring to me

person and being in love with him; and it would be great vanity in a girl to suppose that every man, who tries to make himself agreeable, must necessarily be in love with her."

"Not so very wide a distinction, dear girl, as the one often leads to the other, and men certainly consider these smiling receptions of their attentions as an encouragement to proceed further."

"Then, you gentlemen, William, are very vain, unreasonable animals; for girls, if distant or reserved in their manners, are accused of hauteur, stupidity, or ill temper; and if socially disposed, of flirting, or leading you to imagine they are more seriously affected."

"Well, dear Blanche, it is, I concluded rather a difficult matter for young ladies to draw the line of distinction, but you have seen two instances of men's vanity and unreasonableness in the conduct of Vernon and Lord Danby, who both aspired to your hand without you having given them, as you believe, any just or reasonable grounds for thinking that you accepted their devoirs in any other light than mere politeness; so you must perceive, my dear girl, that my opinion of men's feelings in such cases is tolerably correct; and I would only suggest, to spare yourself the unpleasantness of similar scenes in future, a more guarded and reserved manner towards any man who shows you any unusual attentions, unless you really mean to encourage his addresses."

"Then, Mr. Will, I suppose I must appear as 'deuivre' as a 'Quakeress' in society; neither smile, nor look pleased, scarcely speak, and consent to be set down as a most stupid, dull girl, without two ideas in my head, and treat all men alike, whether agreeable or the reverse, merely to avoid the possibility of their falling in love with me. Really, if men are such foolish, sensitive creatures, they must take care of themselves; but I rather suspect the majority are not very scrupulous in trying to win the affections of unsuspecting girls, without intending anything more."

"It is quite true, dear girl, that men of the world care no more about breaking girls' hearts than they do about breaking their fans, and such deserve no mercy; but I am perfectly satisfied my dear Blanche will never encourage flirtations with men of this description."

"So you really can repose some little confidence in me after all your lecturing, Mr. William?"

"Yes, Blanche, I do, indeed, believe you incapable of wilfully misleading any one; and as you know the happiness or misery of my future life now rests in your keeping, you will not, I am convinced, think lightly of that trust which from this hour is so implicitly confided in you; and if I am a little jealous sometimes, set it down to the right account—my sole, undivided love and anxious solicitude about one who is, and ever must be, far dearer to me than my own life. And now, dear girl, let us return to Aunt Gordon, who, I dare say, begins to think we have been a most unreasonable time love-making this morning."

"Well, children," remarked that lady, "your delightful little topic appears quite inexhaustible."

"My dear aunt," replied Blanche, laughing, "you are greatly deceived in thinking William has been talking love to me all this time, whereas he has been giving me a most severe lecture on flirtation; in fact, dear aunt, his speeches are often the reverse of romantic, pathetic, or even complimentary."

"So much the better, my love; it is the greatest proof that he has formed a high and true estimate of your own good sense. The silly trash talked by most lovers is perfectly sickening, and I never thought William would pour into your ears such fulsome, unmeaning stuff, which even a child of twelve years old might feel ashamed of listening to."

"There is no fear of that, dear aunt; only just give him a hint not to lecture me quite so much for the future."

"Return the compliment, my love, as he requires some sharp admonitions on his weak point—jealousy. And now, I want you both to assist me in the conservatory."

CHAPTER XXV.

could assume, for detaining her from her friends a few minutes longer.

"You were acquainted, I believe, Miss Douglas, with Lord Vancourt some time previously to this unfortunate affair on Marston Common?"

"A very short time only, sir," was the reply.

"You met his lordship, I think, first at Marston Castle, where you were staying on a visit to Lord and Lady Mervyn?"

"Yes," was the faint response.

"You found him, I dare say, as others have, a very agreeable, entertaining companion, extremely courteous and deferential to ladies, and in no wise forward or presuming in their society?"

No answer being returned, Sergeant Wrangler paused a moment, directing a smiling, self-satisfied look at the jury, to attract their attention to this admission in his favor, adjusting, at the same time, his gown with the air of counsel when confident of success.

"Confound that knave!" whispered Malcolm to Mrs. Gordon; "he will lead that timorous, unsuspecting girl into admissions which will play the devil with us, and herself also; but stay here a moment, aunt, whilst I hand a huc or two to Whalley, which he wrote on the crown of his hat, and the next moment a little cramped note was handed up on the point of a stick by Malcolm's attorney to his counsel, which being read, was answered by a nod of the head. Sergeant Wrangler was meanwhile attempting to improve the case by other exertions."

"There's no doubt, Miss Douglas, you felt pleased and gratified, perhaps something more, by the polite attentions of this handsome, highly-gifted young nobleman?"

"My lord," exclaimed Whalley, suddenly rising before his opponent's question could be answered, "I object to that question and the course of cross-examination adopted by my learned friend, who is trying to obtain admissions from Miss Douglas, which, from her youth and inexperience of practice in law courts, will be used to her disadvantage; and I must caution her not to notice these impertinent insinuations."

"The last question," said the judge, "was scarcely fair, Mr. Wrangler; conveying an inference which you had no right to make."

"I bow your decision, my lord," replied Wrangler, no wise disconcerted by this rebuke. "I can easily obtain my point in another way."

This little altercation had opened Blanche's eyes and understanding as to what Mr. Sergeant Wrangler was aiming at; and the spirit of the Douglasses came to her rescue, to retort upon her crafty interrogator.

"You were in the habit, Miss Douglas, I believe, when at Marston Castle, of frequently driving and walking alone with Lord Vancourt?"

"No, I was not," answered Blanche, in a firm voice, which was distinctly audible in the court.

"Bravo! Miss Blanche," shouted a voice from the crowd near the door; "give it the rascally lawyer in turn."

"I beg pardon, Miss Douglas," continued her tormentor; "but we have evidence to prove you were seen several times walking alone with his lordship."

"Twice only—when invited to take a walk by Miss Mervyn, I was left alone, as I believed, purposely, to Lord Vancourt's attentions, which being disagreeable to me, I never again accompanied Miss Mervyn in her walks."

"Still, Miss Douglas, notwithstanding Lord Vancourt's attentions being, as you state, so disagreeable, you accepted him as a partner at the Cherrington Ball, not for one only, but for two quadrilles; and dancing twice the same evening with the same partner is generally considered a very particular favor."

"I accepted Lord Vancourt for the second dance in obedience to my aunt Mrs. Harcourt's commands, and most certainly contrary to my own inclination, being previously engaged to Major Hammond for that set."

"Well, Miss Douglas, we, who cannot enter into the fancies and feelings of young ladies, must judge by their acts; and I should certainly consider it an act of encouragement in any lady accepting me twice for a partner. Mammams and aunts are very convenient personages sometimes to fall back upon."

concocted at Mervyn Castle to impose such a worthless person as Lord Vancourt upon an artless, unsuspecting young lady; into which, I am sorry to add, Miss Douglas's guardian was unwittingly dragged by the false representations made to him there of Lord Vancourt's high character and large fortune; the latter, no doubt, of great weight with guardians generally."

During this short address, Sergeant Wrangler sat down; and Mr. Whalley, politely apologising to Miss Douglas for the annoyance she had experienced from her cross-examination, said she was now at liberty to rejoin her friends. Poor Blanche, as soon as handed down from the witness-box to a seat below, occupied by her aunt and Constance, overcame by the excessive heat of the court, as well as overpowered by her outraged feelings, fell into a swoon, from which Malcolm and Mrs. Gordon were attempting to rouse her, when Beauchamp (followed by Stiles and young Hazel) sprang to her relief.

Without a moment's hesitation, and before Malcolm could guess his intentions, the fainting form of Blanche Douglas was quickly raised in Beauchamp's arms (the two bold yeomen making way for his advance) carried out of court, and placed on a sofa in the magistrates' waiting-room.

"Quick, neighbor Hazel," cried Stiles, "for a jug of cold water, whilst I throw up the windows."

Blanche, unconscious of what had occurred, soon revived by the cold air and still colder water applied to her forehead and face, and Mrs. Gordon's carriage being in waiting, she was driven immediately home to the Priory, accompanied by her aunt and Constance; Malcolm and Beauchamp being obliged to return to the court.

The next witness called by Mr. Whalley was Alice Hayward, Blanche's maid.

"You went with your young mistress, I believe, to Marston Castle, in the month of — last?"

"Yes, sir."

"You saw Lord Vancourt there, I conclude?"

"Yes, sir—several times."

"So that you would be sure to know him again?"

"Oh, yes; he was a very particular-looking gentleman."

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"Not that I know of, sir."

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"You attended, I believe, the ball at Cherrington, and overheard a conversation between Lord Vancourt and Mr. Vernon there, relative to this attempted abduction?"

"Yes, I did."

"Did you notice Miss Douglas's behavior, whilst dancing with Lord Vancourt?"

"Particularly; well knowing her dislike to the man, and the imploring look she cast on me, when he came to claim her hand for the dance, determined me to take my position close to her, whilst dancing with his lordship."

"Thank you, Mr. Conyers," said as Whalley sat down, up rose the Serjeant instantly.

"You say, Mr. Conyers, you warned Miss Douglas of the plot contrived against her, and of Lord Vancourt's character, two days before she went to stay at the castle? I should have thought, sir, the first person you ought to have made acquainted with this pretended plot was Mr. Harcourt, the young lady's guardian?"

"I thought differently, Mr. Serjeant Wrangler; but I directly informed Mrs. Gordon, her other guardian, of all I had heard, to whose discretion I could more safely confide this matter; and from what occurred subsequently, I am quite satisfied that she was the most proper person to be consulted."

"You had good reasons, no doubt, sir, for trying to prevent Miss Douglas marrying Lord Vancourt? you have heard of a friend in need being a friend indeed, and Mr. William Beauchamp is, I am told, a very particular friend of yours?"

"Mr. Beauchamp is, sir, I am proud to say, a very particular friend of mine; a man of high principles, honorable feelings, and sound, good sense—the latter much needed by Mr. Serjeant Wrangler; for how a learned barrister could have labored, as you have done this day, to prove an absurdity, patent to the commonest understanding, I cannot comprehend; you are striving to prove the consent of Miss Douglas to elope with Lord Vancourt. Now, sir, giving you the admission you try in vain to obtain, that she was a silly girl, caught at first sight by the handsome person of this man, and despising all the warnings she had received of his true character, want of fortune, and lastly, of his actually being a married man; why, what on earth should induce her to elope with him—her guardian consenting to his proposal for Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt, blind to the revelations made to them, persisted to the last in taking his lordship's part, and the lady almost insisted on her niece marrying him. With these facts clear before you, how can you hope to persuade a child of ten years old, much less twelve men of common sense, that there existed any pretence whatever for Miss Douglas consenting to run away with Lord Vancourt, nearly four hundred miles, to be married, when she could have been married at the parish church with her guardian's approval? This is all nonsense, Mr. Serjeant Wrangler, perfectly absurd; and you are wasting the time of the court to no purpose."

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"Yes, sir, I did—every word of it."

"Then you were in the habit, I conclude,

for without Mrs. Harcourt's consent, I cannot claim your hand until two long years have elapsed, and how many things may happen in that time to dash the cup of happiness from my lips."

"Nah, William, but the hand of death can ever prevent me fulfilling my engagement, although I fear you will never believe me sincere in this oft expressed determination. Oh, would that you could read every secret feeling of my heart, which beats for you only! Indeed, indeed, dear William, your doubts and suspicions make me very miserable, for three long weeks, day after day, hour after hour, I sat wondering why you never came, watching and hoping that the sound of every horse I heard approaching might be yours. Oh, had you come as usual, I had been spared that unpleasant scene with Lord Danby, and you the agony of believing for one moment that I could prefer him or any other human being to yourself."

"Dear dear Blanche, pray spare me those bitter recollections which my past conduct calls up; but, indeed, I could not help thinking, from what occurred at the ball, and afterwards at Barton Court, when you were sitting so long with Lord Danby, and so evidently pleased with his society, that his attentions must be most agreeable to you; and it was on that account solely, and least my presence might influence you, or deter him from an expression of his sentiments, that I absented myself so long from the Priory."

"Well, dear William, you do not now, I hope, believe that I ever intended anything more than common civility to Lord Danby; but to convince you of my unswerving attachment to yourself, here is a little present which I had purchased expressly for your own hand"—producing a beautiful diamond ring, with a small lock of her hair inside—"and which you must wear as a symbol of my love. Come, give me your hand—I shall place it myself on your finger, and when I cease to be your own dear Blanche, as you so often call me, then return this ring to me again."

"That you will never cease to be to me, my own sweet girl," pressing her to his heart; "and now, dear Blanche, see that I also had prepared a similar present for yourself, which I had intended giving you after the hunt ball; and now I must examine which finger it will fit best."

"Place it where you would my wedding-ring, dear William; and now, with my hand in yours, by that token I pledge my faith to you. Dear William, will that pledged promise satisfy your jealous, unjust suspicions? and will you from this hour promise never to doubt more your own dear Blanche?"

"Yes, dear girl, that promise I give most cheerfully, and trust to observe most faithfully; but, believe me, without any desire to extenuate my own conduct, true, devoted affection cannot exist without some jealousy; and now tell me, were I to pay great attention to any pretty girl by dancing with her two or three times on the same night, and sitting with her apart from the other company, when meeting at dinner or other parties—were I also, in addition to these little acts of attention, to be frequently calling at her father's house, and monopolising her society as much as I conveniently could—would you not, dear girl, experience some little uneasy sensations at my conduct, and begin with good cause to doubt the sincerity of my professed undivided regard for yourself?"

"Unquestionably I should, William; but with a full knowledge of your meaning, and seeing how you intend to apply it, the case between us is not exactly parallel. Gentlemen have the option of paying any such attentions, which ladies have not the option of declining sometimes, without apparent rudeness, and where no necessity exists for showing it, particularly to those whose behavior is courteous and their society agreeable; but surely, my dear William, there is a wide distinction between being pleased with a

never encouraging flirtations with men of this description."

"So you really can repose some little confidence in me after all your lecturing, Mr. William?"

"Yes, Blanche, I do, indeed, believe you incapable of wilfully misleading any one; and as you know the happiness or misery of my future life now rests in your keeping, you will not, I am convinced, think lightly of that trust which from this hour is so implicitly confided in you; and if I am a little jealous sometimes, set it down to the right account—my sole, undivided love and anxious solicitude about one who is, and ever must be, far dearer to me than my own life. And now, dear girl, let us return to Aunt Gordon, who, I dare say, begins to think we have been a most unreasonable time love-making this morning."

"Well, children," remarked that lady, "your delightful little topic appears quite inexhaustible."

"My dear aunt," replied Blanche, laughing, "you are greatly deceived in thinking William has been talking love to me all this time, whereas he has been giving me a most severe lecture on flirtation; in fact, dear aunt, his speeches are often the reverse of romantic, pathetic, or even complimentary."

"So much the better, my love; it is the greatest proof that he has formed a high and true estimate of your own good sense. The silly trash talked by most lovers is perfectly sickening, and I never thought William would pour into your ears such fulsome, unmeaning stuff, which even a child of twelve years old might feel ashamed of listening to."

"There is no fear of that, dear aunt; only just give him a hint not to lecture me quite so much for the future."

"Return the compliment, my love, as he requires some sharp admonitions on his weak point—jealousy. And now, I want you both to assist me in the conservatory."

## CHAPTER XXV.

On the morning of the trial, the court was crowded to excess by well-dressed persons of both sexes, attracted by the novelty of the case and the strong feeling excited in the neighborhood against the perpetrators of this daring outrage. Lord Vancourt did not, of course, appear, being still on his travels, nobody knew where, not even Lord Mervyn; but one of the leading counsel was employed (everybody said by his lordship, *sub rosa*) to defend his two underkeepers or night watchers, who had remained prisoners ever since the commission of the offence; the wounded man, now in a fair way of recovery, having turned king's evidence. One of the most talented as well as gentlemanly men at the bar, named Whalley, had been retained by Malcolm to conduct the prosecution; the sharp-witted, brow-beating Sergeant Wrangler appeared for the defence.

Mr. Whalley, in his opening address to the jury commented in severe terms upon the monstrous nature of the offence, by which the lives of two persons had been nearly sacrificed, characterizing it also as one of the most violent, wanton, and disgraceful outrages attempted by any man professing to be a gentleman.

The first person called to prove the assault and attempted abduction was Blanche Douglas, who entered the court attended by her aunt Gordon and Lord Malcolm; and her counsel, pitying her extreme agitation on entering the witness-box, merely asked a few questions as to Lord Vancourt's attempts to drag her from the carriage, and her previous rejection of his addresses. Having thanked her for her replies, Mr. Whalley said it was unnecessary for him to trouble her further, and was resuming his seat, when Sergeant Wrangler immediately rose, and addressing poor Blanche, who was turning to leave her unpleasant position, apologised in the blandest manner, and in the softest tones he

Wrangler, no wise disconcerted by this rebuke. "I can easily obtain my point in another way."

This little altercation had opened Blanche's eyes and understanding as to what Mr. Sergeant Wrangler was aiming at; and the spirit of the Douglases came to her rescue, to retort upon her crafty interrogator.

"You were in the habit, Miss Douglas, I believe, when at Marston Castle, of frequently driving and walking alone with Lord Vancourt?"

"No, I was not," answered Blanche, in a firm voice, which was distinctly audible in the court.

"Bravo! Miss Blanche," shouted a voice from the crowd near the door; "give it the rascally lawyer in turn."

"I beg pardon, Miss Douglas," continued her tormentor; "but we have evidence to prove you were seen several times walking alone with his lordship."

"Twice only—when invited to take a walk by Miss Mervyn, I was left alone, as I believed, purposely, to Lord Vancourt's attentions, which being disagreeable to me, I never again accompanied Miss Mervyn in her walks."

"Still, Miss Douglas, notwithstanding Lord Vancourt's attentions being, as you state, so disagreeable, you accepted him as a partner at the Cherrington Ball, not for one only, but for two quadrilles; and dancing twice the same evening with the same partner is generally considered a very particular favor."

"I accepted Lord Vancourt for the second dance in obedience to my aunt Mrs. Harcourt's commands, and most certainly contrary to my own inclination, being previously engaged to Major Hammond for that set."

"Well, Miss Douglas, we, who cannot enter into the fancies and feelings of young ladies, must judge by their acts; and I should certainly consider it an act of encouragement in any lady accepting me twice for a partner. Mamas and aunts are very convenient personages sometimes to fall back upon."

Blanche feeling too indignant to make any reply to this impertinent insinuation, Sergeant Wrangler, with another significant look at the jury, proceeded—

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"I never gave Lord Vancourt," replied Blanche, indignantly, "the slightest encouragement in any way, having taken a dislike to him from the first; but, as an acquaintance of my Aunt Harcourt, I could not behave rudely to him whilst I was living under her protection at Throesby."

"Oh! of course not, Miss Douglas!" added Wrangler, with a sneer. "The letter addressed to your guardian, Mr. Harcourt, by Lord Vancourt, containing the proposal, was, I presume, submitted to your perusal, and the answer which was returned?"

"No, sir. I neither saw nor knew the contents of the letter written by my guardian in reply; but, when asked by my aunt what answer should be returned, I told her most distinctly that nothing should ever induce me to accept the addresses of Lord Vancourt."

"Very strange, Miss Douglas, when Mr. Harcourt's letter appears to me to warrant our arriving at a very opposite conclusion."

"I shall prove, sir," exclaimed Mr. Whalley, suddenly starting up, "by another witness, that Miss Douglas did, positively and unconditionally, refuse Lord Vancourt's proposals; and also the base, malicious plot

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"Well, Alice," interposed Mr. Whalley, "that will do; now tell me what happened on the night you left the Priory to return to Throesby?"

Alice having related all the adventures on that occasion, with some comments of her own, was then asked if she could positively swear to Lord Vancourt being the man who attempted to drag her mistress from the carriage; and on this point being most positive, Mr. Whalley said he need not detain her any longer, and Sergeant Wrangler prudently declined preventing her standing down from the witness-box.

Robert Conyers, examined by Mr. Whalley:—

"How long have you known Miss Douglas?"

"Since childhood."

"Have you had any opportunities of knowing her true character and disposition?"

"Very many—having narrowly observed her, from being on very intimate terms with her relatives; and for the last two years she has been more immediately under my own eye, from my instructing her in riding."

"What has been your opinion of her, Mr. Conyers?"

"She has ever been a timid, gentle girl, of a very affectionate but retiring disposition, with strong religious principles."

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"Then you were in the habit, I conclude, of always listening at doors, to take some news into the servants' hall?"

"No, sir, I never did it before or since; but hearing the young squire's name mentioned in a loud, angry tone by Mr. Vernon, I thought some mischief was brewing against him, and so stopped to hear what it was."

"And now you are in Lord Malcolm's service, you have determined to make out this cock-and-bull story, which you think sensible men, like the gentlemen of the jury, will believe from a discharged, worthless servant like yourself, who couldn't get a character from your last place."

"I was not discharged, sir, from Lord Mervyn's service, but gave warning to leave, and never asked his lordship for a character."

"No, I should think not, Thomas Carter, as you know well enough you had not the remotest chance of getting one."

"My character is as good as yours, retorted Carter, 'any day in the week.'"

"Get down out of the box, you impudent liar," almost screamed Wrangler; "I won't condescend to ask you another question." William Beauchamp was then called, who related in a clear, straightforward manner all that passed under his observation on the night of the attempted abduction, for which, having been thanked by Mr. Whalley, he was then addressed by the Sergeant.

"Pray, Mr. Beauchamp, will you oblige me by stating from whom you obtained the information which directed you to Marston Common on that night?"

"That question, sir," replied Beauchamp, "I believe you cannot legally insist on my answering, although I should not hesitate giving a reply to any other counsel except Sergeant Wrangler."

"And why not to me Mr. Beauchamp?"

To be Continued.



**Pedestrianism.**

**GREAT COMPETITION IN ENGLAND.**

On Friday evening, February 22, one of the greatest pedestrian competitions on record was commenced at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. The affair was a twenty-six hours walk for a silver belt, value £30, and a hundred pound Bank of England note for the first, £20 for the second, £10 for the third, and £5 for the fourth. The entries were restricted to twenty. Mr. Richard Lewis, the donor of the prizes, reserving himself the right of rejecting those of the extreme 'outside' division who could have no possible chance and might seriously interfere with the prospects of really good men. The judges were members of the London Sporting Press, and at half-past eight, p.m. the following pedestrians were started:—Hartley, of Sheffield; Gregory, of Hoxton, Parry, of Manchester; G Ide, of Woolwich; Lewis, of Islington; Vaughan, of Chester; C Hancock, of Shadwell; W Perkins, Courtney, of Barnet; P Crossland, of Sheffield; A Hancock, of Hackney; Mr J Parnum, of London (amateur); W Howes, of London; W Ide, W Taylor, of New Bromley, Dent; Elliott, of Derby, Pellett, of Sittingbourne; W Chillman, of Embleigh; W Keoble, of Walworth; J Harrison, of Finchley. Perkins went off when he had traversed twenty-eight and a quarter miles—in fact resigned the contest—and Elliott followed suit. We abridge the following account of the contest from Bell's Life:—Hancock was deprived of 'pride of place' ere four o'clock. Howes, G Ide, and A Hancock having severally passed him, the latter (Howes) then having forty-one miles under his name on the marking board. There was no noteworthy alteration at five o'clock, the competitors then numbering sixteen, Perkins, Elliott, Harrison, and Parry comprising the knocked out division. At 5:39m Howes completed the fiftieth mile (time 9h 2m 10s), Vaughan 9h 8m 15s, B Hancock 9h 8m 30s, G Ide 9h 19m 10s, Lewis 9h 21m 56s, Courtney 9h 47m 9s, Crossland 9h 49m 59s. But few anticipated the 'open sesame' at six o'clock, and those visitors who passed the turn-stile found Howes at the head of affairs, and Vaughan, G Ide, and A Hancock in close companionship; in fact, this trio had mile after mile lapped on another, and it was not until the fifth lap in the fifty-first mile that the partnership was dissolved, when Ide went to the front, but soon, however, compounded, and the fifty-fourth mile they were close together again. Before seven o'clock Pellett had joined the returned list, leaving fifteen on the track. At 7h 55s Chillman, who had walked fifty miles, retired from the competition, and W Ide's name was also ruled out. Howes covered sixty miles at 7h 28m 6s (time 10h 51m 6s), G Ide being then second man, A Hancock third, Vaughan fourth, O Hancock fifth, Lewis sixth; then came Crossland, Hartley, Courtney, Gregory, Taylor, Parnum, and Keoble. Howes completed the 100th mile at 2h 45m 57s, having thus scored far away the best time on record—viz, 18h 8m 57s for that distance, Lewis' time of 18h 42m 35s also eclipsing the hitherto best, that of Vaughan at the Agricultural Hall on May 8th and 9th, 1876. The 110th mile was completed in 20h 9m 15s by Howes, Lewis being then about one mile and three quarters behind. In order to reduce Howes' lead, Lewis, contrary to the advice of his coach, injudiciously spurred away and soon afterward, for the first time during the walk, showed evident signs of distress. Walking to the possible top of their speed, both men plodded away until the 120th mile had been done in 22h 6m 25s. Lewis then being one mile and two laps to the lead. Lewis' exertions soon after this had the effect of causing him to ease, and Howes, holding the winning card, accommodated his speed accordingly. The Islington man soon afterward left the track, but Howes continued to stroll round, on reappearing Lewis seemed very labored in his stride, but continued on Howes' trail. Owen Hancock and Crossland, refreshed by frequent rests, walking out for third and fourth places. Very shortly after this Lewis collapsed, and was led away to his tent, having completed 126 miles. Howes then being left undisputed possession of the track, and it being purposeless to prolong what had now become an uninteresting contest, pulled up

latter half of the heats being witnessed by from 1,800 to 1,400. When the bell rang for the first heats the betting ruled as follows.—5 to 2 agst Gee, 5 to 1 agst Bowler, 6 to 1 agst Key, and 8 to 1 agst any other. The following is a return:—Heat 1: A. Spalding, London, 81½ yards start, first; H Barber, Brighton, 84, second. Won easily. Heat 2: G Burton, Nottingham, 81, walked over. Heat 3: R Geo. Stockport, 82, first; R Stewart, London, 83, second; W Cassey, Barnsley, 87½, third. Won by a yard and a half. Heat 4: J Wenney, Grimsby, 82, walked over. Heat 5: I Firth, Leeds, 85½, first; F Bonas, Scarborough, 82, second. Won by six yards. Heat 6: J Mack, Barnsley, 89½, first; E Farrell, Sheffield, 86, second; J Neary, Leeds, 85, third. Won by a yard. Heat 7: W H Walmsley, Bury, 83½, first; T Winter, Skelton, 88, second; F Pagden, Pontefract, 81½, third. After a dead heat. Walmsley won by a few inches. Heat 8: A Pitt, Barnsley, 87½, first; G Powell, Sheffield, 86, second; H Edmondson, Normanston, 87, third. After a dead heat, Pitt won on the post. Heat 9: J Ford, Leeds, 85, first; T Angus, Darlington, 82, second. Won on the post. Heat 10: E Hartley, Leeds, 86½, first; W Whitfield, Anston, 85½, second; A Mitchell, Hauley, 83, third. Whitfield was penalised a yard, and Hartley won by a foot. Heat 11: R Bostock, Audley, 85½, first; J Almond, Leeds, 84½, second; H Bates, Barnsley, 90, third. Bostock was put back a yard, but won on the post. Heat 12: W Bowler, Barnsley, 86½, first; C C M'Fiver, Montreal, 79½, second. Won by two yards. Heat 13: R Ford, Halifax, 79½, first; J Stockhill, Leeds, 84½, second; J Robinson, Shafon, 93, third. Robinson was put back a yard, and won by a foot. Heat 14: R Key, Bingley, 89, first; F Hancock, Brightside, 87½, second; G Wood, Barnsley, 90, third; R Stephenson, Ryton, 82, fourth. Won by three-quarters of a yard. Heat 15: H Hold, Cawthorne, 89, first; F Craven, Bingley, 84, second; C Hall, Brighouse, 82½, third. Won by two yards. Heat 16: F Gill, Sheffield, 87½, first; H Limb, Tinselt, 81½, second. Won by a yard.

Monday.—The weather being again fine, there was another fair attendance to witness the concluding heats of the handicap. The winners of the first day were placed in four lots, and so warmly was Gee supported that before arriving at the grounds odds were laid on him. There was a good muster at the enclosure early, and before the first heat was run from 700 to 800 persons were present. The betting was curtailed by 3 to 1 being offered on Gee. 6 to 1 was, however, laid against Spalding, whilst 12 to 1 was freely offered with respect to the others. The running, so far as the heats were concerned, was scarcely so good as on the first day. Gill, of Sheffield, however, won the first heat on the post; Gee, the favorite, had the second all his own way, and ultimately 'walked' in, Spalding was indulged with a walk-over, whilst Mack, a local ped, secured the fourth heat. The following is the return.—Heat 1: F Gill, Sheffield, 87½ yards start, first; W H Walmsley, Bury, 83½, second; R Ford, Halifax, 79½, third. I Firth, Leeds, 82½, fourth. After a false start the lot got well away. The Sheffield man forced the running, and though towards the close severely pressed by Walmsley, managed to win on the post; a foot separated second and third, and the same distance third and fourth. Heat 2: R Geo. Stockport, 82, first; R Key, Bingley, 89, second. Bostock and Wenney were absentees. The runners got well away, Key was caught before half the distance had been covered, and seeing his chance gone, gave up twenty yards from home. Heat 3: A Spalding, London, 81½, walked over. Heat 4: J Mack, Barnsley, 89½, first; H Hold, Cawthorne, 89, second; E Hartley, Leeds, 86½, third. A good deal of betting took place on this heat. On the pistol being fired, the Leeds man got the worst of the start, and Mack, never headed, won by three-quarters of a yard; a yard and a half divided second and third. Billy Bowler, the Barnsley veteran, failed to show up. It was nearly a quarter past five when the four put in an appearance for the final. During the interval betting had only been moderate, owing to Gee being such a hot favorite. The quotations ruled as under:—3 to 1 on Gee, 5 to 1 agst Spalding, 8 to 1 agst Gill, and 25 to 1 agst Mack. On getting to their marks they were well despatched by Mr. Nixon. Mack, who had two yards start of Gill, led for a short distance, but when half the distance had been covered the men were in a bunch, and amidst great excitement Gee and Spalding seemed to take the tape together, but Gee won on the post, Mack being third, and Gill fourth; not more than six inches dividing second and third, and a foot third and

**A STORY OF VICTOR EMMANUEL.**

Some time ago Victor Emmanuel and a citizen of Rome happened, outside the gates of the Eternal City, to simultaneously shoot at and kill a hare. Naturally, each sportsman claimed possession of the corpse, and, losing their tempers over the question, resorted, manlike, to fistuffs. The Fates—being evidently of an aristocratic turn of mind—with a truly feminine weakness for that cherished volume called the Almanac de Gotha, decided the combat in favor of royalty, and the plebeian adversary, suddenly remembering that discretion is the better part of valor, retreated hastily from the field. The King secretly went to ascertain the beaten man's address, when it was discovered that he was a cabinet maker, who lived near the Porta del Popolo. One day, soon after the fight over the hare, a royal carriage drew up at the worthy citizen's door, and he was informed that his attendance at the Quirinal was desired. He went, wondering what on earth he could be wanted for, and upon being ushered into the royal presence recognized in the King the rival with whom he had had the unpleasant encounter. Thereupon the poor cabinet-maker felt highly uncomfortable, but the bluff soldier King, by his cordial manner, immediately put the other at his ease, and further said that, as he found in the hare's body some strange shot, he had in consequence arrived at the conclusion that the only fair thing to be done was to send for his brother sportsman in order that they might eat the animal between them. Cabinet-maker and King accordingly dined together quite jolly.

**HORSE-BREAKING IN BUE NOS AYRES**

The horses having been brought together into the corral, were driven round the enclosure at full gallop. Six gauchos, armed with the lasso then entered the ring, and singling out a mare or a foal, throw their lassoes at the animal in such a manner as to catch both the front legs. The horse, being caught by the fore legs, falls on the shoulder with a heavy thud, and must often receive a serious if not a permanent injury. The gaucho, holding the legs firmly, proceeds to make a circle round the fallen animal. He gradually succeeds in catching one of the hind legs, draws it close to the fore legs, and so binds the three together. After this the horse is powerless. After witnessing for some time the dexterity with which the lasso can be used, the stallion which had been leaded with the troop of mares was singled out and captured. He had never been ridden before, and we are now to see an exhibition of the rare skill and courage in the saddle for which the gaucho horsemen are famous. The horse having been thrown by means of the lasso, as it has already been explained, the process of saddling and bridling shall be described in the graphic and accurate language of Mr. Darwin. "The gaucho, sitting on the horse's neck, fixes a strong bridle without a bit to the lower jaw, this he does by passing a narrow thong through the eye holes at the end of the reins, and several times round both jaw and tongue. The two front legs are now tied closely together with a strong leather thong fastened by a ship-knot. The lasso which bound the three together being thus loosened, the horse rises with difficulty. The gaucho, now holding fast the bridle fixed to the lower jaw, leads the horse outside the corral. If a second man is present (otherwise the trouble is much greater), he holds the animal's head while the first puts on the horse-cloths. When the saddling is finished the animal is, from fear and previous exertion, white with foam and sweat." The process as described by Mr. Darwin, was closely followed in the present instance. A sheep-skin, however, was substituted for a saddle, and the domador, or horse-breaker, only used the stirrup to mount his horse. Before he was saddled the horse made tremendous struggles to get free, but a powerful and active gaucho, arrayed in a red shirt, black riding-boots, his long black hair streaming in the wind altogether a most striking and picturesque personage—held him firmly by the halter, and, by the exertion of great muscular strength, was enabled to resist the struggle. At length the domador mounted his hitherto unridden charger. The lasso was cast loose from the fore legs, and the animal, pursued by a gaucho on horseback, who plied him sharply with the whip, and harassed by a troop of dogs barking at his heels, was free to do his utmost to throw the rider. The great object was to keep the horse in constant and rapid movement. While at a hard gallop, the horse could neither kick nor plunge in such a manner as to disturb the equilibrium of an accomplished horseman, but when, as it happened from time to time, the horse stopped abruptly, arched his back, throw his head down, and then made a great back jump, executing in a strange way a figure of 8 in mid-air, alighting on his fore legs, and with his hind legs kicking desperately, it required horse-ownership and muscular power of

**THE STORY OF A BIRD-CATCHING TROUT.**

Some years ago, some small boys were fishing in a burn that runs through the village of Montebello, Ferrara, and caught three trout, the largest not more than four inches long. They were induced to give up their spoil to a neighbor who followed the occupation of salmon-fisher, and who possessed an open well of fine clear water, some two or three feet in depth, and about four feet square. Into this well the three trout were put, but only one of the three survived. The survivor continued to grow and flourish till he became from three to four pounds in weight. He had many visitors, both old and young, and those who went daily to the well for water looked upon him with kindly interest and took care to disturb him as little as possible. But the trout was not easily disturbed, he surveyed all comers with perfect calmness and indifference, unless they had something for him to eat, when he proved himself very wide-awake, and showed how taking he could be. In time he became not only an old resident and a feature in the neighborhood, but developed formidable powers. His voracity and boldness were so remarkable that those who attempted to feed him had to look out for their fingers, for the trout rose as if he wanted more than the food offered him, and frequently left his mark behind. The trout, however, could cater for himself. In the well was a large flat stone, which was a favorite retreat, but it served other purposes than concealment; one corner projected a little way above the water, and on this corner small birds often alighted to drink. It began to be rumored on the authority of some boys that the trout caught and devoured small birds, but the report was dismissed as incredible by the potent, grave and reverend seignors of the village. One day, however, the trout was caught in the very act of bird-catching. A sparrow had alighted on the stone to sip the clear water, little thinking of the water kelpie, the guardian of the well, that lurked below. The trout rose at the sparrow, and swallowed him all but the large wing feathers, which seemed difficult to bolt. The owner of the well was passing at the time with some friends witnessed the strange contest. Afraid that the trout, which was still struggling to swallow down the wing feathers, would be choked, one of the witnesses took up his sleeve, and dipping into the well, caught the wing feathers in his hand. The trout, unwilling to part with any of his prize, held on, and made a great splutter, at last the feathers came away, and the trout retired behind the stone to enjoy his sparrow, minus the feathers, of which he had been deprived by an act of mistaken friendship. When next seen, he was more lively than ever, sparrows agreed with him, and he was evidently on the lookout for more. After this the respect and admiration for the trout greatly increased. Hundreds of visitors came to have a peep at this strange bird-catcher, the village was proud of him, he became a sort of sacred fish, whom it was thought not even the most evil disposed person would harm. Last week, however, to the mingled surprise and indignation of all the old inhabitants of the place, the trout had disappeared—the famous tenant of the well was missing. Some shake their heads and say that the trout was 'no canny,' and that he has vanished like other great characters. There can be little doubt, however, that he has fallen a victim to one of the most malicious and contemptible of thiefs. The rural policeman, when informed of what had happened, with the usual intemperate use of his class, inquired what might be the value of the trout. He looked at the case with the eye of a fishmonger—trout, so much per pound. Take him for all in all, We shall not look upon his like again.—Ez.

**GOOD NATURED HORSES.**

It is the chief glory in the American horse that bears the most enduring and most amiable of his kind on the face of the earth,—the Orient excepted. Next to the Arabian, in docility and intelligence, in love for man, and general hardihood, stands the American. The English thoroughbred is an equine devil, the Spanish and Italian horses are brutes; the French racer is to be admired at a distance; but the American horse is kind and gentle; and in gloss and bloom of grooming and virility, the American stallion can be petted by women and fondled by children. We confess that we are very proud of this. It argues intelligence and humanity among the people, and noble qualities on the part of our horse. It should be the great ambition of the breeder and grower to keep this just as it is. And therefore the temper of the dam should be closely understood, for the dam has vastly more to do with the temper of the foal than the sire. In all our observation we have invariably been led to this conclusion. The young colt, like a boy, is powerfully affected by example. He is the embodiment of imitation. If the mare shows ugliness, the little colt will

mission was accorded them to accept the proposition. Each tribe furnished its quota of the hundred athletes. These were placed under the command of an experienced chief, and, in the presence of the assembled tribes, the young men were charged, in the most impressive manner, to observe a pacific course of conduct toward the Eries, and to allow no act of aggression on their part, however great, to draw them into an expression of resentment, but to bear them selves as the representatives of a great and powerful nation anxious to cultivate peace and friendship with their neighbors. An old orator for says:—Under these solemn injunctions the party took up its line of march for Tusashaw (the town of the Eries—now replaced by the town of Buffalo), and when the band arrived in the vicinity of their destination a messenger was sent forward to inform the Eries of their arrival. The elegant and athletic forms, the dignified, noble bearing of their chief, and, more than all, the modest demeanor of the young warriors of the Iroquois party (the French termed the Five Nations Iroquois), won the admiration of all beholders. They brought arms. Each one bore a bat, used to throw and strike a ball, tastefully ornamented, being a hickory stick about five feet long, bent over at the end and with a thong noosing were into the bow. After a day of refreshment and repose all things were arranged for the contest. The chief of the Iroquois brought forward and deposited upon the ground a large pile of elegantly wrought belts of wampum, costly jewels, silver bands, beautifully ornamented mocassins and other articles of great value in the eyes of the sons of the forest, as the stake or wager on the part of his people. These were carefully matched by the Eries with articles of equal value. article by article tied together and again deposited on the pile. The game began, and, though contested with desperation and great skill by the Eries, was won by the Iroquois, who bore off the prize in triumph. The contest of the first day. The Iroquois, who were accomplished the object of their visit proposed to take their leave, but the chief of the Eries addressing himself to the Iroquois leader, said that his young braves, though fairly beaten in the game of the day, would not be satisfied unless they could have a foot race, and he proposed therefore to make ten Eries against ten Iroquois. The Iroquois consented and were again victorious. The Kaokwas, who were present as friends and allies of the Eries, went to the Iroquois party to visit them (their village being on Eighteen Mile Creek), before they returned home, and thence the whole party proceeded.

The chief of the Eries, as a last trial of the courage and prowess of his guests, proposed a subject too mean, to be matched by the same number of Iroquois, for a foot race, and he proposed with the condition that the victor on each side should dispatch his adversary in the spot by branding him with a hot mahawk, bearing the scalp as a trophy. The sanguinary proposition was not at all pleasing to the Iroquois. They, however, concluded to accept the challenge with the determination, should they be victorious, not to execute the bloody part of the proposition. The champions were accordingly chosen. A Seneca was first to step into the ring to throw his antagonist, amid the cheers of the multitude. Then he stepped into the ring to slay his victim, who had passed on his feet as quick as thought into the arms of the Eries, and the tomehawk and a single blow severed the brains of his vanquished rival. His body was dragged out of the way and another champion of the Eries presented himself. He was as quickly thrown by his more powerful antagonist of the Iroquois party and as quickly dispatched by the infuriated chief. A third of the game fate. Two chief of the Iroquois, seeing the terrible excitement that agitated the multitude, gave the signal for retreat. Every man obeyed, and in an instant they were out of sight. In two hours they arrived in Tusashaw, eighteen miles distant, gathered up their trophies and went on their way home. The Eries determined to fall suddenly upon the separate tribes of the Five Nations and destroy them in detail. For that purpose a powerful war party was selected to attack the Senecas, who lived the shores of the Seneca Lake and the banks of the Seneca River. Among the Eries were a Seneca woman who had been captured when a child and afterward married to an Erie brave. The latter had died before the party was planned, and the widow, forsaking the expedition against her people, escaped unnoticed and warned them of the coming danger. An immediate rally of the Five Nations was the result. Five thousand veteran warriors supported by a reserve of one thousand young braves. The war parties met about half way between Seneca Lake and the Coniassee (Genesee) River, the outlet of Huron Lake. The reserve of the Iroquois was kept back out of sight. The Eries charged across the stream and gained a foothold, then were driven back, only to retreat and again effect a lodgment. Several times they forced the passage, but when that was contested, the wary Iroquois, who had been







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Lyons, N. Y.....	July 3 to 5

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During the past month or two we have sent out the great bulk of our subscription accounts for collection. A large proportion of them have been handled by the different express companies, and from this section we have returns either in money or unaccepted drafts. We regret to state that the result of these collections has not been up to what we had a right to anticipate. While thankful to those who were kind enough to respond to our appeal, we think we have just right to complain of the manner in which many of our drafts were returned. The most frivolous excuses in many cases were used, while of the whole lot in which there was default not a single one had a reasonable endorsement why it was not paid. The expense to us of the return of these unpaid calls by the Express Co.'s has been great, and we certainly have no disposition to take these negative replies as final answers. Therefore we request all who are indebted to us for subscriptions to remit us the amount due at once. In many cases this default extends over two or three years, and the want of this money hampers us in our business. It is our intention at no distant day to enlarge the SPORTING TIMES to sixteen pages, but if our friends who are so behind hand in their obligations to us do not promptly meet their indebtedness, there is very little inducement to go on with an improvement which will cost such a large sum of money. Thousands of dollars are standing out, in small sums from \$3 to \$12, all over the country, and we have a right to expect that when our subscribers know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

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

THE STALLION RACE.

The prospects for a Stallion Race for 1878 look more flattering. Our request for the ideas and opinions of owners on this matter has been the means of bringing forth replies which must at this early stage be considered favorable. It would be a matter of extreme regret to the owners and breeders of fine trotting stock if from any cause this race should be discontinued. It undoubtedly has been the most prominent turf event in the Dominion for the past two years, and the reputation it has given the nominations in the race has done much to advance the breeding of the trotting horse in this country. As we have before stated, we do not feel prepared to go on with the race under the conditions of the past two years. These races have been the means of pecuniary loss to us, notwithstanding what we considered very economical arrangements. The same principle as Mr. Wiser suggests, with conditions same as formerly, with one objection. That is, that the race shall take place in October, as a horse making a big year as my horse has done and will do this season has not an equal show with horses that are in condition all summer, and don't have a book of a dozen."

FROM MESSRS. E. BARDEAU & CO, LAFFRAIRIE, P. Q.  
"Thinking that an entry from the Province of Quebec would be beneficial to the success of the Stallion Race, we will be disposed to enter our brown stallion 'Ben Morrill,' on the conditions proposed by Mr. Wiser, provided the restriction as to date of ownership is changed from Jan. 1 to March 1, as the horse has been acquired by us only in Feb. last. If the above restriction as to the date is changed, it will make the contest an Inter-Provincial one, and there is no doubt that the race would prove a grand success. We hope that our views will be taken into consideration by the owners of stallions in Ontario."

CRAZY JANE.

Mr. L. Fancher, of Baldwinsville, N.Y., in the last issue of the Spirit of the Times, gives the following history of the Canadian trotting mare Crazy Jane, otherwise called Clara:—"She was brought from Belleville, Canada, about the year 1858 or 1859. She was sired by the Sager horse (instead of Sage horse), he by Tippec. She was brought from Canada by a Mr. Lake, who sold her to Nime Taggart, who owned and trained her here about three years, and sold her to G. W. Pulver, of Syracuse, who sold her to Alex. Lewis and L. Richardson, who hipodromed her South and West. She was afterwards sold on a mortgage, Mr. Pulver being the buyer, and owned her at the time of her death. She died the spring after the epizootic, the property of G. W. Pulver, three miles from this place. It is reported that Lewis and Richardson entered and ran her in running races as well as trotting races. Her best record is 2:28½, made at Syracuse, on half-mile track, which was at that time considered fast time. No trotter on the American turf trotted as fast, considering the abuse and lack of care she received. I think I have given you Crazy Jane's full history."

THE TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT.

The following is the amendment to the New York Pool Bill proposed by Senator Wagstaff, and reported favorably to the Senate by the committee to which it was referred:—"Section first of chapter 178 of the laws of 1877 is amended by added thereto at the end thereof the following: Provided, however, that racing clubs or associations duly organized under the laws of this State, upon the grounds of such club or association and during racing meetings only, may establish such premiums and chances depending upon trials of speed of horses and dispose of the same on such grounds in such manner as in the opinion of the officers of such club or association will be more likely to develop the speed and improve the breed of horses, and as are prescribed and allowed by the National Trotting Association." The sole object of this amendment, it is hardly necessary to say, is to improve the breed of that noble animal, the horse.

THE DOMINION SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.

Teams likely to be represented in the Grand Pigeon Shooting Tournament will bear in mind that the entries close on Tuesday next, 26th inst. It is absolutely necessary that the entries and forfeit moneys should be in the hands of Mr. Collins on

proportion of the stock is the get of Rysdyk, the son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian and the thoroughbred mare Lady Duke, by the great Lexington. Quite a number of them are by the noted Phil Sheridan, with a record of 2:26½ for himself, and the sire of such good ones as Adelaide, 2:21½; Commonwealth, 2:22; Hiram Woodruff, 2:25, his first year on the turf. The dams have been specially selected by Mr. Wiser for their fitness for the duties for which he designed them, and are representatives of the leading trotting families of America, comprising Hambletonians, Patchens, Mambrinos, Gray Eagles, &c. There is no reason why there should not be as speedy colts in the lot as Hiram Woodruff, Orient, Rocket, Chestnut Hill, or Barbara Patchen. The same strains that produced them are to be found in the catalogue, and if the breeder's axiom that "like produces like" is of any value, there should be some very valuable ones in the lot. We will take occasion to refer more fully again to this prominent sale. Catalogues will be ready next week, and can be had on application to Mr. Wiser or at this office. Our special correspondent, "A. C., Jr.," has promised us an interesting description of the stock for the SPORTING TIMES of the 29th inst.

WHEN DOCTORS DIFFER, &c.

Where there is no established rules for the decision of wagers, and the subject of disputes is submitted to some authority for arbitrament, the parties primarily interested consider themselves morally bound by the verdict of the referee. His decision is presumed to be founded either on the pure text of the question, and the manner in which he interprets it; or by the practice which usually governs in such cases. It is thus quite easy to believe that in a disputed point of this nature, different authorities might give decisions adverse to one another. And then when the doctors differ who is to decide. A question of this kind has been submitted to the leading sporting papers in New York, which are looked upon as the best authorities on the continent, and it will be seen from the answers below they do not agree very well. We print the full text of the question and answers:—

J. S., Easton Pa.—A and B meet. A said all the banks, saloons, and business houses will be closed on St. Patrick's Day. B replies, "I don't believe it; it never has been done." A offers a bet, which is taken, and then informs B that the 17th is Sunday. B claims that A can't win because it is a catch bet. C then bets B that it is not a catch bet. Who wins? ANSWER.—C wins. —Spirit of the Times.

JACK SMITH, Easton, Pa.—An answer to the following bet through the columns of your paper will oblige several constant readers: A and B meet. A said all the saloons, banks and business houses will be closed on St. Patrick's day. B replied, "I don't believe it; it never has been done." A offers a bet, which is taken, and then informs B that the 17th is Sunday. B claims that A can't win, because it is a catch bet. C then bets B that it is not a catch bet. Who wins? ANSWER.—The bet is predicated on a catch, and made by A with the deliberate intention of deceiving B. It is therefore a draw. C loses his bet.—Turf, Field and Farm.

EASTON, March 4.—You will please answer the following question, and oblige a number of your readers: A bets B that this year all the saloons and banking-houses will be closed on St. Patrick's Day. B claims it to be a catch bet. C bets B it is not a catch bet. Is it a catch bet or not? ANSWER.—This is not a catch bet. It is plainly set forth, and the fact will answer the terms of it precisely, because St. Patrick's Day will come on a Sunday. The words "this year" make the proposition plain and ought to have

John Splan has written to the manager of the Michigan Association, proposing trot Rarus against time at their meeting. He promises to show as fast time on any track as any other horse ever accomplished.

Mr. T. Loyd, of London, has a fine lot of horses in his stables for the English market. They will be shipped this week.

There is some talk of giving a meeting Woodbine late in April.

The Supreme Court of Nebraska has decided that dealing in grain options in that State is gambling, and all contracts made that State founded thereon are against public policy and void.

Where will the Queen's Plate be run this season, is the prevailing question among horse-owners and associations.

Information from Hamilton leads us to believe that the Association of that city do not intend to give a spring meeting, if indeed they do not surrender the lease of a track altogether. Cause, the coming force of the Pool Bill.

Messrs. J. & J. M. Shooter, of Lennoxville P. Q., have purchased from Messrs. Smith, Powell, of Syracuse, N. Y., the colt Armetia by Reveler, dam the Van Patten mare, Ellis' Eclipse.

The horse fair which was announced last week at St. Andrew's Market, in that city, was a failure. This is not surprising when it is considered the care the Council take in not letting any one know anything about it.

There is a letter in the New York Sporting man office for Jimmy Smith, pedestrian.

"What is money?" asks an exchange. "Money is the missing link between several hundred of our subscribers and the editor."

A stray horse turned up at the Ottawa police station the other day. He was so full of good points that the policemen used him for a hat rack.

A game of draw—The dentist's.

Mr. William Hendrie, of Hamilton, his stable made one stronger on the evening of the 15th, by the arrival of a youngster Harry Bassett, out of imported Eastern Star. Eastern Star was lately purchased by Mr. Hendrie, at Col. McDaniel's sale. She will be bred to Big Sandy. This filly is the first of Bassett's get foaled in Canada.

A meeting of the Northern New York Breeder's Association was held at the Fish House, Gouverneur, N. Y., last week, and the following officers were elected:—President, A. Corbin, Jr.; Secretary, George Winslow; Treasurer, G. L. Van Namee. The Association will hold a three days' meeting early in June, for which \$1,500 has been subscribed. At the same time an extensive sale of trotting stock will take place.

A trainer with first-class references advertises for a situation in to-day's paper.

Diok Leary, the well-known jockey and trainer, intends to make London, Ont., his headquarters this season.

A Hamilton correspondent informs us that Johnny Gillesby is giving Capt. Tom and St. Patrick gentle exercise. He thinks St. Patrick will be quite a horse this summer.

A correspondent at Listowel tells us of a remarkable trotting ghost they have unearthed in that town. Three weeks ago he was hauling brick, and was purchased out of the wagon for \$76. Since that time he has displayed wonderful trotting traits, and his new owner has refused \$2,000 for him. He holds him at \$6,000 and would probably not



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Prophetstown, Ill.....	June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.....	June 4 to 7
Adrain, Mich.....	June 4 to 7
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	June 11 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	June 18 to 21
Akron, Ohio.....	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich.....	June 25 to 28
Sodus, N. Y.....	June 26 to 28
Batavia, N. Y.....	July 2 to 4
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	July 2 to 5
Detroit, Mich.....	July 2 to 5
East Earora, N. Y.....	July 3 to 4
Elyde, N. Y.....	July 3 to 5
Lyons, N. Y.....	July 3 to 5
Warren, Ohio.....	July 3 to 5
East Saginaw, Mich.....	July 9 to 12
Columbus, Ohio.....	July 9 to 12
Toledo, Ohio.....	July 16 to 19
Cleveland, Ohio.....	July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y.....	July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill.....	July 30 to Aug 2
Rochester, N. Y.....	Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill.....	Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y.....	Aug 13 to 16
Springfield, Mass.....	Aug 20 to 23
Earlville, Ill.....	Aug 20 to 23

## NEWSPAPER DECISIONS.

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3. The Courts have decided, that refusing to take newspapers or periodicals from the Post Office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

Dr. Somerville, V.S., of Buffalo, N.Y., lately purchased a hundred horses in Chicago or the English market.

know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

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

## THE STALLION RACE.

The prospects for a Stallion Race for 1878 look more flattering. Our request for the ideas and opinions of owners on this matter has been the means of bringing forth replies which must at this early stage be considered favorable. It would be a matter of extreme regret to the owners and breeders of fine trotting stock if from any cause this race should be discontinued. It undoubtedly has been the most prominent turf event in the Dominion for the past two years, and the reputation it has given the nominations in the race has done much to advance the breeding of the trotting horse in this country. As we have before stated, we do not feel prepared to go on with the race under the conditions of the past two years. These races have been the means of pecuniary loss to us, notwithstanding what we considered very economical management. The coming season does not present the inducements of past years. The enforcement of the Act prohibiting the sale of pools will withdraw a material source of direct and indirect revenue. And after canvassing over the probabilities, we came to the conclusion that it would be impossible for us to give added money to the extent of previous years. We will, as formerly, if the race is conducted under our management, present the winner with a gold medal, emblematical of his victory, which is as far as we deem it prudent to advance in that direction. Our position is thus early defined to prevent any misunderstanding in the future.

As will be seen by the following extracts from letters received by us on this subject, that already a sufficiency of nominations could be obtained to make it an interesting race. In addition to those named below it is more than probable that Fulton, Combination, Capt. Webb, and Caledonia Chief would be on the entry list. We mention these horses without prejudice to other owners who might make nominations. There are a good many other horses in the country, as the entries of the past races show, that might be looked upon to take part in this event. The acceptances, as it were, given below, are on the basis of \$100 entrance, with the modifications of the conditions of previous years, as suggested therein:

FROM MR. J. P. WISER, PRESCOTT.

"I notice your remarks about the Stallion Race and the barring of 'Phil Sheridan' only. That is all right, and the way I expected it to be."

FROM MR. THOS. CHILKNEY, HAMILTON.

"You can depend on 'Captain Tom' on

the American turf, and considering the abuse and lack of care she received. I think I have given you Crazy Jano's full history."

## THE TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT.

The following is the amendment to the New York Pool Bill proposed by Senator Wagstaff, and reported favorably to the Senate by the committee to which it was referred:—"Section first of chapter 178 of the laws of 1877 is amended by added thereto at the end thereof the following: Provided, however, that racing clubs or associations duly organized under the laws of this State, upon the grounds of such club or association and during racing meetings only, may establish such premiums and chances depending upon trials of speed of horses and dispose of the same on such grounds in such manner as in the opinion of the officers of such club or association will be more likely to develop the speed and improve the breed of horses, and as are prescribed and allowed by the National Trotting Association." The sole object of this amendment, it is hardly necessary to say, is to improve the breed of that noble animal, the horse.

## THE DOMINION SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.

Teams likely to be represented in the Grand Pigeon Shooting Tournament will bear in mind that the entries close on Tuesday next, 26th inst. It is absolutely necessary that the entries and forfeit moneys should be in the hands of Mr. Collins on that day. In a matter of this kind nothing is to be gained by delay, and it is to be hoped none will be left out in the cold through any carelessness of their own. The time for receiving tenders for the place of shooting will close the same day. The indications at present point to a strong representation of the shooters of the Dominion at the Tournament. Among the places likely to put in an appearance are Windsor, Chatham, London, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Stratford, Brantford, Hamilton, Guelph, St. Catharines, Clifton, Toronto, Whitby, Bowmanville, Uxbridge, and possibly Montreal. If all these should make nominations it would be by far the grandest gathering of shooters ever seen in the country. Efforts will be made to put the strongest teams possible in the field, and the competition will doubtless be very keen for first place. The remainder of the entry money, \$75 from each team, is due on April 1. The advertisement gives full particulars of the tournament.

## RYSDYK FARM STOCK SALE.

The formal announcement in to-day's paper tells us that the great sale of Trotting Stock will be held at Mr. J. P. Wisser's, Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, on Thursday, May 9. This is the most extensive affair of the kind we have ever had in the country. About fifty head, the selection of the farm, will be submitted to competition, and the terms of sale are positive and without reserve. There will be no disappointment; the sale will take place rain or shine. A large

might give decisions adverse to one another. And then when the doctors differ who is to decide. A question of this kind has been submitted to the leading sporting papers in New York, which are looked upon as the best authorities on the continent, and it will be seen from the answers below they do not agree very well. We print the full text of the question and answers:—

J. S., Easton Pa.—A and B meet. A said all the banks, saloons, and business houses will be closed on St. Patrick's Day. B replies, "I don't believe it; it never has been done." A offers a bet, which is taken, and then informs B that the 17th is Sunday. B claims that A can't win because it is a catch bet. C then bets B that it is not a catch bet. Who wins? ANSWER.—C wins. —*Spirit of the Times.*

JACK SMITH, Easton, Pa.—An answer to the following bet through the columns of your paper will oblige several constant readers: A and B meet. A said all the saloons, banks and business houses will be closed on St. Patrick's day. B replied, "I don't believe it; it never has been done." A offers a bet, which is taken, and then informs B that the 17th is Sunday. B claims that A can't win, because it is a catch bet. C then bets B that it is not a catch bet. Who wins? ANSWER.—The bet is predicated on a catch, and made by A with the deliberate intention of deceiving B. It is therefore a draw. C loses his bet.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*

EASTON, March 4.—You will please answer the following question, and oblige a number of your readers: A bets B that this year all the saloons and banking-houses will be closed on St. Patrick's Day. B claims it to be a catch bet. C bets B it is not a catch bet. Is it a catch bet or not? ANSWER.—This is not a catch bet. It is plainly set forth, and the fact will answer the terms of it precisely, because St. Patrick's Day will come on a Sunday. The words "this year" make the proposition plain, and ought to have been sufficient to put the party who denied the proposition on his guard. A catch bet is one in which the sound of the proposition is contradicted by the sense of it—thus: A man averred that ninety-nine once started in the Derby, and laid a bet on it. The calendar was produced, and it appeared that a horse called Ninety-Nine started. It was held, and properly, that this was a catch bet, and that the proposer had not only failed to win, but had lost, because the true sense of the words was that "ninety-nine" horses started in the Derby. This bet about the closing of saloons on St. Patrick's Day is different altogether. The laws of betting will protect a man from being cheated, but not from losing through his own carelessness.—*Sportsman.*

## Sporting Gossip.

A lecture was lately delivered by a popular clergyman on the subject of Books and Book-making. A turf sport favored the lecturer with his patronage, and because that gentleman did not explain the system of book-betting and the meaning of the mysterious terms "2 to 1 bar one," "first past the post," &c., &c., declared the whole thing a fraud of the first water.

Mr G. T. Hiscox, of London, has lately purchased from Mr. O. Holt, of Nilestown, the trotting gelding Piper. The consideration reported was \$250.

"Krik's Guide to the Turf" is in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for delivery on or about April 2.

Mr. Charles Beer, of Fullarton, has a beautiful black colt, three years old, by Donald Dinnie, which weighs 1,660 lbs.

of good points that the policemen used for a hat rack.

A game of draw—The dentist's.

Mr. William Hendrie, of Hamilton, his stable made one stronger on the eve of the 15th, by the arrival of a youngster, Harry Bassett, out of imported Eastern Star Eastern Star was lately purchased by Mr. Hendrie, at Col. McDaniel's sale. She will be bred to Big Sandy. This filly is the best of Bassett's get foaled in Canada.

A meeting of the Northern New York Breeder's Association was held at the Hotel House, Gouverneur, N.Y., last week, and the following officers were elected:—President, A. Corbin, Jr.; Secretary, George Winslow; Treasurer, G. L. Van Namee. The Association will hold a three days' meeting early in June, for which \$1,500 has been subscribed. At the same time an extensive sale of trotting stock will take place.

A trainer with first-class references, advertises for a situation in to-day's paper.

Dick Leary, the well-known jockey and trainer, intends to make London, Ont., his headquarters this season.

A Hamilton correspondent informs us that Johnny Gillesby is giving Capt. Tom and St. Patrick gentle exercise. He thinks St. Patrick will be quite a horse this summer.

A correspondent at Listowel tells us of remarkable trotting ghost they have unearthed in that town. Three weeks ago he was hauling brick, and was purchased out of the wagon for \$76. Since that time he has displayed wonderful trotting traits, and his new owner has refused \$2,000 for him. He holds him at \$6,000 and would probably not accept that if the offer was made.

## To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

H., Buffalo.—"Trumps" America Hoyle says in the rules of All-Fours, the "A new deal may be demanded, if, in dealing, an opponent's card be faced, or if the dealer in any way discover any of his adversary's cards." In the case as submitted to us, we should hold, inferentially, that the above rule governs, and a new deal should be had.

FAIR PLAY, Bowmanville.—It is a mixed up affair as you state, and we think your action was very equitable. No. 1 has no grounds to object to your decision; he had rather the best of it.

HALTON CHIEF.—A correspondent asks for the pedigree of a stallion called Halton Chief, supposed to be bred in the County of Halton, Ontario, of Royal George stock. Can any of our readers supply the information?

INQUIRER.—The address is Harry Brown in care Patrick Mulcahey, 82nd Street, near 8rd Avenue, New York City.

JIM HARRIS.—A correspondent asks for the address of James Harris the pedestrian.

Canadian Turf.

THE CROYDON HANDICAP.

LONDON, March 13.—The Croydon International Hurdle Race—one of the most important of the spring hurdle handicaps—was run to-day at Croydon. It brought out a field of fifteen, and was won by Lord Londale's five year old horse Hesper, who although carrying 166 pounds, started with the odds as low as 3 to 1 against him. The six year old Ignition, with 147 pounds with the odds at 25 to 1 against him, was second, followed by Royal Oak II. (six years), with 150 pounds and the odds at 33 to 1 against him. The conditions of the race were as follows:

Fourth renewal of the Grand International Hurdle Handicap for all ages at £25 each, £10 forfeit, with £500 added; entrance, £3 each, the only liability if declared out on January 1, 1878; winner of a hurdle race of the value of £100 after the publication of the weights (December 20, 1877) to carry 7 lbs extra; about two miles and a quarter of 9 flights of hurdles; closed with 98 subscribers, of whom 41 declared out; value £1,295.

Lord Londale's b h Hesper (5) by Speculum, dam Hesperithusa (h b) 166 lbs. .... 1  
Mr. G. Goodchild's br m Ignition (6), by Flash in the Pan, dam Miss Jenhson, 147 lbs. .... 2  
Mr. W. Burton's ob g Royal Oak II. (6), by Marsyas, dam Christabelle, 150 lbs. .... 3

Hesper has been looked upon as almost a sure winner ever since the acceptances were published on January 2. He was always a fairly good race-horse, but it is said of him that on the flat he liked a short course much better than a long one. As a two-year old he went to the post 11 times, and only managed to win twice, both times at the Epsom May meeting. The first for a maiden Plate, half a mile, when, with 122 lbs up and the odds at 7 to 1 against him, he won by two lengths from a field of twelve. On the last day of the meeting he won the Epsom Two-Year-Old Plate, five furlongs and a half, carrying 127 lbs. The odds were 3 to 1 against him, and he won by a neck from Lady Mostyn (119 lbs), the favorite Julius Caesar, running unplaced. The remainder of Hesper's two-year-old career was a series of disappointments to his owner, Major Warburton, the colt nearly always running into a place. As a three-year-old Hesper was credited with three wins out of eleven races, two of them singly against Lowlander under Mr. Alex. Baltazzi's colors over the T.Y.C. (6 furlongs 136 yards) and Brey Stakes course (6 furlongs) at Newmarket, the old horse giving Hesper 30 lbs in the first race, when the youngster won by a neck and a half. After the latter race Captain Machell bought Hesper for 2,000 guineas, and he at once joined the Bedford House team. His first race under the Londale "purple, yellow and red" was for the Brighton Autumn Handicap, one mile, when he won by two lengths from Lord Beresford's Caramel. Last year Hesper won five times out of twelve tries. His first victory was for the Epsom Cup, one mile, which he secured by a head from Dalham, who allowed him 12 lbs for two years' difference in age. Hesper gave 7 lbs to Footstep, and beat her at a mile at Liverpool, and over the same distance at Doncaster he gave 23 pounds and a neck beating to Hopbloom in the Cleveland Handicap. He stayed over a mile and a half in the Leicester Handicap, when, with the worst of the weights he beat a field of five, and won a victory over the Rowley mile at the Newmarket Houghton meeting. His career on the flat came to an end when he ran third to Arbitrator for the Great Lancashire Handicap. He was at once put to jumping, in which he was an easy pupil, and quickly won the admiration of the critics, and it is said of him that from the time he began jumping he never was known to make a mistake. Certainly to win a race like the Grand International at the first public effort shows that he is a horse of uncommon ability.

Correspondence.

FROM OGDENSBURG.

OGDENSBURG, March 12, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:—Since my last was written all of our snow and ice has left us, and our harbour is entirely clear of ice, and some of the crafts here have already commenced fitting out, in hopes of an early opening of navigation. Last week they had two days racing on the ice at Trout Lake, and three days at Morrisburg. The horse Captain Smith, who out himself at Ottawa a short time ago, has entirely recovered and is as good as over.

will be noticed and complied with. We are looking about us for racing attractions at our usual 4th July meeting, and other towns near by talk of giving some liberal moneys before and after us; that is, to make a kind of circuit about that time. Last fall at our meeting we in reality had only four flat racers at our meeting, three of them from one stable.

If the outlook for flat racing is to be no brighter this year, it will simply necessitate the giving of all money to trotting.

We depend on Canada for runners; always have made our races for Canada horses; and, if we can, want to continue it. Let owners and trainers tell the people what they intend to do.

Yours truly,  
H. M. TALLMAN.

Veterinary.

ONTARIO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The above Association held their usual weekly meeting in the lecture room of the College, on Thursday evening, 14th instant. Prof. A. Smith, V.S., occupied the chair. After the usual routine business, Mr. A. Smeall read an essay on "Nasal Gleet," which was well discussed. Mr. Anderson then read a communication upon a very bad case of Consipation, which he had treated successfully. The usual debate followed, after which the President summed up and the meeting adjourned.

FASHION IN BREEDING TROTTERS.

The sum of true methods in breeding is success. Whatever brings this is a true method. It is past the wisdom of investigators to declare an unfailling road from start to finish by which the highest type of trotter or race horse can with certainty be bred. Theories that begin with abstract formulae come to naught in practical application. All the light that has been gained, and that which has created fashion in breeding, has been arrived at by starting at the success achieved and following the back track in search of the cause.

Even this plan leads investigators in diverse directions as to blood and the best methods of combining it. The average of success seems to point now one way and then another. Out of these deviations pet formulas have sprung up, each having its advocates. One claims the inbred sire to be the more potent in reproducing the qualities of his line. Another claims that he is only fit to use upon out-crosses for the production of performers. Another claims that the cross-bred sire begets more vigorous stock, with less imperfections, and that he is just as effective as the inbred sire upon nicking crosses and more so bred again into his own best line. These and scores of other formulas are supported by innumerable instances of success, and their converse is as freely sustained by exceptions.

Two great sires, among the most popular and successful in the country, will illustrate opposite cases. Messenger Duroc is inbred to Abdallah upon the popular formula of the day, being respectively two removes from him by his sire, and three by his dam, and is farther inbred to both Messenger and Duroc. His conspicuous successes thus far have been upon out-crosses. Almonte is cross-bred, and his successes include both out-crosses and in-breeding to his own lines. As a rule, the greater proportion of animals in a pedigree possessing the desired qualities. But there are variations to the rule, caused by contingent influences. Cassius M. Clay, Jr (Strader's), was wholebred, as one might say, of trotting lines. He reproduced some good animals, but has not become conspicuously great as a sire. His son American Clay, out of a racing-bred mare, and therefore a half-bred in trotting lines, was a more successful getter of trotters than his whole bred sire. In theory this should not have been, but it is only in the average of times, that two and two make four in breeding. Advocates of racing blood in trotters contend that, as in the case of American Clay, it invigorates and improves the physical system so that whatever trotting accompanies it may be made to accomplish the greatest results. The proportion of racing blood essential to this object cannot be stated definitely nor even approximately, nor is its influence always alike. In general, it may be said that all game and successful trotters have a proportion of it. Few sires that are as successful in imparting trotting speed as American Clay has been, have so large a proportion of racing blood from so near a pure fountain. Kentucky Prince has a large share of it from his dam, but she has a Morgan cross on the top of her pedigree, being by a son of Green Mountain Morgan, that was out of a grand-daughter of American

Turf, Gun and Feather.

BRAMPTON BEATS COOKSVILLE.

A friendly pigeon shooting match took place at Cooksville, on Tuesday of last week, between six shots of that village and a like number from Brampton, the latter winning the match by two birds. Below is the score:

BRAMPTON.	
James Paokham.....	1 1 0 1 0 0 0—3
G. W. Harris.....	1 1 0 0 1 0 1—4
M. Doody.....	1 0 1 1 0 0 0—3
D. Ellison.....	0 1 0 1 1 0 1—4
R. Wilson.....	1 1 1 0 0 0 1—4
F. Bobee.....	0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2
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COOKSVILLE.	
—Jones.....	1 0 0 1 1 1 0—4
A. Waterhouse.....	0 1 0 1 0 0 0—2
J. Kennedy.....	0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1
E. Waterhouse.....	1 0 1 1 1 1 0—5
—Gorden.....	1 1 0 0 1 1 0—4
—Hector.....	0 0 1 1 0 0 0—2
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ENTRIES CLOSE FOR THE TEAM SWEEPSTAKES TUESDAY, MARCH THE 26TH.

The rabbit is timid, but no cook can make it quail. This is a fact in natural history.

Mr. Oliver Totten, of Paris, Ont., claims the name Princess for his orange and white setter bitch pup, out of Mr. B. Capron's Blanche by Bute, he by Carlowitz, out of Rose; she by Rufus, out of Rose.

At the annual meeting of the Peterboro' Fish and Game Society, the following officers were elected. President, Mr. Wm. Eastland; Vice-President, Rev. Mr. Clementi; Recording Secretary, Mr. James Golborne; Treasurer, Mr. Geo. Barlee; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. C. A. Post; Counsel, Mr. John Green.

A FOX HUNT IN THE SUNNY SOUTH.

AN INCIDENT OF THIRTY YEARS AGO.

(Communicated.)

In the cotton-packing season, when the lassitude of summer has given way to the invigorating influences of an early frost, the planter and his guests frequently indulge in the manly sport of following the hounds. Spirited horses and excellent fire-arms are in abundance, and the plantation house presents a scene of rare excitement at the moment of the start of the hunt.

The neighing of horses, the yelling of hounds, and the boisterous laughter of negroes mingle together in strange but enlivening confusion.

A fox hunt is a matter of exercise as well as amusement, and is never considered perfect unless there is a fashionable swell ("cit.") along, who has been for years an accomplished sportsman in imagination, and now for the first time put his theories into practice.

It is useless to deny it, the metropolitan cannot sit well on his horse, and pompey who rides bareback in the rear, grins with ineffable delight at the exhibition, but the planter, of course, sees nothing of the while. The retreat of reynard is reached, and the pack is already insane with excitement. The young dogs open, but the old ones pay no heed, and presently "Leader" an old dog of fame, examines the earth around him, and for the first time seems absorbed in the business of the day, a moment more, he utters one clear, shrill cry of exultation, which is answered back by the dogs and men, the horses now rouse themselves, their eyes flash fire, and in another moment the beating hearts of all are sweeping over the broken landscape.

Now it is not to be supposed that fox-hunting is not attended with its evils. It is followed at the season of the year when the ripening cotton is in perfection. A troop of mad-caps in full tilt across a cultivated hundred acre field is at an expense of a bale at least, and there are certain unpoetical people who hear the ringing notes of the hounds approaching in the distance with any other feelings than those of pleasure; still resistance should be made for the sake of the

pack, which, at that moment, like fleeing spirits swept his path. Then noticing the hunters, apparently at a fault by taking the road, he galloped toward them, and to their astonishment, pointed out the course of the chase with his riding whip, and as the sportsmen leaped into his fields, again and again the notes of encouragement burst from the old man's heart, and thus exulting, away he went with the crowd that knocked the cotton from the stalks until it wastefully covered the earth and flew in the air, enveloping horse and rider like a driving storm of snow.

Miscellaneous.

CRICKET.—The annual meeting of the University of Trinity College Cricket Club was held in the College Hall on Tuesday evening, March 12th. The following gentlemen were elected the Executive Committee for the year 1878-79:—President, Rev. Prof. Maddock, M.A.; First Vice-President, Rev. Prof. Jones, M.A.; Second Vice-President, E. W. Spragge, Esq., M. D.; Treasurer, Mr. H. V. Ogden; Secretary, C. L. Ingles, Esq., B. A.; ex officio members, Mr. A. J. Belt, Mr. H. Reade, Mr. J. S. Howard.

LACROSSE.—The Toronto lacrosse teams have arranged 28 matches in Great Britain during their coming trip. They will be accompanied by Messrs. Ross Mackenzie and John Aird, of the Athletics. They intend to try and get up a match with the Shamrocks before leaving, and are willing, sooner than not play at all, to go to Montreal and play for the championship.

PEDESTRIANISM.—Weston, the pedestrian, is ill, and cannot enter for the International walking match, which has brought out the following competitors:—Bailey, Brown, Corkey, Grover, Hazael, Ide, George Johnston, S. Johnston, Lewis, Martyn, McCarty, McLeary, O'Leary, J. Smith, W. Smith, Smythe, and Vaughan.

CATTLE PURCHASING.—The Guilph cattle dealers have decided that Toronto cannot have it all its own way, and have established a syndicate, with a cash capital of \$100,000. It is proposed to purchase for the European market, between now and the middle of May, 5,000 heavy cattle. Some 2,700 head have already been bespoken, principally in the county of Wellington.

IMPORTANT TO OWNERS OF HORSES

A case was heard on Saturday last in the Bloomsbury County Court of some importance to gentlemen having horses under medical treatment. The plaintiff, a Mr. Lewis Davis, sued Messrs. Moseley, a firm of veterinary surgeons, for the sum of £49, being the value of a mare sent to the defendants for treatment. It transpired that the mare in question was sent to Messrs. Moseley, who stipulated that notice should be given in case of the mare becoming worse. This, however, was not done, and the mare died of puerperal fever, and was subsequently disposed of without the plaintiff's knowledge. The learned judge, in giving judgment in favor of the defendants said, while his sympathy went entirely with the plaintiff, the defendant was very wrong in not informing the plaintiff of the increased illness of his mare; still, a veterinary surgeon was not bound to save an animal's life, but use reasonable skill in his power, and as the plaintiff had not proved negligence, judgment would be in favor of the defendants, but without costs.—London Sportsman, Feb. 27.

THAT GREEN 'UN—Rumor has it that Dan Maco has a green trotter in training, which he purposes to bring out this season in the high classes. It is also said he will enter him at all the meetings in the big circuit from the 3.00 down to the 2.40 classes, and that, like St. Julian, he will sweep all before him. All that is known of this nonpareil is that he is a brown horse, without a record, with a long, open stride and as fleet as a deer. Look for him.

Amusements.

CITY.

The Grand Opera House was occupied on Monday evening for the benefit of the House of Refuge, the proceeds of the performance

ALL HEART.—It is reported that Charles Reed, of New York, has purchased from Lord Rosebery the chestnut horse All Heart, 5 years old, by King Tom, dam Marigold, by Teddington, 2d dam Sister to Singapore, by Rattau, 3d dam by Melbourne; 4th dam Lisbeth, by Phantom, 5th dam Elizabeth, by Rainbow; 6th dam Belvoirina, by Stanford, 7th dam Sisser to Silver, by Mercury, 8th dam by Herod, 9th dam Young Hag, by Skim, 10th dam Hag, by Crab, 11th dam Ebony, by Oldiers, 12th dam old Ebony, by Basto; 13th dam Massey mare, by Mr. Massey's Black Barb. The horse will be shipped to America and used in the stud. He has not been successful on the turf, although standing high in the public estimation in all his races. The consideration is said to be \$5,000.

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In response to repeated solicitations from Great Britain, Germany, France, and America, Mr. GRAND intends holding THREE GREAT SPRING SALES! at the Crystal Palace Grounds of the above cities in April. Entries to the extent of 400 will be received for each sale.

Owing to the unprecedented success of the last great spring sale, when Canadian horses were comparatively unknown, and on account of the increasing demand for Canadian stock, foreign buyers have been constantly requesting the subscriber to give them another opportunity to buy in this market, and there can be no doubt that these sales will afford Canadian farmers an opportunity of selling good, and in horses of all classes that has never been offered them. Foreign buyers will not come out here and run all over at great expense to buy single horses, but they will come when they know they can buy a cargo in a single day. The above sale will be thoroughly advertised in Great Britain, and all over Europe, United States, and Canada. From assurances already received the subscriber is certain that buyers will be present from all the great horse markets of the world.

Toronto Sale, April 9, 10, and 11.  
Hamilton Sale, April 16, 17, and 18  
London Sale, April 23, 24 and 25.

Entries will be received at the following places, where all particulars can be obtained: At Grand's Repository, Adelaide street west, Toronto; Grand's Stables, 207 Dundas street, London; Dominion Hotel, Hamilton. Entries will be received after Friday previous to each sale. Terms. Entrance fee \$1 per horse, \$1 charged if not sold, 7 1/2 per cent commission if sold, keep of horses, 75 cents per day.

N.B.—As the sales will be made by classification horses will only be required to be on the ground the night preceding the sale on which they are to be sold.

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won by a neck and a half. Captain MacNeill bought Hesper for 2,000 guineas, and he at once joined the Bedford House team. His first race under the Lonsdale "purple, yellow and red" was for the Brighton Autumn Handicap, one mile, when he won by two lengths from Lord Beresford's Caramel. Last year Hesper won five times out of twelve tries. His first victory was for the Epsom Cup, one mile, which he secured by a head from Dalham, who allowed him 12 lbs for two years' difference in age. Hesper gave 7 lbs to Footstep, and beat her at a mile at Liverpool, and over the same distance at Doncaster he gave 23 pounds and a neck beating to Hopbloom in the Cleveland Handicap. He stayed over a mile and a half in the Leicestershire Handicap, when, with the worst of the weights he beat a field of five, and won a victory over the Rowley mile at the Newmarket Houghton meeting. His career on the flat came to an end when he ran into the Arbitrator for the Great Lancashire Handicap. He was at once put to jumping, in which he was an easy pupil, and quickly won the admiration of the critics, and it is said of him that from the time he began jumping he never was known to make a mistake. Certainly to win a race like the Grand International at the first plain effort shows that he is a horse of uncommon ability.

## Correspondence.

FROM OGDENSBURG.

OGDENSBURG, March 12, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR,—Since my last was written all of our snow and ice has left us, and our harbour is entirely clear of ice, and some of the crafts here have already commenced fitting out, in hopes of an early opening of navigation. Last week they had two days racing on the ice at Trout Lake, and three days at Morrisburg. The horse Captain Smith, who out himself at Ottawa a short time ago, has entirely recovered and is as good as ever. The "Maple City's" are out with an immense new bill for the 19th, which will be a benefit for North, Castigan, Craig and Munroe. The Brookville, Ontario, Catholic societies have decided to join with Ogdensburg on St. Patrick's Day, and celebrate the event here with a grand procession, &c., as usual. The merchants here have kindly consented to close their business places on the "17th of Ireland," something unusual.

Joe Labossier and Joe Morris, the champion feather-weight from St. Louis, gave an exhibition in sparring, &c., last evening, which was largely attended, it being a novel thing here. The students of Labossier's class showed splendid science, which spoke highly for the Professor. The set-to and wind-up between Labossier and Morris was the great event of the evening, and everybody was surprised and delighted to see the "120 lb. feather" put them in so lively on the Professor's proboscis. He is very agile, and his exhibition of Indian club swinging was very fine.

SCRIBBLER.

## FOR OWNERS OF HORSES.

OGDENSBURG, N.Y., March 17, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR,—A correspondent in a late issue of your journal, made the very valuable suggestion that if any one had horses intended for racing this season he would let the people know it through the columns of your paper.

We, as a racing club, hope the suggestion

these deviations pot formulas have sprung up, each having its advocates. One claims the inbred sire to be the more potent in reproducing the qualities of his line. Another claims that he is only fit to use upon out-crosses for the production of performers. Another claims that the cross-bred sire begets more vigorous stock, with less imperfections, and that he is just as effective as the inbred sire upon nicking crosses and more so bred again into his own best line. These and scores of other formulas are supported by innumerable instances of success, and their converse is as freely sustained by exceptions.

Two great sires, among the most popular and successful in the country, will illustrate opposite cases. Messenger Duroc is inbred to Abdallah upon the popular formula of the day, being respectively two removes from him by his sire, and three by his dam, and is farther inbred to both Messenger and Duroc. His conspicuous successes thus far have been upon out-crosses. Almonte is cross-bred, and his successes include both out-crosses and in-breeding to his own lines. As a rule, the greater proportion of animals in a pedigree possessing the desired qualities. But there are variations to the rule, caused by contingent influences. Cassius M. Clay, Jr (Strador's), was wholebred, as one might say, of trotting lines. He reproduced some good animals, but has not become conspicuously great as a sire. His son American Clay, out of a racing-bred mare, and therefore a half-bred in trotting lines, was a more successful getter of trotters than his whole bred sire. In theory this should not have been, but it is only in the average of times, that two and two make four in breeding. Advocates of racing blood in trotters contend that, as in the case of American Clay, it invigorates and improves the physical system so that whatever trotting accompanies it may be made to accomplish the greatest results. The proportion of racing blood essential to this object cannot be stated definitely nor even approximately, nor is its influence always alike. In general, it may be said that all game and successful trotters have a proportion of it. Few sires that are as successful in imparting trotting speed as American Clay has been, have so large a proportion of racing blood from so near a pure fountain. Kentucky Prince has a large share of it from his dam, but she has a Morgan cross on the top of her pedigree, being by a son of Green Mountain Morgan, that was out of a grand-daughter of American Eclipse. He may be regarded, therefore, more than half-bred in trotting lines, for the Morgan element has had a strong influence in creating the trotting records of the past. The Goldust family shows its influence conspicuously, and it is intermingled in a large number of the best performers of other families. The thoroughbred force in Kentucky Prince, as in American Clay, has not unbalanced his powers to reproduce trotters. Indeed, preliminary indications are that he will prove greater in that respect than any of his ancestors.

Therefore, the final test, after all, is success, and a tried sire is worthy in proportion to his success. If bred according to the most popular formula, it is well, provided success follows. If it does not follow, tenacity for the formula should not prevent his being discarded. On the other hand, success makes its own formula for the individual case, and the individual should be retained. Numbers of cases, pro or con, influence, or should influence, the general fashion in breeding.—Turf.

Our English papers, received just as we go to press, contain the reports of the All-England Sheffield Pedestrian handicap, on March 4 and 5. McIver, of Montreal, was beaten in his trial heat. The Sporting Life gives the following report of the heat:—J. Wilson, Birmingham, 81½ yards start, first; C. C. McIver, Montreal, Canada, 81 yards, second; W. Spriggs, Elkesley, 82 yards, third. Wilson played with his opponents until close to the tape, when he shot out, and won with ease by three-quarters of a yard. The Canadian just defeated Spriggs on the post for second place."

## HORSE SALES.

(Toronto ..... April 9 to 11  
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(Communicated.)

In the coteau-packing season, when the lassitude of summer has given way to the invigorating influences of an early frost, the planter and his guests frequently indulge in the manly sport of following the hounds. Spirited horses and excellent fire-arms are in abundance, and the plantation house presents a scene of rare excitement at the moment of the start of the hunt.

The neighing of horses, the yelling of hounds, and the boisterous laughter of negroes mingle together in strange but enlivening confusion.

A fox hunt is a matter of exercise as well as amusement, and is never considered perfect unless there is a fashionable swell ("cut.") along, who has been for years an accomplished sportsman in imagination, and now for the first time put his theories into practice.

It is useless to deny it, the metropolitan cannot sit well on his horse, and pompey who rides bareback in the rear, grins with ineffable delight at the exhibition, but the planter, of course, sees nothing the while. The retreat of reynard is reached, and the pack is already insane with excitement. The young dogs open, but the old ones pay no heed, and presently "Leader" an old dog of fame, examines the earth around him, and for the first time seems absorbed in the business of the day, a moment more, he utters one clear, shrill cry of exultation, which is answered back by the dogs and men, the horses now rouse themselves, their eyes flash fire, and in another moment the beating hearts of all are sweeping over the broken landscape.

Now it is not to be supposed that fox-hunting is not attended with its evils. It is followed at the season of the year when the ripening cotton is in perfection. A troop of mad-caps in full tilt across a cultivated hundred acre field is at an expense of a bale at least, and there are certain unpoetical people who hear the ringing notes of the hounds, approaching in the distance with any other feelings than those of pleasure; still resistance would be useless, for public opinion rather claims it as a right than a favor to pursue the fox wherever he may run.

There was an old gentleman, however, who, from his admitted and often demonstrated courage, and his patriarchal character, could enforce laws regarding his property upon the boys that were dead letters if invoked by younger men. Now this fine old gentleman determined to give all due notice of consequences to trespassers, and so he posted at favorable places along his fields, a printed exposition of the pains and penalties attending to the breaking down of his fences, and destroying his property, more particularly by the misdemeanor of running foxes and hounds through the said plantations.

Now it so happened that on a fine morning of the hunt that has been briefly alluded to, that the fox hunters, pushing pell mell over brake and sward, were brought to a standstill by those official advertisements. The inconsiderate, either by youthful thoughtfulness or the excitement of the chase, leaped the frail barriers of the fence, when the more reflecting of the party called a halt, urged the deference due the feelings of the old gentleman, and at what little cost it would be to reach the hounds by turning the prescribed boundaries in their way, and with a hearty response, in another instant away swept the foaming steeds down the road hard by. Now the old planter had heard the ominous cry of the hounds, and had gone out among his acres for the especial purpose of defending them from invasion. While riding about, the deep shrill cry of the approaching pack, unconsciously to himself, struck chords that half a century before had so keenly vibrated in his own bosom. He leaned back upon his horse, his eyes flashed with unwonted fire, his nostrils dilated, and as if by magic, he was young again, and, waving his hat aloft, he gave forth a wild note of encouragement to the

## IMPORTANT TO OWNERS OF HORSES.

A case was heard on Saturday last in the Bloomsbury County Court of some importance to gentlemen having horses under medical treatment. The plaintiff, a Mr Lewis Davis, sued Messrs. Moseley, a firm of veterinary surgeons, for the sum of £40, being the value of a mare sent to the defendants for treatment. It transpired that the mare in question was sent to Messrs. Moseley, who stipulated that notice should be given in case of the mare becoming worse. This, however, was not done, and the mare died of puerperal fever, and was subsequently disposed of without the plaintiff's knowledge. The learned judge, in giving judgment in favor of the defendants said, while his sympathy went entirely with the plaintiff, the defendant was very wrong in not informing the plaintiff of the increased illness of his mare; still, a veterinary surgeon was not bound to save an animal's life, but use reasonable skill in his power, and as the plaintiff had not proved negligence, judgment would be in favor of the defendants, but without costs.—London Sportsman, Feb. 27.

THAT GREEN 'UN—Rumor has it that Dan Mace has a green trotter in training, which he purposes to bring out this season in the high classes. It is also said he will enter him at all the meetings in the big circuit from the 3.00 down to the 2.40 classes, and that, like St. Julian, he will sweep all before him. All that is known of this nonpareil is that he is a brown horse, without a record, with a long, open stride and as fleet as a deer. Look for him.

## Amusements.

CITY.

The Grand Opera House was occupied on Monday evening for the benefit of the House of Providence, the programme consisting of a concert, by city talent, and the romantic drama of Green Buses, by the regular dramatic company. On Tuesday the Eliza Weathersby Combination, for five nights and one matinee. The opening bill was the musical bagatelle of Hobbies and a petite farce. The company is small, but gives one of the best evening's entertainments ever seen in the city. The leading parts in the hands of Miss Eliza Weathersby and Mr. N. Goodwin, jr., were brim full of fun, and they were ably supported by the remainder of the company. Miss Clara Fisher's songs were a feature of the piece. To-night Miss Weathersby takes her benefit, "Ten Cruets and a farce" will be the attraction. It is unnecessary to say business has been very good.

The Royal Opera House has been running this week with the regular operatic and dramatic companies. On Monday the bill was the Colleen Bawn to far houses, both at the matinee and evening; Tuesday and Wednesday, Under the Gaslight; Thursday, The Grand Duchess. This Friday evening, Guy Mannering, for the benefit of Allan Halford; Saturday matinee, Grand Duchess; evening, The Streets of New York. Cinderella is underlined for early production. So far this week the houses have been up to the standard, and the pieces presented in an enjoyable manner.

Mr. Allan Halford takes his benefit at the Royal Opera House this evening. Guy Mannering has been selected for the occasion, and it will be very strongly cast. Mr. Halford is a deserving, painstaking artist, and we hope the benefit will not be a misnomer.

Mr. Alf. Hudson will join the Boston, Mass., Museum Co., about the beginning of next month, where he will remain up to July 4. After that he will be heard of at St. John, N.B., with McDowell's Company.

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## TENDERS.

Tenders for the privilege of naming the place of the Tournament to be also sent to Mr P Collins, SPORTING TIMES, Toronto, on or before March 26th. The highest tender to receive the privilege, and the place of shooting will be announced in THE SPORTING TIMES, of March 29th. This money to be added to the sweepstakes. The place obtaining the shoot shall pay all expenses for fixing grounds, trapping, carting birds, and the other expenses incidental to the tournament, in addition to the amount of its tender for the privilege. Each team to pay the express charges on its pigeons to the place where the shoot will take place.

## PREMIUMS.

The total money (less the cost of this advertisement) will be divided as follows:—  
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Miscellaneous.

The man who wrote the last new sonnet, "So that my grave is kept green," could easily be accommodated this spring at a trifling expense.

A negro at Bashi, Alabama, imagined that by certain mystic incantations he could make himself bullet-proof. He requested a friend to shoot at him, and the result was a funeral.

Mr. J. C. Murphy, Urbana, O., will train his stable of racers at Lexington this spring, consisting of the veteran bay gelding War Jig, by War Dance out of Dixie; Bob Woolley, 6 yrs, by imp. Leanington out of Itom; and bay colt Edinburg, 4 yrs, by Longfellow, dam by Lexington.

The 1st and 2nd prize turkeys at the Ontario Society's Show, and which belonged respectively to G. T. Simpson, of Falkland, and James Main, of Boyne, are, probably, the largest of their kind, in America. The first prize gobbler weighed 42 lbs, and the second 40 lbs.

The Chinese play a game called tan, in which small buttons are thrown from a box like dice, and the players guess whether the number is odd or even. Wong Ah Lee was caught, in San Francisco, using a box that had a slot to hold a button, with a spring so arranged as to drop or retain it at will. His companions cut off his cue.

A few days ago Mr. T. Ferris and Mr. J. Armstrong, both of the township of Mulmur, Ont., while dressing a beef noticed something strange in the intestines, and upon investigation found it was a tape worm, measuring almost one hundred feet in length and half an inch wide. It was doubled six times in the intestines, and after being taken out it showed signs of life by attempting to crawl on the barn floor, where they had it for examination.

Mr. James Gordon Bennett had another slice of ill-luck recently when hunting with the Cottessmore hounds. While riding well forward he charged a wide and deep bottom not far from Oakham Pastures, and the horse failing to recover a landing, fell and broke its thigh, and had to be destroyed. It was a valuable animal—one of the best in his stable. The place was said to be some six yards wide and afforded "one more instance of Mr. Bennett's great pluck," as Land and Water expresses it.

SALE OF BOSTON TROTTERS.—At W. P. Batch's sale of trotting stock in Boston, on Thursday of last week, the following were best prices realized; Topsey, 8 years, \$480; Delightful, \$1,350, to W. D. Pierce; Mambrino Prince Jr., 6 years, \$375, to J. T. Summers; Dandy Jim, 5 years, \$285; Belle of Boston, 3 years, \$450, to C. A. Russell; Smuggler Belle, \$195; Grace, by Smuggler, \$102.50; Judith, 9 years, \$1,100, to James Hill; Paymaster, 7 years, \$215; Lady Jackson, \$180; Dick, 8 years, \$190; Henry Clay, 7 years, \$260; Honest David, 6 years, \$225; Helen, 6 years, \$250; Hattie, 6 years, \$240; Herald, \$225.

Mr. Dickson, one of the oldest men in Canada, died on Saturday morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Caswell, Jane St., Palmerston. His remains were followed to their last resting place on Monday morning by a host of relatives and friends. If deceased's biography were written by a competent pen it would prove interesting. In the long ago he served under Nelson in the navy, and had been wrecked on a whaling expedition. He emigrated from Anagh, Ireland, and lived in Biddulph some 30 years, and moving here had the satisfaction of spending his last days with his daughter and friends. Mr. Dickson was over 112 years at the time of his death.

At Sacramento, Cal., according to a local newspaper, there are two animated barometers which have proved trustworthy, even when the artificial instruments have failed. One of these is a catfish which is kept in a water-trough. No matter how clear the weather may be, and before the barometers have indicated a change, this fish always before a storm, swims about with his head below the water and his tail above until rain begins to fall, when he goes out of sight until the weather changes. The other barometer consists of two frogs under the floor of the

has been ten years at his calling, who is not disabled." There happens to be excellent testimony, both in that country and our own, as to the effect of this voluntary severe exertion, at least on the amateur oarsman. A few years ago Dr. John E. Morgan, of Manchester, found that out of two hundred and ninety-four Oxford and Cambridge University oars seventeen thought, or their friends did, that they were injured by their rowing, one hundred and sixty-two were in no way harmed, and one hundred and fifteen were positively benefited. It will gratify many to know that Dr. E. H. Bradford, of Boston, has made similar, though partial investigation among our student oarsmen, and in the last Sanitarian sets forth the result of his inquiry among all Harvard men who, between 1852 and 1876, had rowed in a University race. Of the two hundred and ninety-four Englishmen but four had heart disease, and there was doubt as to one of these. Among the one hundred and fifty Harvard men, Dr. Bradford finds no death from heart disease, nor any sign of it, so far as he has inquired, among those alive, though as to the latter his search has not been complete. By Dr. Farr's life tables the average expectation of life among the British student oars is found to be over two years more than that of ordinary healthy men, and among the American over half a year more. This looks as if Dr. Richardson's conclusion would hardly apply to amateur oars at any rate, and even among professionals, whatever he may find in the English, we would call his attention to a race on Saratoga Lake in September, 1871, in which four American brothers beat the two fastest professional crews England could produce, and yet the stroke of the four (Ward) even then indulged in a vigorous and lively young grandson. Put a well built youth under a trainer of years and experience, not as is usual at our colleges under a mere boy, and if he will not, like Captain Barclay, of thousand mile thousand hour fame, last till eight-five he may at least hope to remain on this sphere about as long as his neighbor, if not a little longer, and to have a pretty healthy time of it as well.

A REMARKABLE MAN.

A remarkable man resides in the mountainous district of Pittsylvania County, Va. His name is Owen Adkins and he was ninety-six years old on the 22th of December last. In his youth he was noted as an athlete. He commenced wrestling and running foot races for wagers when but twelve years old. He possessed enormous strength for his inches and generally was victorious. As a long-distance runner he was seldom vanquished. Having peculiar social views, he has had several wives and concubines. These bore him seventy children, sixty-six of whom now are living. His immediate progeny—children, grand-children and great-grand-children—number close on to six hundred. The head of the prolific family boasts that his impress is plainly marked in all of his descendants. The prepotent element was strong in him. Owen Adkins has been fond of sport and open air ever since he was a child. He has been a lover and follower of horse-racing, fox-hunting, athletic games and shooting all his life. A Herald correspondent who recently visited him, found him hale and able to take a tramp of between twenty and thirty miles a day, over the mountains in pursuit of game. The old man said that he could shoot better now than he could twenty years ago. His eyesight is good, and he handles a rifle with skill. There is no reason why he should not round out a century. He is a wonderful specimen of physical manhood.

A CURIOUS CASE.

A curious case affecting the legal definition of "cruelty to animals" has just been decided in the English Exchequer, at the Sittings in Banco. The magistrate of Upper Genear-Glynn, in Cardigan, had decided that it was not cruelty not to shoot a mare—which was in foal, and kept for the sake of her expected foal—suffering from a hopeless injury to the leg, which caused her great torture whenever she moved about; and this decision the Court of Exchequer confirmed. But the magistrates had not remitted for appeal the point which both the Chief Baron and Baron Cleasby regarded as the one really at issue—namely, whether it was not cruelty to place the poor animal in a field where she could only feed herself by inflicting great torture on herself through constant motion, instead of feeding her in a stall, where she need not have used the injured

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...Thursday of last week, the following were  
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...Helen, 6 years, \$250; Mattie, 6 years, \$240;  
...Herald, \$225.

Mr. Dickson, one of the oldest men in  
...Canada, died on Saturday morning at the  
...residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Caswell,  
...Jane St., Palmerston. His remains were  
...removed to their last resting place on Mon-  
...day morning by a host of relatives and  
...friends. If deceased's biography were written  
...by a competent pen it would prove interest-  
...ing. In the long ago he served under Nel-  
...son in the navy, and had been wrecked on a  
...whaling expedition. He emigrated from  
...Armagh, Ireland, and lived in Biddulph  
...some 30 years, and moving here had the sat-  
...isfaction of spending his last days with his  
...laughter and friends. Mr. Dickson was  
...over 112 years at the time of his death.

At Sacramento, Cal., according to a local  
...newspaper, there are two animated barome-  
...ters which have proved trustworthy, even  
...when the artificial instruments have failed.  
...One of these is a catfish which is kept in a  
...water-trough. No matter how clear the  
...weather may be, and before the barometers  
...have indicated a change, this fish always be-  
...fore a storm, swims about with his head be-  
...low the water and his tail above until rain  
...begins to fall, when he goes out of sight until  
...the weather changes. The other barometer  
...consists of two frogs under the floor of the  
...police office, which have never yet been seen  
...by any of the officers, but which presage a  
...storm several hours in advance of the bar-  
...ometrical indications by a series of peculiarly  
...discordant croaks. No matter how clear and  
...bright the night, the police officers prepare  
...for a storm when the warning comes.

#### AN EXTENSIVE BONIFACE.

The Newcastle-on-Tyne correspondent of  
...the Lancet sends some strange particulars  
...as to Wm. Campbell, landlord of the Duke  
...of Wellington, in his town. Campbell boasts  
...of being the largest subject in her Majesty's  
...realm, standing 6 ft. 4 in. in height, and  
...weighing over 52 stones. He measures  
...around the shoulders 96 inches, round the  
...waist 85 inches, and round the calf of the  
...leg 35 inches. He was born in Glasgow in  
...1856, and has not quite attained his twenty-  
...second year: was one of a family of seven  
...children, none of whom beside himself are  
...of more than ordinary proportions. His  
...father was of average weight, although he  
...stood 6 ft. 2 in.; his mother was rather  
...under the average height and weight of  
...women. Campbell stated that from birth  
...he was remarkably stout, and that at nine  
...months old he weighed 4 stones, at ten years  
...of age he weighed 18 stones, and he has  
...gone increasing since then, and it is with diffi-  
...culty he keeps at his present weight. He was  
...brought up as a printer, but was compelled  
...from his extraordinary size to give up his  
...occupation.

#### IS ROWING INJURIOUS?

In Dr. Richardson's recent book on the "Dis-  
...eases of Modern Life," after declaring boat rac-  
...ing positively dangerous, he says:—"I venture  
...to affirm there is no more trained profes-  
...sional athlete of the age of thirty-five, who

a long distance runner he was seldom van-  
...quished. Having peculiar social views, he  
...has had several wives and concubines. Those  
...bore him seventy children, sixty-six of whom  
...now are living. His immediate progeny—  
...children, grand-children and great-grand-  
...children—number close on to six hundred.  
...The head of the prolific family boasts that  
...his impress is plainly marked in all of his  
...descendants. The prepotent element was  
...strong in him. Owen Adkins has been fond  
...of sport and open air ever since he was a  
...child. He has been a lover and follower of  
...horse-racing, fox-hunting, athletic games  
...and shooting all his life. A Herald corres-  
...pondent who recently visited him, found him  
... hale and able to take a tramp of between  
...twenty and thirty miles a day, over the  
...mountains in pursuit of game. The old man  
...said that he could shoot better now than he  
...could twenty years ago. His eyesight is  
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#### A CURIOUS CASE.

A curious case affecting the legal defini-  
...tion of "cruelty to animals" has just been  
...decided in the English Exchequer, at the  
...Sittings in Banco. The magistrate of Upper  
...Genour-Glynn, in Cardigan, had decided that  
...it was not cruelty not to shoot a mare—  
...which was in foal, and kept for the sake of  
...her expected foal—suffering from a hopeless  
...injury to the leg, which caused her great  
...torture whenever she moved about; and  
...this decision the Court of Exchequer con-  
...firmed. But the magistrates had not remit-  
...ted for appeal the point which both the Chief  
...Baron and Baron Cleasby regarded as the  
...one really at issue—namely, whether it was  
...not cruelly to place the poor animal in a field  
...where she could only feed herself by inflict-  
...ing great torture on herself through constant  
...motion, instead of feeding her in a stall,  
...where she need not have used the injured  
...leg to anything like the same extent.

#### CANADIAN CATTLE IN ENGLAND.

Meetings have been held at Sheffield and  
...Liverpool to oppose the Duke of Richmond's  
...Cattle Bill. The Duke of Richmond receives  
...a deputation from Liverpool on Thursday.  
...The Canadian shipping interest at Liverpool  
...has drawn up a petition to the House of  
...Commons against the Bill, showing how the  
...trade in live cattle has grown, large sums  
...have been expended in fitting steamers, and  
...that the Bill, if it became law, would ex-  
...tinguish the trade. On the other hand, dis-  
...ease has never been known among Canadian  
...herds. Canada is an integral part of the  
...Empire, and Canadian cattle are not foreign  
...cattle, but the growth and produce of British  
...territory. The Canadians are prepared to  
...fight British Battles if necessary, therefore  
...they claim that Canadian interests should  
...be treated as Imperial interests, and there-  
...fore pray that Canadian cattle may be per-  
...mitted to come as heretofore.

#### PECULIAR HORSE CASE.

A peculiar horse case occurred in Listowel  
...lately. Two young men carrying on busi-  
...ness in town, bought a horse on credit, or  
...partly so, and being unable to pay, the horse  
...was seized for the debt and placed by the  
...bailiff in the stable of the Grand Central  
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...the hotel took the liberty of using the horse,  
...and after returning him to the stable he sick-  
...ened and died. The debtor has now paid  
...the amount against the horse and demands  
...his property. That being minus, the ques-  
...tion arises who is to "pay the piper." The  
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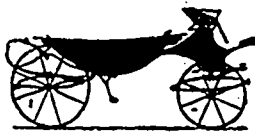
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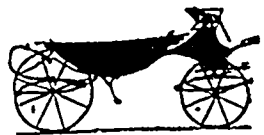
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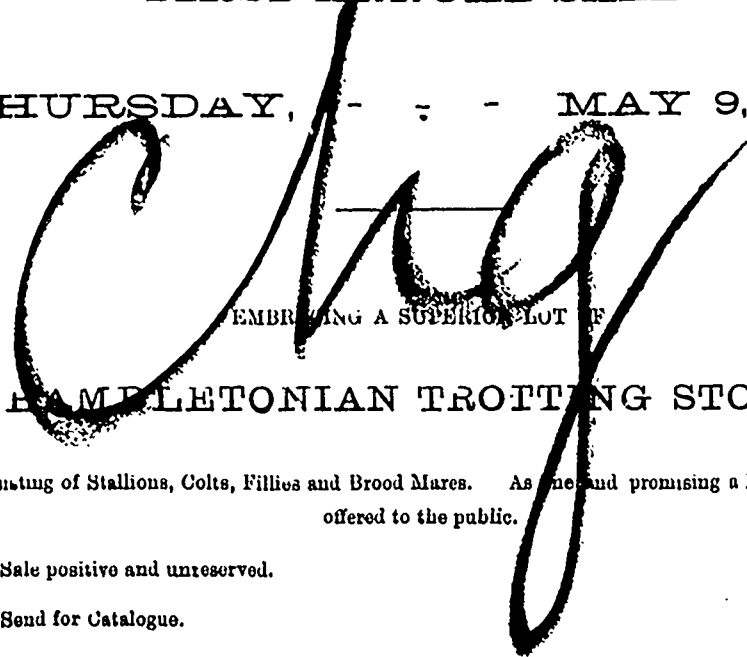
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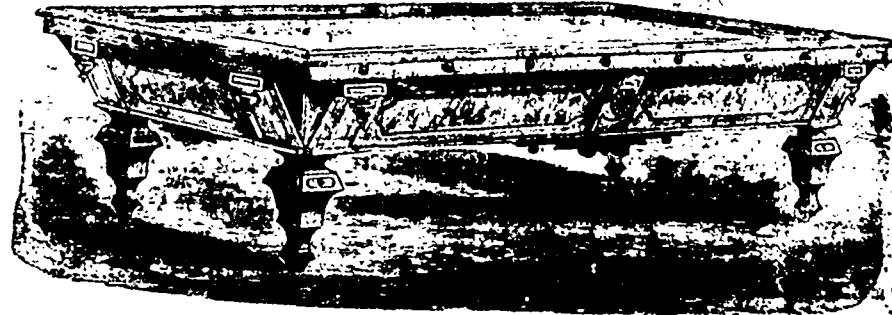
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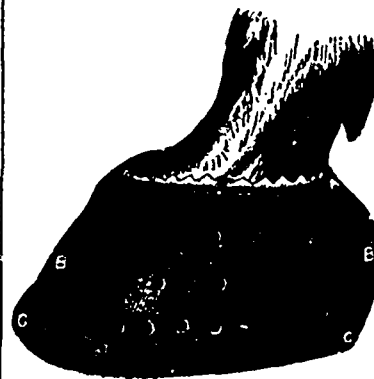
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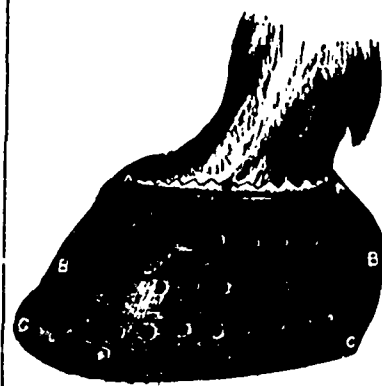
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