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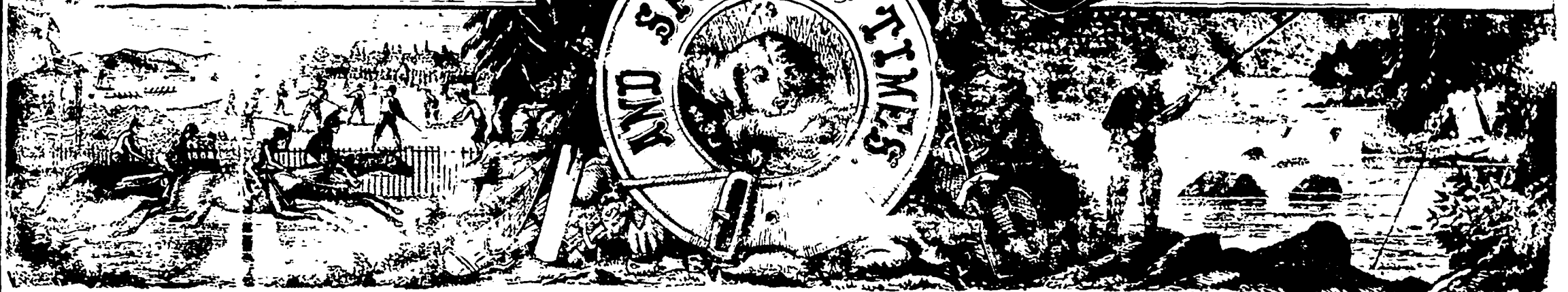
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American Turf.

RACING AT SAVANNAH, GA.

Savannah Jockey Club, Savannah, Ga., Jan. 15, 1878.—The Ten Broeck Stakes, for three-year-olds, at \$25 each, p.p., with \$200 added; the second to receive \$100 out of the stakes; one mile.

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Stimulants in small quantities are very beneficial. Carbonate of ammonia, in drachm doses, being a good kind of stimulant, give twice a day; while the fever lasts, give Fleming's tincture of aconite, in ten drop doses; it is one of our best sedatives, and has a decided effect on the temperature, which it lowers. Tincture of opium will be found to have a very beneficial effect; if there be any pleuritic pains, purgatives should not be administered, as they cause too much irritation; should constipation be present, injections of warm gruel, or warm water, or a dose of oil may be given; three drachms, twice a day, of nitrate of potassium may be given for the first three or four days, it acts on the kidneys, and also reduces the temperature and lessens the severity of the sympathetic fever which exists invariably after. When the extremities remain very cold, it will facilitate the return of warmth if the limbs are well and vigorously hand-rubbed, a little stimulating liniment applied, and the legs bandaged. Place the patient in a well-ventilated loose box-stall; the air should be pure, but not cold; the necessity for having the air as pure as possible is easily proven, when we understand that, when the air is impure, suppuration of the lungs, to a greater or lesser extent, frequently supervenes. The impurities consist of organic germs or molecules, and they abound in great abundance; they, of course, are active agents in promoting the formation of pus at the present season of the year, and especially when we have to encounter the changes which we will almost assuredly have to face, we will, from the suddenness of the change, be far more liable to have a heavier crop of pneumonia than had we at first to deal with weather which is usually encountered at this season. Cold air is particularly objectionable in cases of pneumonia in any of its stages, a temperature of from seventy to seventy-five degrees Fahrenheit will be found most conducive to recovery. As we have intimated, the surfaces of the body, the head, and the extremities should be kept warm. Put on light warm clothing, and the application of sedative liniments or non-irritating stimulants, if there be any such, those usually called stimulating liniments. There being a good deal of fever usually present, cold water should be frequently given, but only a little at a time, or he may have free access to the water, in which case, although sick, his inherent instinct will teach him to take just a sufficiency, whereas, if given spasmodically, he would, in all possibility, take at one time more than could readily be advantageously absorbed by the system. The febrile symptoms should be

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BOATING AT HARVARD.

For the University crew of 1878 twelve men are now in training. Of these six were in last year's crew, namely: Bancroft, Captain, '78, Cambridge; Smith, '79, Worcester, Schwartz, '79, Bangor, Me.; Crocker, '79, Fitchburg; Brigham, '80, Salem, Littauer, '78, New York city; Allen, the last year's coxswain, is to be coxswain for the coming race. The new men are Stowe, '80, San Francisco; Parker, '78, Lancaster, Frimble, '80, New York city; Taussig, '79, St. Louis. From these Mr. Bancroft feels he can select a capital crew. The weight of the candidates about 187 pounds. Their average age is 20 years, which is about the age of the average Harvard crew. In their race with Yale the crew will use a paper boat of the same length and build as that of last year. Harvard is also so well satisfied with the present system of eight-oared crews that she will probably not return to the six-oared system. The interest in boating is not nearly so strong as it was a few years ago. The 1,400 students connected with the University furnish only twelve candidates for places on the crew, and the enthusiasm of the club crews is in a sad state of decline.

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Enclose \$100 forfeit, and articles of agreement can be forwarded me at Toronto.

Very truly yours,
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reported to be "off," but it appears he has rounded to, and again got the confidence of his backers and friends.

Higgins, the English champion, has issued a challenge to row any man in America for £500 and the championship, on the Thames. He is not likely to be accommodated on his own terms. If he will come out here there are three or four men who would row him and be very glad of the chance.

The Rochester, N. Y., Democrat and Chronicle says it is hinted now that the match between Courtney and Trickett will not be arranged after all, and a noble Auburn in its disappointment.

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What is called congestive pneumonia may supervene suddenly after violent or unusual exercise or exertion, or it may become developed gradually. The existence of the disease is so evident that the animal will, if not quickly relieved, die. When the disease is of a severe type, the animal trembles all over, a cold sweat breaks out on the surface of the body, the pulse is almost imperceptible, the legs and ears are extremely cold—sometimes deathly so—the eye is wild, and the pupil dilated, just as though excessive doses of belladonna had been given. The animal appears delirious. If the congestion comes on gradually, while the animal is in the stable, the primary evidence as to the existence of the disease is a general dullness, very expressive, but not easily described. The head appears to be too heavy to be carried, the appetite disappears, the respiration will gradually become disturbed and oppressive, evidently causing both excessive pain and undue labor, the latter more particularly. You will find quick, and labored respiration, which, if not relieved immediately, the animal will die. The ear, when applied to the chest, fails to detect any sound, the respiratory murmur is absent, the extremities are all cold, so is the mouth. This description is applicable to extreme cases only; but in all cases of congestive pneumonia, these symptoms, or the greater part of them,

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Treatment.

We are generally called to see the case in its congestive form, therefore you will have to, as a rule, extract blood; but this can be done with safety only in the very earliest stages, and, unless we have no doubt in our mind that it is going to produce a decidedly beneficial effect, we should prefer not to bleed at all, for the system is depressed from the presence of effete material in the blood.

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SPLASHES.

THE DAUNTLESS SOLD.—James Gordon Bennett has sold his famous schooner-yacht Dauntless to a member of the New York Yacht Club, for \$15,000.

DETROIT BOAT CLUB.—This club has now a total membership of 281. The log shows a total of 625 miles rowed in 191 trips. Officers for the ensuing year: Pres., Henry Russell; Vice-Pres., Addison Moffat; Sec., C. L. Andrews; Treas., H. M. Campbell; Capt., John M. Hinchman.

The Spirit of the Times says that Charles E. Courtney went into training on January 1, and though unable to do any work on the water, in consequence of the ice in Cayuga Lake, he is taking considerable daily exercise with a rowing machine of his own invention, and expressively declares he will be "as fine as silk next summer," when he meets the Australian.

A press telegram from St. John says that sporting men there continue to talk of matching Ross against Hanlan again. Ross is getting a couple of new boats, and it appears our maritime friends are determined to leave no stone unturned to get the Canadian championship down by the sea.

The Turf, Field and Farm last week contained the following:—"It is confidently believed here that Courtney, Riley, Plaisted, Hanlan and others can beat Higgins hand over hand, and if Higgins visits America this year that his powers will culminate in an attempt to create and claim a foul."

It is said by a New York sporting paper that some of Hanlan's friends are in London, Eng., busily engaged in negotiating for a match with the Toronto sculler and some of the English cracks. Who can the friends be?

Alexander Brayley, of Halifax, N.S., who rowed in the final heat with Hanlan at Philadelphia in 1876, is said to be getting in fix to give Wallace Ross a turn as soon as the spring opens. Brayley some time ago was

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Mr. Roger Grist, of Hope, while felling a tree the other day succeeded in capturing two racoons which had "gone into winter quarters" there.

On Friday last a large otter was caught at Woodhouse. They used to be very numerous in that section of the country, and Ot Creek received its name from that fact, but they have disappeared within the last few years.

Mr. Hewston, a Huntley farmer, succeeded on the 10th in shooting a very large bear which had been prowling around in his neighborhood for some time, committing depredations. It was brought to Ottawa and Satchell Bros. bought it. The weight of the bear is about 275 pounds.

Two men who had been up before a Justice at Sandwich, Ont., Monday, and discharged, went to Windsor and there made a savage attack on officer Campau, who had appeared against them. The officer was cut in the right arm, and would perhaps have been killed, had not a large dog, owned by him, interfered and seized one of the ruffians, just as he was aiming a murderous blow with a knife.

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THE Master of the Hounds

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"That, I fear, is impossible, Captain Melville, as I am already engaged to more partners, than, I believe, there will be dances."

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"Oh, no," she said, "not to her. My aunt Gordon is expecting me on the other side of the room."

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"Really, Selina, if you run on in this strain, I must leave you to finish the dance by yourself."

"Very well, Will Beauchamp, a good ridance of bad company; for, what with sawneys and spoonneys, the young ladies in this neighborhood have a delighed choice of husbands!"

"In which class, pray, have I the honor of being included?"

"In the first," replied Selina; "you are a decided sawney, Will Beauchamp, and a spoonney, too," she whispered, "if you allow that fellow to carry off Blanche."

"Well, Selina, don't be too severe upon a quiet, inoffensive man, like myself," said Beauchamp, laughing.

"You are an arrant donkey, Will, I am sorry to say; I have no patience with you. You can look hard at your fences, but dare not look a pretty girl in the face."

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The more pleasantly time passes, the more quickly it fleets away; and the ball was now brought to a close by the usual country dance, in which, as agreed upon, Lord Malcolm, Constance, Beauchamp, and Blanche joined; after which, notwithstanding a little impatience exhibited by Mrs. Harcourt, our young fox-hunting friend persisted in cloaking and handing his fair partner to the carriage.

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"Not accept him, Blanche? and why not? she inquired, in well-feigned astonishment."

"Because I cannot love, or even respect him, aunt; his very look frightens me."

"What nonsense, child! you are so timid; but all that will pass away when you have known him longer."

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"Oh, Charles, I feel so unhappy from having displeased Aunt Gordon that I shall remain in my room."

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"That I certainly will, my love; so get Alice to pack up your things, whilst I go down-stairs and speak to Mrs. Harcourt, for go with me you shall."

Any one of my readers who has witnessed the meeting of two strange cats, with arched backs, and fire darting from their eye-balls, spitting and swearing as a preliminary to scratching and tearing the fleck out of each other's bodies, may form some idea of the rencontre between the two aunts, when brought into hostile collision about their niece.

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"Good-for-nothing man, Mrs. Gordon! what do you mean?"

"That he is a worthless, gambling, penniless fortune-hunter, and already married, or entangled with an opera dancer. To encourage such a man for my niece is unpardonable, Mrs. Harcourt."

"It is unpardonable in you, Mrs. Gordon," retorted the other, "to utter such a false, scandalous libel against his lordship, who is a person of unblemished character, of well-known good fortune, and of the highest and most honorable feelings. But who is his slanderer, Mrs. Gordon? His name I have a right to know, as we have approved Lord Vancourt's proposals, allowing Blanche due time for consideration."

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Malcolm and Bob Conyers to dinner, the latter dropping in quite unexpectedly. Great indignation was expressed (when the servants withdrew) by Malcolm and Conyers at the Harcourts' indelicate behaviour to Blanche, in which Aunt Gordon heartily concurred; and all three having declared their resolution to prevent a repetition of such improper influence being again exercised over her, the subject was discontinued, and the events at the ball substituted. Leaving this happy party by the fireside, we must now look at

CHAPTER XIII.

About the same hour, seated in the dining-room at Marston, after the ladies had retired, were Lords Mervyn and Vancourt, discussing with Vernon their future plans of operation.

"It is quite evident," remarked Vernon, "from Mrs. Harcourt's altered tone to Lord Vancourt, coupled with Miss Douglas's retreat to the Priory, that some person (most probably Mrs. Gordon) has thrown out strong hints, if nothing more, about his lordship's position, and this week's delay may bring many things to light. Melville thinks the heiress is decidedly taken with him, and, to confess the truth, she gave some cause for encouragement the night of the ball, and he will rake London over to establish certain reports about Lord Vancourt. The time for deliberation is past. Is it now your intention, my lord, to act or retreat?"

"Certainly not the latter!" replied Lord Vancourt, grinding his teeth with passion. "I will be revenged on Melville and the whole set, Conyers, Beauchamp, and Gordon; nothing shall turn me from my purpose now."

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The week had expired, and Mrs. Harcourt's carriage was ordered to bring Miss Douglas back from the Priory, about ten o'clock in the evening, after a small party there; when Mark Rosier suddenly made his appearance at Bampton about nine o'clock, and jumping from a horse he had borrowed of a farmer, rushed into the servants' hall.

"Where is Mr. William?" he inquired, in breathless haste, of his friend, John, the footman.

"In the drawing-room," was the reply.

"Quick then, John, and whisper in his ear, 'Mark must see him this moment'—low not a second."

The message was delivered, and Beauchamp, springing from his chair, instantly darted from the room. Mark met him in the passage. "Quick, sir," he said, in a low voice. "Your pistols, or Miss Blanche's lost!"

"Get my horse, Mark, and one for yourself, saddled directly, and I will down to the stable-yard."

In five minutes, Beauchamp had put on a strong dark-colored shooting-jacket, with two brace of pistols in his pockets, and was galloping with Mark Rosier up the ride leading to the lodge gate. "Now, Mark, tell me what has happened, as we go along—where is Miss Douglas?"

"At the Priory, sir, I hope, yet; but Mrs. Harcourt's carriage is sent to take her home at ten; and that d——d rascally lord has got his travelling chariot, with four posters, waiting on the common, to intercept and carry her off to Scotland."

"How do you know this, Mark?"

"The ostler at Cherrington, sir, is an old friend of mine, and told me all about the horses being ordered, and fresh relays bespoke on the North Road; and Tom Carter, my lord's footman, fished out something about it, too, and ran out to my hiding-place, behind the castle (where I have been the last three nights, from dark till nearly daylight), about six o'clock this evening, telling me he overheard the valet and Lord Vancourt saying something about Marston Common, at ten o'clock to-night. 'They are off, Mark,' said he, 'trunks packed and all, and you haven't a minute to spare; so, sir, I ran down to the village, where my partners were, ordered them to go to the steep hill beyond the common, with their air-guns, and hit

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'Oh, Charles,' exclaimed the poor girl, almost in tears, and turning deadly pale, 'what can I say?'

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Lord Vancourt bit his lip at this intelligence, and looked exceedingly mortified, which Mrs. Harcourt noticing, said—

'Your lordship must have gathered from Mr. Harcourt's letter that we had failed to obtain the consent of Miss Douglas to receive your addresses.'

'Indeed! I did not interpret its contents,' replied Lord Vancourt, 'but was induced to think a personal interview with your niece might have led to a better understanding between us, and a confirmation of my most sanguine hopes.'

'At present,' replied Mrs. Harcourt, 'Miss Douglas would, I am quite sure, decline such an interview, although time may possibly effect some change in her sentiments.'

'Am I to consider, then,' inquired Lord Vancourt, 'this as my final answer, that Miss Douglas positively declines my future addresses?'

'Oh, dear, no!' replied Mrs. Harcourt (feeling she was now verging on the other extreme, and taking Mrs. Gordon's communications for granted); 'we shall be most happy to receive you here as usual on my niece's return, although, from her natural shyness of character, too much precipitation on your lordship's part would produce the contrary effect to that which you have our best wishes to accomplish.'

With many thanks for this friendly concession, Lord Vancourt politely took his leave, leaving Mrs. Harcourt in a most unenviable state of mind, doubting whether she had said too much or too little. On Mr. Harcourt's return, the occurrences of the day were duly related, and that worthy gentleman began to doubt his own want of proper precaution in not first investigating Lord Vancourt's affairs, merely relying on Lord Mervyn's representations.

'We have been too hasty, my dear,' observed Mr. Harcourt; 'and I now truly regret having penned that letter, chiefly at your dictation.'

'Oh, it is of little consequence,' returned his spouse; 'Blanche does not like him, and so ends the business, since with her fortune there will be no lack of suitors.'

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and jumping from a horse he had been riding of a farmer, rushed into the servant's hall.

'Where is Mr. William?' he inquired, in breathless haste, of his friend, John, the footman.

'In the drawing-room,' was the reply. 'Quick then, John, and whisper in his ear, "Mark must see him this moment"—lose not a second.'

The message was delivered, and Beauchamp, springing from his chair, instantly darted from the room. Mark met him in the passage. 'Quick, sir,' he said, in a low voice. 'Your pistols, or Miss Blanche is lost!'

'Get my horse, Mark, and one for yourself, saddled directly, and I will down to the stable-yard.'

In five minutes, Beauchamp had put on a strong dark-colored shooting-jacket, with two brace of pistols in his pockets, and was galloping with Mark Rosier up the ride leading to the ledge gate. 'Now, Mark, tell me what has happened, as we go along—where is Miss Douglas?'

'At the Priory, sir, I hope, yet; but Mrs. Harcourt's carriage is sent to take her home at ten; and that damned rascally lord has got his travelling chariot, with four posters, waiting on the common, to intercept and carry her off to Scotland.'

'How do you know this, Mark?'

'The ostler at Cherrington, sir, is an old friend of mine, and told me all about the horses being ordered, and fresh relays bespoke on the North Road; and Tom Carter, my lord's footman, fished out something about it, too, and ran out to my hiding-place, behind the castle (where I have been the last three nights, from dark till nearly daylight), about six o'clock this evening, telling me he overheard the valet and Lord Vancourt saying something about Marston Common, at ten o'clock to-night. "They are off, Mark," said he, "trunks packed and all, and you haven't a minute to spare;" so, sir, I ran down to the village, where my partners were, ordered them to go to the steep hill beyond the common, with their air-guns, and hide themselves behind the hedge, to knock over the leading horses, and rescue the young lady, if we did not arrive in time.'

'Well done, Mark,' exclaimed Beauchamp. 'Here, take these two pistols, but don't use them, unless obliged to do so, to save your life; now come along,' as, setting spurs to his horse, Beauchamp rode rapidly towards the Priory. 'Quick, to the back door, Mark, and learn of the servants if the carriage has left with Miss Douglas; if it has, give a whistle, and follow me as fast as you can; I shall keep on the road.'

In a few minutes the shrill whistle of the poacher was heard, piercing through the house, even to where Mrs. Gordon was sitting. At the signal, Beauchamp almost flew along, at such a pace that Mark strove in vain to overtake him.

We must now relate what was occurring to Blanche Douglas, who, accompanied by her maid, Alice, had left the Priory in Mrs. Harcourt's carriage, twenty minutes before Beauchamp's calling there. They had proceeded three miles: the night, although very misty, was (from the moon beginning to rise) sufficiently light to distinguish objects in passing, when Alice, who was looking through the window suddenly exclaimed—"The coachman has passed the turning-off to Throsby, miss, and is driving on towards the common."

'Good heavens!' replied Blanche, 'where can he be going to? Quick, Alice, put your head out of the window, and ask him.' She had just done so, when the carriage stooped on the edge of the common, near a clump of beech trees, and Vancourt's valet, coming to the door, said Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt had dined, and were going to stay that night at the castle, and had sent Lord Mervyn's carriage to meet her there; the other being ordered to return home, and come to Marston in the morning.

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MANITOBA MOOSE HUNTING.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, January 5. — The sportsmen who visit the Hudson's Bay Territory, with expectation of making a bag of game before breakfast, without exertion to themselves, are likely to be disappointed. With the exception of wolves and linnets, wild animals of any kind are rarely seen. They are so constantly hunted by Indians that they are over on their guard. It is only when the snow betrays their footprints that a novice can bring himself to believe there really is any four footed game in the country.

Most sportsmen, too, are indifferently armed for the game to be met. In expectation of a daily encounter with a grizzly, or a continual slaughter of buffalo, they provide themselves with breech-loading rifles of heavy calibre. They soon learn, however, that grizzly bears are not to be found much east of the Rockies, and that to encounter buffalo, once so plentiful all over the southern part of the territory, necessitates a weary march of five or six hundred miles into the heart of the wilderness. If the sportsman intends merely to hunt buffalo on the plains in the summer, let him take a rifle if he will, but if he desires to see wild life in all its phases, and rough it through the winter, let him be content with a double-barrelled smooth-bore. Carts cannot travel in deep snow, and everything has to be carried on dog sledges. Every pound of weight is a consideration, and a gun packed on a sledge is almost certain to be broken. The hunter must carry all his baggage and provisions on his back; two guns are, therefore, out of the question.

As a rule, the hunter lives by the feathered game he kills rather than by the larger animals. Although he may be a crack shot, he cannot kill birds on the wing with a rifle, or two or three at a time, as he must do to avoid starvation and economize ammunition. A good smooth-bore shoots well enough at short range for all practical purposes.

Unlike the buffalo, and many other of the larger animals of the Territory, the moose are not decreasing. There are as many in this country as there were half a century ago. Nevertheless, the slaughter is immense. Between four and five hundred are annually eaten in the forts of the Peace River district, and four times that number are consumed by the Indians. The district of Athabasca trades to-day the skins of nearly 2,000 moose in a single year. But the range of the animals is vast, and the hunters are comparatively few.

The moose is, in size, next to the buffalo among animals in the Northwest, though but few beasts are more unsightly. The body is something like an ox, but the neck slopes down from the shoulder, terminating in a head as large as that of a horse; a head which ends in a nose curved like that of a camel. The horns are flat, and branch out behind, and are shed every year. The hoofs resemble those of a deer, although much longer and broader, and when the animal puts them on the ground the hoofs separate two or three inches. The head is about two feet long. The upper lip is much longer than the lower lip; and the nostrils are very wide. The nose and upper lip—large and loose from the gums—are esteemed a great delicacy. They are of a consistence between marrow and gristle. The ears are of enormous length. Yet, ugly as are the nose and ears of a moose, they are his chief means of protection against his enemy. In that great ungainly head lurks a brain of marvellous cunning.

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stuffs the fringed ends into his trousers to prevent their catching on the branches; next go his moccasins; and then, clad only in corduroy and shirt, he advances to the final stalk.

Now every bush is examined, every hicket and hillock scrutinized. The hunter shrinks within himself, in the curious Indian fashion, and appears only half his full size. He screens himself behind the smallest object. Suddenly he stops. You who follow him look, but you see nothing. He smiles, and points significantly to the willow copse a little distance ahead. You scan it closely, but can discover nothing. He cocks his gun silently. You look again and again, but you see nothing; there is nothing there. Suddenly, as it to relieve your suspense, the Indian reaches out his hand and breaks a little dry twig from an overhanging branch. It makes but the slightest sound as it snaps and falls to the ground. But it is enough. In an instant, eight or ten, thirty or forty yards away, an immense dark-haired animal rises up from the willows. He gives one startled look in your direction; but that look is his last. There is a flash, a resonant report, and the moose is either dead in the thicket or within a few yards of it.

Down among the swamps and lowlands about the foot of Lake Winnipeg, some very good moose stalking may be had at this season of the year. The swampy tribe of Salteaux, dwelling thereabout, number some very good stalkers, indeed, and will furnish one a good guide for a fair consideration. With two aboriginal assistants, well paid to give up their chance of a shot, even the amateur may hope to win his horns. Occasionally, too, one gets an accidental shot, thrown in his hands, as it were. While hunting wild fowl near the mouth of the Red River in the fall, with two half-breeds, I was fortunate enough to secure just such a chance.

We had gone ashore, after paddling about the marshes near the mouth of the river for geese, and just where he lauded the tracks of a very large bear was freshly imprinted in the sand. Putting bullets in my gun, I started up the river in pursuit. I had gone a short distance when, a few hundred yards ahead, a large dark animal suddenly broke from the woods, and made his way through some lower brush-wood toward the river. I halted at once. Could it be the bear? It seemed too large; so I lay down in the sand and waited. In a moment more the large dark animal walked out upon the sandbar, some two or three hundred yards before me. He proved to be a moose on his way to swim the river to the north shore. Lying still until he had gotten so far on his way that return to the forest would have been impracticable, I ran toward him. With a tremendous bound he sailed across the sandbar and ploughed into the water.

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DOUBLY SOLD.

A correspondent writes:—"I was sitting quietly by the stove in a lager beer saloon in Philadelphia one very cold night in the fall of 1869, the only other occupants at the time being four young men—apparently students—playing euchre. They were busily engaged playing, and I had also busily engaged smoking and warming myself, when the door opened, letting in a gust of wind, a lot of snow, and, with the two, a sad, shabby looking man, with one of the most miserable looking dogs at his heels that I have ever seen my misfortune to look at. He walked up to the bar and took a drink of whiskey, after which he went to the table, where there was a large bowl of hot clam chowder, given gratis to whoever purchased a drink. Having procured a soup-plateful of this nourishment, he sat down, the dog placing himself directly opposite him. When the man came across a piece of gristle, he threw it to the dog, who ate it ravenously. The four young men seemed suddenly to relinquish their cards and to be more deeply interested in the man and dog. One bet another twenty dollars that the man would not sell the dog, on which the young man challenged at once took the bet, both staking the money in the hands of their two friends. The one challenged then requested the man:—"Say,

DOGS IN THE NORTH.

A correspondent writes:—"Dogs in the North are harnessed in a number of ways. The Esquimaux run their dogs in a breast. On the coast of Hudson's Bay they are harnessed by many separate lines into a kind of band or pack, while in Manitoba and Saskatchewan they are driven tandem. The number constituting a train is generally four, though three and even two are used. The train of dogs are attached to the sledges by means of two long traces, between which the animals stand in a line, the head of one dog being about a foot behind the tail of the dog in front of him. Each one is fastened to the traces by a collar of moose-skin, which slips over the head and ears, and rests upon the back of the neck. Two collars buckles on each side of the traces, which are kept in position by a back band of leather, buckled under the dog's ribs or stomach. The back band is generally decorated with little bells as is also the collar and many ribbons, porcupine quills, fox tails and beads are lavished upon it. Great care is taken in turning out a train of dogs in good style. Beads, bells, and embroidery are freely used to bedizen the poor brutes. A most comical effect is produced by this hurry placed on the person of a dog new in the harness, when he is invariably the picture of fear, resembling the chief mourner clad in the garb of "antagonism," and the ludicrous effect is intensified when the victim happens to be a pup in years, and still contains the peculiar expression of puppyhood. It is safe to assert that in the North the whole canine race haul a sledge during the winter months. There is no exception of age, sex, or condition; from the miserable mongrel to the thoroughbred Esquimaux, all are destined to howl under the drivers' lash, to tug wildly at the moose-skin collar, to haul until they can haul no more and then to die.

PETRIFICATION OF A HUMAN BODY.

It is a fact not generally known that the cemetery of the Methodist church in Hendersonville, N. C., contains a petrified human body. The wife of William Muary died in the Mississippi valley some forty years ago and was buried there. The husband emigrated to Texas, but after several years returned to exhume the body of his wife, so as to bring it back to this state. Imagine how amazed he was to find it in the coffin just as he had seen it there years before! The same features—almost the very same expression! But what he saw was not flesh—it was solid stone! The whole body had petrified. In that condition he carried it to North Carolina and delivered it to the aged father, Mr. Byers, who could hardly doubt that his daughter had come back to him asleep! The news spread that the body had been "turned into a rock," and great was the desire of everybody to see it. Attempts were made, it is said, to steal it out of the cellar where the old gentleman had carefully concealed it, but they were unsuccessful. All through the war it was guarded by the father as the most sacred trust, but few persons being allowed to see it. About six years ago, however, it was quietly buried in the Methodist cemetery in Hendersonville.

HOW WHALES SPOUT.

Mr. Henry Lee, the British naturalist, pronounces the belief that whales spout out of their blow-holes a popular error. The lungs of the animal are fitted to receive air and to bring the blood into contact with the air that it may observe the oxygen of the air and be purified. The air could not well be breathed through the mouth of an animal which has to take its food from and in water. It is inhaled only by the nostrils, which are situated in the top of the head; and the windpipe is turned up to them without having any connection with the palate. What seems to be a spout is sometimes spray produced by the whale beginning to blow before the head is actually at the surface; but usually it is nothing but the hot, moist breath condensed into vapour by sudden contact with the cold, outside air. This theory has been questioned by a good many naturalists, but it sustains it by references to the opinions of scientific men who have given practical study to the habits of the whale. Mr. Bentley, of the London Zoological Gardens, for instance, believes that the air-blasts of a whale is strong enough to blow a man off the spiracle if he were seated on it. He says that the volume of hot vapour breath expelled is enormous.

A SEA TRAGEDY.

The San Francisco Call has this account of a sea fight:—"The passengers of the boat from Oakland recently witnessed a tough

GAMBLING IN NEW YORK CLUBS.

Gambling in the club houses of New York has come to be such an evil, that proscriptive measures of the strictest character must be enforced or the average club house is of no higher moral character than a fore bank. A little episode in this line has just been brought to light, and metropolitan club circles are much agitated over it. The New York Times has investigated the matter, and from its long report we learn that three members of the Pall Mall club—John Pondir, a broker of Exchange place; S. S. Duham, a lawyer, and a Mr. Gibbs—have been in the habit of playing together in the club rooms, and frequently for considerable stakes. Mr. Pondir, it is said, has of late lost so frequently that he became so dissatisfied that all was not right on the part of his opponents. He continued to lose, watching the game with a critical eye, and on a recent occasion, when his suspicions warranted the proceeding, he seized the cards of his opponents, and upon examination they were found by an expert to be "marked" or "false," in the vernacular. Of course the accused indignantly demanded an investigation, but Mr. Pondir is confident that he has been most emphatically ruined by the deceptive tricks of his Ab Sinful companions. Despite the protests of the rules and of the more conservative members, gaming tables have become the greatest attractions of the clubs, and many a wealthy business man has been financially ruined by this fatal pastime. The worst feature of the thing is that unconscionable sharks have been in league against the unwary who have been fleeced as Pondir was. Only one club in the metropolis, it is said, is wholly free from this pernicious evil. If such things are tolerated or winked at, it strikes us that the times are ripe for a thorough inquiry into the aims, objects, purposes and influence of these clubs, to the end that the public may know what sort of influences are exercised therein over the young men of the period. The Times report says that various subterfuges have been resorted to in the effort to hide the fact that actual gambling was going on, but the absence of money from the table or the mere fact that markers were dispensed with, could not convince the members of clubs who were opposed to gambling that playing for game was not going on. When evidence could be shown of gambling where the charge that it was permitted had been steadily denied, excuses were offered that a stake was absolutely necessary to make a game interesting, and the deposits of players have protested that their stakes are a "mere bagatelle," the winning or losing of which could trouble no one of moderate means. Rumours have also circulated that disputes over games have frequently resulted in stirring up very bad blood, and set men who were concerned in them at swords' points with each other. Strenuous efforts have been made at all times to keep these club scandals quiet, and in most cases the silence of members has confined these disagreeable skeletons to their proper closets. If business men are known as habitués of such places, and for mysterious and undefinable reasons they are suddenly precipitated into bankruptcy, it is high time that the evils charged,—and which must sooner or later write themselves down in the records of courts and commercial agencies,—should be extirpated, root and branch.

SHOOTING FROM A LIGHTNING TRAIN.

Our Virginia, Nevada, correspondent "Pills," sends us the following:—"Last Saturday evening Tom Clark, engineer of the lightning express train of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, when making the trip between this city and Reno, overtook three deer on the track a short distance north of Steamboat Springs. Two of them leaped the board fence along side of the road and made their escape. The third, a fine two-year old, concluded to try a race with the locomotive. Clark instructed his fireman to follow him up, while he himself went back to the express car for a shot gun, which was loaded with buckshot, with which he took up a position on the tender and waited for the locomotive to overtake Mr. Deer. After a race of 300 yards the locomotive came up alongside of the buck, when Clark poured into him a charge of buckshot which badly crippled him in the shoulders. Porter Rock-

and Mr. Farni, to whose enterprise we owe this remarkable exhibition, how added a splendid python from the country of Africa. Snalla is apparently about twenty-eight or thirty years of age. He has a brown color, with somewhat pleasing features, and a lithic and graceful form. Her power, we the serpent seems to be complete. The anacondas (which must not be confused with the gigantic South American water snake, though they are of the same genus), allow her to treat them with the most perfect familiarity. During the performance she keeps up without intermission a low monotonous count, supposed to be one of the means employed for the charming of reptiles, and they appear to be most docile and even affectionate. One will coil itself round her waist and the other round her arms. The immense muscular power of these creatures is shown with one of them, clutching her wrist with its tail, extends its body horizontally and without apparent effort sways itself to and fro or erects itself into a vertical position. The boa is about ten feet long, and is a very beautiful serpent. It is remarkably tame. It curls itself round Snalla's waist, and its forked tongue plays about her head in a manner that would be alarming if the performer did not convince us by her confidence that no evil would result. The python is a recent purchase of Mr. Farni's, it is, therefore, at present only undergoing the taming process; yet Snalla has in a few days got it under such control that it will submit to her manipulations, while it will fly fiercely at a stranger.

PURITANISM IN KENTUCKY.

Lexington has been for more than half a century one of the great racing centres of Kentucky. During the darkest days of the rebellion the Kentucky Association maintained its organization and vitality, and its roll of membership contains the names of some of Kentucky's ablest sons, gentlemen respected in all the higher walks of life, whose influence and ability have been recognized on more than one occasion by their fellow-citizens. The Lexington Trotting-horse Breeders' Association, although of recent origin, is also an organization whose members are gentlemen of standing in the community. Both associations have done much to promote and advance the interests of breeders of horses and cattle in the blue-grass region. Each has made its influence felt, and each by its enterprise and liberality has added many millions to the wealth of Kentucky. In view of all this, what will the people of other States think of the grand jury of Fayette County, in which Lexington is situated, which has recently indicted the members of these two representative racing associations for permitting pool-selling on their respective tracks? Of course this fanatical attempt to paralyze racing in Kentucky will not be countenanced by the people of that grand old commonwealth. For many years the late John C. Breckenridge, one of the ablest and brightest men of his time, was President of the Kentucky Association. This grand jury has simply made itself ridiculous by their indictment of the racing associations. Its members are only deserving of the contempt of all honorable sportsmen. The Turf can never be strangled by any such banality.—*Dramatic and Sporting News.*

A RAILROAD VELOCIPEDE

A man named Johnson, a railroad mechanic, being in Garland, and anxious to depart for some congenial climes, with the aid of an ingenious blacksmith there, manufactured a railroad velocipede, with which he proposes to travel down into Texas. Having become so possessed with two two-wheeled velocipedes, such as were in common use a few years ago, he proceeded to fasten them together to run on a railroad. Wooden axles were constructed so that the machine could be adapted to any gauge of track, a broad-tread was placed on the wheels, to which were added flanges made of whiskey barrel hoops, levers were fitted to give motion, using the hands as well as the feet for motive power, the whole arrangement was given a coat of red paint, and it was set on the track at Garland ready for service. The machine weighs about forty pounds, and is easily handled. The operator sits on a seat resting across what were the two seats of the old velocipede. Being provided with a light engine,

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When, in the morning, the Indian hunter sets forth to look for a moose among the willows he strikes the spreading hoof trail and follows it. As he proceeds he stops every now and then to examine the tops of the willows and the low branches of the aspens, or the hoof marks, when long experience tells him the moose has been feeding there in the night. After a little while he quits the trail, bending in a deep circle to the leeward. Stealthily he returns to the trail, and as stealthily bends away from it again. His outgoings and incomings make, as it were, the semicircles of the letter B, supposing the perpendicular line to indicate the trail of the moose. At each return to it he examines closely the willows and the hoof prints, and so judges his proximity to the game. All this is done with excessive wariness; every step is carefully weighed, and no twig even allowed to brush against his person.

At length the Indian hunter is so near as to know to an absolute certainty that his game is lying hid in a little thicket ahead. Then comes the supreme moment—the time of all times when caution is necessary. A misstep, a broken twig, the rustle of a leaf even, and all his labour would be for naught. Quietly he divests himself of all clothing that might cause the slightest noise in his progress. His capote goes first; then his cap, his mittens; then he takes an extra hitch in his gaudy sash, and

Making allowance for the force of the current I ran down to the shore. It was distant but only two hundred yards from me, and by the time I reached it the moose was half way across the stream, almost abreast of where I stood, and swimming for dear life. His huge misshapen head was thrust out along the surface, the immense ears thrown forward, while large ripples rolled from before his chest, as he clove his way through the water. It was a long shot for a rifle, and double so for a smooth-bore buck gun. I let the moose have the right barrel. There was a single plunge in the water, the huge unshapen head went down, and all was quiet. Away down stream he floated, showing only one small small speck above the surface. Running down shore toward the boat I found the half-breeds had already sighted it, and in a few moments towed it into shore. He was an immense fellow, to heavy to lift altogether out of the water. So we cut him up as he lay, stranded like a whale.

DOUBLY SOLD.

A correspondent writes:—"I was sitting quietly by the stove in a lager beer saloon in Philadelphia one very cold night in the fall of 1869, the only other occupants at the time being four young men—apparently students—playing euchre. They were busily engaged playing, and I had also busily engaged smoking and warming myself, when the door opened, letting in a gust of wind, a lot of snow, and, with the two, a sad, shabby looking man, with one of the most miserable looking dogs at his heels that it has ever been my misfortune to look at. He walked up to the bar and took a drink of whiskey, after which he went to the table, where there was a large bowl of hot clam chowder, given gratis to whoever purchased a drink. Having procured a soup-plateful of this nourishment, he sat down, the dog placing himself directly opposite him. When the man came across a piece of gistle, he threw it to the dog, who ate it ravenously. The four young men seemed suddenly to relinquish their cards and to be more deeply interested in the man and dog. One bet another twenty dollars that the man would not sell the dog, on which the young man challenged at once took the bet, both staking the money in the hands of their two friends. The one challenged thereupon accosted the man:—"Say, cap'n, dew you want to sell that dog?" The man just looked at his interrogator, and that was all. Again he was asked, but still there was no answer, until the party asking offered to give him five dollars for it; at which offer the man said:—"Don't pester me about the dog—I don't want to sell," which answer created a burst of laughter among the young men, myself included. Exasperated at last, the young man bid the stranger ten dollars for the dog, which he immediately took, handing over the dog in exchange, and buttoning up his coat and walking coolly to the door, when it struck the purchaser that he would like to know the dog's name, which he asked the man in a loud voice as the latter was near the place of exit. The man turned round and gazed at them all with a benign look of pity. He said to them, "Dew you wish tew know that purp's name?" They simultaneously answered in the affirmative. He said, "Well, that's good, considering I never saw him till he foiled me in here!"

THE HAWKEYE VERNACULAR.

'Tis the dulcet voice of a fair Iowa girl, speaking to her noble brother who has been out all night:—"Nixy Rocks, that stiff's too thin; you see I'm up to snuff; you see I'm on to the boys now, and you might as well cheese your racket about staying up with a sick friend. I heard about your drinking three straights and a whisky sour at Bill Rye's saloon, and then went down to old Barbon's place and give him the finger for a blue-blazer and a hot rum punch. When you were playing fifteen-ball pool with Ike Smith didn't you get stuck for six straight games and the drinks and stand him off for the whole business? Oh! but you're a stayer, and the first thing you know you will have a bad case of the jims, and then everybody about town will say you were a pretty good fellow, but too much of a kid to run with thoroughbreds."

been 'turned into a rock,' and great was the desire of everybody to see it. Attempts were made, it is said, to steal it out of the cedar where the old gentleman had carefully concealed it, but they were unsuccessful. All through the war it was guarded by the father as the most sacred trust, but few persons being allowed to see it. About six years ago, however, it was quietly buried in the Methodist cemetery in Hendersonville.

HOW WHALES SPOUT.

Mr. Henry Lee, the British naturalist, pronounces the belief that whales spout out of their blow-holes a popular error. The lungs of the animal are fitted to receive air and to bring the blood into contact with the air that it may observe the oxygen of the air and be purified. The air could not well be breathed through the mouth of an animal which has to take its food from and in water. It is inhaled only by the nostrils, which are situated in the top of the head; and the windpipe is turned up to them without having any connection with the palate. What seems to be a spout is sometimes spray produced by the whale beginning to blow before the head is actually at the surface; but usually it is nothing but the hot, moist breath condensed into vapour by sudden contact with the cold, outside air. This theory has been questioned by a good many naturalists, but is sustained by references to the opinions of scientific men who have given practical study to the habits of the whale. Mr. Bentley, of the London Zoo Local Gardens, for instance, believes that the air-blast of a whale is strong enough to blow a man off the spiracle if he were seated on it. He says that the volume of hot vapour breath expelled is enormous.

A SEA TRAGEDY.

The San Francisco Call has this account of a sea-fight:—"The passengers of the boat from Oakland recently witnessed a tough fight between a sturgeon and a sea-lion. The former had swam away from the nutritive mud of the San Joaquin in quest of something to suck in the bay, and its flippers enemy had entered the bay on a prow. One wanted to eat and the other to escape. The seal saw its chance for a magnificent meal, and the sturgeon was proudly conscious that nature ought to have endowed it with shark's teeth and the capacity to crush like the squid. Fish and mammal came to the surface, the former to breathe and the latter because it couldn't stay down. The seal bit viciously at the gill openings of its adversary and showed superior finesse in planning the campaign, while the sturgeons lashed the water powerfully with its unqually-lobbed tail, and occasionally administered a stunning blow to the seal. Blood flowed profusely, and the water was dyed for yards around; but eventually the sturgeon yielded up the ghost, being seized unluckily by the tail, and paralyzed in movement by having its only propeller nearly bitten off. Thus wounded and circumvented, it desisted from the battle, and the seal administered the coup de grace and towed his dinner beneath the waves. The spectacle was an exciting one."

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stake was absolutely necessary to make a game interesting, and the deposits of players have protested that their stakes are a 'merchandise,' the winning or losing of which could trouble no one of moderate means. Rumours have also circulated that disputes over games have frequently resulted in stirring up rivalry and, and set men who were concerned in them at swords' points with each other. Strenuous efforts have been made at all times to keep these club scandals quiet, and in most cases the silence of members has confined these disagreeable skeletons to their proper closets. If business men are known as habitués of such places, and for mysterious and undefinable reasons they are suddenly precipitated into bankruptcy, it is high time that the evils charged,—and which must sooner or later write themselves down in the records of courts and commercial agencies,—should be extirpated, root and branch.

SHOOTING FROM A LIGHTNING TRAIN.

Our Virginia, Nevada, correspondent "Pills," sends us the following:—"Last Saturday evening Tom Clark, engineer of the lightning express train of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad, when making the trip between this city and Reno, overtook three deer on the track a short distance north of Steamboat Springs. Two of them leaped the board fence along side of the road and made their escape. The third, a fine two-year old, concluded to try a race with the locomotive. Clark instructed his fireman to follow him up, while he himself went back to the express car for a shot gun, which was loaded with buckshot, with which he took up a position on the tender and waited for the locomotive to overtake Mr. Deer. After a race of 300 yards the locomotive came up alongside of the buck, when Clark poured into him a charge of buckshot which badly crippled him in the shoulders. Porter Rockwell, the express messenger, turned loose on the deer with another shot gun from the express car, and when he came in range, conductor Ed. Verrill fired from the baggage car with a Winchester rifle. The deer unable to stand up under such a heavy fire, gave up the ghost, and was taken on board the train. Engineer Clark is of the opinion that there must be a deer lock somewhere in that locality, as he has seen deer there on at least twenty different occasions. He says that if they do not at once jump the fence on being started up, he has a dead thing on them with his formidable battery of Gatling guns. The head of the buck captured the other night is being stuffed at the market of Ingersoll & Craddock, and will hereafter adorn the headlight of the locomotive, 'Reno.'"

A SNAKE CHARMER.

SNALLA, AN ABYSSINIAN GIRL, EXHIBITING AT THE WESTMINSTER AQUARIUM.

(From the London Morning Post.)

Some new features have just been added to the attractions of the Royal Aquarium at Westminster, which are likely to prove interesting to the general public and peculiarly so to naturalists. One is an exhibition of extraordinary power which is an Abyssinian snake charmer, a girl of the name of Snalla, who has been brought to Europe by Dr. ... In the latter case the venomous cobra was shown to be capable of control; but in the present instance the serpents, belonging to the non-venomous class, which kill their prey by compression. Snalla has brought with her three small anacondas and a boa constrictor;

many minds as to the wisdom of Kentucky. In view of all this, what will the people of other States think of the grand jury of Fayette County, in which Lexington is situated, which has recently indicted for murder these two representative racing associations for permitting pools to be run on their race tracks? Of course this fanatical attempt at puritizing racing in Kentucky will not be sustained by the people of that grand Commonwealth for many years after the late John C. Breckinridge, one of the ablest and brightest statesmen of his time, was President of the Kentucky Association. This grand jury has simply made itself ridiculous by their indictment of the racing associations. Its members are only deserving of the contempt of an honorable sportsman. The law can never be strangled by any such absurdity.—*Dramatic and Sporting News*

A RAILROAD VELOCIPÈDE.

A man named Johnson, a railroad musician, being in Garland, and anxious to depart for some congenial climes, with the aid of an ingenious blacksmith there, manufactured a railroad velocipede, with which he proposes to travel down into Texas. Having become so possessed with two two-wheeled velocipedes, such as were in common use a few years ago, he proceeded to fasten them together to run on a railroad. Wooden axles were constructed so that the machine could be adapted to any gauge of track, a broader tread was placed on the wheels, to which were added flanges made of whiskey barrel hoops, levers were fitted to give means for using the hands as well as the feet to gain motive power, the whole arrangement was given a coat of red paint, and it was set on the track at Garland ready for service. The machine weighs about forty pounds, and is easily handled. The operator sits on a seat resting across what were the two seats of the old velocipedes.

Being provided with a light camping outfit Johnson mounted his novel traveling apparatus at Garland and arrived here with no accident, having made the trip at the rate of about fifteen miles per hour.

He remained in this city a day or two, and altering the gauge of his car to suit that of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Road, he started out on Friday afternoon behind east. Our informant tells us that he saw Johnson near Goldsmith's ranche, and tried to keep up with his car on a good horse, but the animal was soon distanced. The engineer of the eastern bound passenger train reported having seen Johnson at Apishapa yesterday. At that time, of course, the car was removed from the rails and was being pushed by the engine along the wagon road adjacent to the track.

We are informed that Johnson is an old railroad man and always provides himself with a time card so that he can keep out of the way of the regular trains. His apparatus is so light that it can be moved from the rails in a moment. Should he run foul of a special train it might "discourage" him at some what, but on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe there is little danger, the road being so straight.—*Golden Rule Globe*.

We don't want a Moore township girl to be a long test-r. At a singing school up town the other night a young man was bragging about the strength of his lungs, and next a girl in the company told him in the presence of the school that she was leg-banded, had been active, but at his urgent request she lay down. When his friends went to pick up he said he thought he would die lying down. He had lost all his strength, having any lungs, but the young man caused him by admitting that she had hit him as hard as she might have, and that she rather liked him.

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Chatham..... May 24
Clinton..... May 23 to 24
Eastwell..... May 24 to 25

MEETINGS.

Campbellford, Ont. Feb. 6 and 7
Ottawa..... Feb. 12 to 16
Levine Park, Montreal..... March —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Ottawa Ice Races..... Feb. 7

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Charlotte, N. C. Feb 15 to 19
St. Louis, Mo. June 4 to 8

TROTTING

Freeport, Ill. May 30 to June 2
Piquettestown, Ill. June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis. June 4 to 7
Grand Rapids, Mich. June 18 to 21
Detroit, Mich. July 2 to 7
Clyde, N. Y. July 3 to 5
Warren, Ohio July 3 to 5
Tolado, O. July 16 to 19
Cleveland, O. July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y. July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill. Aug 1 to 4
Rochester, N. Y. Aug 6 to 9
Piquettestown, Ill. Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y. Aug 13 to 16
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can be reached through Express offices, and we expect they will be promptly paid. There are thousands of dollars due us, and the want of this money seriously impedes our efforts to bring the paper up to our ideal. Those who are indebted for over a year will, we hope, see the necessity of prompt payment. The terms of subscription are in advance, and when we wait for a year or two consider ourselves very illly repaid when we receive an excuse instead of the money, and have the cost of sending and returning the draft to pay besides. It is our intention to collect this money, and if subscribers in arrears will not recognize our drafts, we will be obliged to proceed in a more unpleasant and costly way.

TIME STATISTICS.

Some time ago a proposition was made through the sporting press that racing associations should use a large timing instrument, which would occupy a position immediately in front of the Judges' stand, and in full view of the spectators. It was submitted with a good deal of force that a mechanical contrivance of this character would do away with the misrepresentation of time as a record against a horse winning a heat. It is no mystery to those who have been in the habit of visiting trotting gatherings, and who have kept their eyes and ears open, that the hand controlling the watch is prone to indulge in undue leniency in many instances where a horse wins a heat, beating his record by a second or so. This mistaken idea of mercy has worked material injury to the turf by keeping horses in the same class throughout the season—thus favoring his owner to the prejudice of many. We have always been keen advocates of impartial time records, our course has been guided in this matter by the high ground of principle, as well as the lower one of expediency. The introduction of the timing machine suggested above would place it beyond the power of any one to submit the record to any manipulation at the hands of interested parties. The necessity of some such contrivance is shown by a late table of the number of horses that have trotted in 2:30 or better, that are now and have been on the American trotting turf. The total number is 836. Of this number 130 have the credit of stopping the watch exactly in the 2:30 notch, while only 19 were able to trot a quarter of a second faster. As they reach the exact second mark it is wonderful how numerous they become in proportion, to the fractions. Of the 29 fellows, there are 59, while the 28 class has only 16. Coming down a second lower to the 28 list, we have 52, while only 11 beat this a quarter of a second. This is an average exhibit of the whole table. It is said that figures will not lie, and it would require a stretch of the imagination to assume that the theory of chances would be so completely nullified as the table from which the above is quoted shows. The only inference, therefore, that will be permitted is that the official timer was recreant to his duty in many of the instances. While the morality of this course can not be commended, its injustice must be admitted. 130 horses trotting in 2:30, and only 19 in 2:29; tells the whole story more graphically and forcibly than pages of writing. The fact of fraudulent timing as a custom is too evident by these figures, which, like Scudder's picture machine or Geo. Washington, are incapable of falsehood. The only practical remedy that presents itself is the introduction of the public timing machine, an innovation our leading tracks should avail themselves of.

AQUATIC GOSSIP.

thing improper in the proceeding. But those who have confidence in the men will be far from entertaining any such idea, and the backers of Courtney and Hanlan have the most implicit reliance in them. If outsiders feel disposed to take exception to the manner in which the gentlemen conduct their business, it is a matter over which the principals can exercise no control, and which will probably not give them much uneasiness. In a great affair of this kind the leading movers have enough to do to conduct their own parts properly, without attempting to exercise any influence on public opinion. It no doubt will prove satisfactory to the friends of both men, and the aquatic world generally, to know that the possibility of the representative men of the two countries coming together is now beyond a doubt, although the details of the match are to be arranged hereafter.

Placed, on second thought, seems to have come to the conclusion that he will not negotiate a match with Hanlan at present, a conclusion that does honor to his judgment.

Hanlan has replied to Higgins' challenge, and submits a counter proposition in which he offers to meet the English champion in Toronto Bay and allow him expenses, or will row him on the Kennebecasi, near St. John, N. B., each man paying his own expenses. It is not looked upon as probable that Higgins will give a favorable reply to this intimation. Courtney stood prepared to give the Englishman a proposition something similar, but on learning that Hanlan had already made up his mind in that direction, gracefully retired and allowed the Canadian to be the first on if there was any chance of a race.

From a copy of a challenge sent to the New York Clipper this week, which will be found in another column, it will be seen that Hanlan throws down the glove to Evan Morris of Pittsburg, to row for the championship of America. If Morris is willing to meet Hanlan he can take little exception to the latter's proposals, although in the matter of a championship race, the man holding the title may make objections to the naming of the locality by the challenger. Morris may entertain the idea that he as the champion of American oarsman has a right to name over what water a contest for the highest honors of single scull aquatic shall take place. But the Canadian's proposition is so fairly worded, that if Morris should decline on technical grounds to meet the Centennial victor, his refusal would look so much like quibbling as to leave no doubts of the cause of his non-acceptance of the def. It will be noticed that Hanlan does not name Toronto Bay in his challenge, from which it might be implied that if Morris accepts and elects to row in Ontario, that some other place than our bay might be designated by Hanlan as the scene of the contest. If such should be the case it would be a serious disappointment to his many friends in this city, who think that all our champion's races should take place, if possible, in his native city.

From all accounts it does not appear likely that Trickett will visit this country next summer. Private advices from Australia are much to this effect, and however great this disappointment may be to the lovers of aquatic sport in America, they are not likely to suffer from a famine, when we have such men as Hanlan, Courtney, Morris, Riley, Ross, Brayley, Plaisted, Scharff, and numerous others who might be named, able exponents of the oar.

Courtney stated to a reporter of the Syracuse, N. Y., Sunday Times that he did not believe any man living could row three miles in nineteen minutes; whereas reports are current that he has knocked the bottom out of such time, and Auburnians will tell you that Courtney can beat nineteen minutes by hundreds of yards. If any credence can be

evening of the fire, since which no tidings of him can be had.

The Montreal Horse Market has been very quiet. Last week only 48 horses were shipped to the States, the average value of which was about \$100 each.

The regular Winter Races will be held at LePine Park, Montreal, early in March.

The Texas, U. S., Jemipiente says:— "That is right. When you have been reading a newspaper two or three years without having paid a cent on your subscription, always get your back up and stop your paper when the editor duns you. It never fails to impress him with a clear insight of your ideas of justice and honor." The writer of the above speaks as if he had had some journalistic experience in Canada.

At the last advices from Jacksonville, Florida, Senator John Morrissey's condition was much more favorable. On Sunday he was able to be down for the first time since his malady assumed such an acute form, and his friends are quite hopeful of his recovery.

Adrian Caris, Gannon of St. Catharines, held the reins over Mr. James Vine's trotter, Dixey, who recently won a match race for \$100 at Homer, from Mr. S. Robinson's Whirlwind, driven by Mr. Johnny Bradburn.

The Police Magistrate, at Hamilton, on the 17th, dismissed a charge of keeping a gambling house against a man who had allowed parties to play for drinks at bugatelle in his house. The prosecutor, not appearing, had to pay the costs.

Mr. R. L. Ashbaugh, of Hamilton, moved to have a recount of the ballots for Aldermen in No. 7 Ward, before County Judge Sinclair. The Judge did not allow the application; and Mr. A. not wishing to press the matter, allowed it to drop at this stage, but promises to run the race over again next year, when he thinks he will be a winner sure.

A fatal accident happened to Mr. Joseph Weninger, of Stratford, the owner of the race horse General Jobber, last week. He was driving the horse on Erie street in that town, when the animal turned sharply, throwing Mr. W. out of the cutter against a hitching post, breaking his left arm and injuring him so severely internally that he died shortly after being removed to his house. Mr. W. was an old and respected resident of the town, a popular hotel-keeper, and quite a well-to-do man. He was 56 years of age.

Professor Woods, of Montreal, offers to match a pupil of his in a glove contest against any man in that city. If he should fail to get on a match there, he might include Toronto, when his chances of being accomplished would be good.

Dr. G. Archie Stockwell, Port Huron, Mich., (Archer) is contributing a series of papers to the Chicago Field on the game of America. His first letter on the Grouse, appeared last week.

Mr. J. T. Hicks, Hicks' Hotel, Mitchell, is driving the thoroughbred stallion Baron Rothschild, by Red Eye, dam Magenta by imported Yorkshire, in harness. He takes to it as kindly as a rosinator of plebeian blood, and can show a three minute gait already.

Last week Mr. George Spearin, 5th con., Blanshard, sold his splendid two year old colt, Young Lord Haddo, to John Cameron, 3rd line, same township, for the sum of \$500.

Mr. W. E. Peet, of New York city, has sold the trotting stallion, Monteruma, to Mr. A. B. Post, of Goshen, N. Y. It was reported a popular Hamilton horseman was in treaty for his purchase, but for some reason or other failed to bring him across the lines.

The Cleveland, Ohio, Club, has re-elected Mr. Wm. Edwards as President, and Mr. Sam. Briggs as Secretary. These gentlemen

Mich., formerly of Watford, Ont., is just now in New York, where he was invited by Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt to take a look over Me.'s old favorite Small Hopes. McGuigan piloted Small Hopes in his notorious campaign when he acquired the soubriquet of "The Outlaw of the Turf." Me. is a clever man with the ribbons, and will speed Small Hopes for the amusement of the millionaire W. H. V.

Correspondence.

FROM HOMER.

To Editor of Sporting Times:

I have another suggestion to make about horses that trot the season through at small places, where they give no record and suppress the time. I think a good way to remedy this evil and punish the horses thus engaged, would be for the National Association and our Canadian Associations to adopt a rule that horses trotting at such places where the time is suppressed and given no record, should have a record of 2:40 attached to them, and they should not be permitted to start in any slower class. The names could be gathered from the summaries published in the various sporting papers. The sooner a stop is put to this trotting for a consideration without a record the better. It is discouraging to the breeders of young green horses they would like to trot, but they are placed at a great disadvantage in being obliged to compete with older horses that have been trotting for years under suppressed time. I am strongly under the impression there would be more trotting on its merits, if this rule was established and enforced, compelling horses to start in their proper classes. The excuse made for suppression is that the purses are so small, that horses should not get a record for the paltry sum they receive. They appear to be willing to trot for the money, and are as much entitled to get a record as the horses that trot for a larger purse. In my personal knowledge I know of several horses that have trotted the season through at these "no time" places and got no record, that can beat and have beaten 2:40 easily. And yet their owners claim they are eligible for the three minute class. From this it will be seen that young horses have no show, unless their owners would be dishonored enough to follow in the footsteps of such fraudulent examples. I know of no place where so much of this illegal work is carried on as in Canada. There is a rule to expel a horse for trotting under suppression, but it is impossible to inflict the penalty unless the track belongs to the National Association. I adopt 2:40 as a margin, as a now-a-days an owner will hardly start his horse unless he can trot that fast or better. Another suggestion I would submit is that the slower classes should be made exclusively for Dominion-bred horses, thus shutting out American ringers.

I would like some more capable man to ventilate this question, and arouse those small Associations who have been in the habit of dispensing with the blackboard to the magnitude of the evil they are inflicting not only upon horse owners, but upon racing itself in Canada. The coming season will require all the exertions possible to maintain the turf upon its feet in this country, and one of the most feasible plans to bring it up to the standard which all who are interested in its welfare would desire to see is to conduct all the contests in a straightforward, upright manner, and strictly according to the rules.—GACIAN BRAND.

LOCKPORT.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

The weather clerk must have gone out on a 'bust' and left the business to take care of itself, which it is doing in a manner degenerating to the 'hoss men's' sport, and no doubt highly satisfactory to the poor pedestrian doomed to use 'shank's nags' for the want of a trotter. Two days' rain put a full stop to all sleighing, and 'cuss words' and mud are about as num-

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A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

From the Sporting Times, Dec. 14th, '77.]
 The third year of our proprietorship of the SPORTING TIMES is drawing to a close. During the time it has been under our management it has been a regular, and we hope acceptable, visitor to the reader. It has been our practice to issue drafts in September on those who were in default with their subscriptions; but this year, instead, made a call through the columns of the paper requesting all who were indebted to remit the amount due. With regret, we are obliged to acknowledge the appeal was not responded to with that alacrity which we anticipated would be shown. During this and next week we will issue drafts upon all of our subscribers who are in arrears for subscriptions, that

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The present week has been very lively in aquatic circles. The arrival of Courtney, the American oarsman, in Toronto, on Monday afternoon last, created, as might naturally be expected, considerable excitement among our local scullers and their friends. His stay was short, he taking his departure on Tuesday morning. During his visit he called upon Hanlan's principal backer, and after an interview with that gentleman, it was given out in the daily press that preliminary arrangements were made for a race to take place some time during the summer, either on Toronto Bay or Owasco Lake; the details of the match to be arranged hereafter. So it may now be considered that a match between Hanlan and Courtney is one of the things that is to be. Hanlan expresses himself confidently in the matter, and appears to be in no doubt about the result. The bringing about of the match in this mysterious manner after the friends of the Toronto man had fought so shy of the Union Springs champion, can no doubt be accounted for by the fact of the principals and their backers being brought face to face, and business which might have taken weeks of correspondence could, in this way, be arranged in almost as many minutes. Captious critics might not approve of this new style of match-making, deeming the old plan preferable; and keen-nosed doubters may scent some-

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LOCKPORT.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times

The weather clerk must have gone out on a 'bust' and left the business to take care of itself, which it is doing in a manner degenerating to the 'hoss men's' sport, and no doubt highly satisfactorily to the poor pedestrian doomed to use 'shank's nags' for the want of a trotter. Two days' rain put a full stop to all sleighing, and 'cuss words' and mud are about as numerous as were the 'speedy 'uns' a fortnight ago. Mr. Hawkes shipped his Kentucky horses one day last week. We understand he will make other shipments if successful this time. The old Continental billiard room and bowling alley was burnt to the ground on the morning of Thursday, the 17th; the loss is partially covered by insurance; the building was originally built for a church, but has been used for the above purpose for some years. The Alert Gymnastic Association will celebrate their first anniversary on the 31st by a dress ball, to which the elite of the city are invited, and a pleasant time is anticipated. Miss Fanny Davenport did not fulfil her engagement here on account of the death of her sister. Mr. Daly produced Divorce to a well filled house, with his superb company, and gave general satisfaction. Florence, in the Mighty Dollar, on 18th to a fair audience. We are to have a telephone concert on the 31st.—ELL.

FROM INGERSOLL.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times

The first skating carnival ever held in our rink took place last Thursday, and was a grand success. There were no less than 1,300 people present, and everybody was pleased with the varied costumes of the masqueraders, some of which were simply magnificent. The band of the 7th Battalion, London, was in attendance, and well they performed their part of the programme. Sprague & Blodgett's Georgia minstrels played here last Friday to a crowded house. No new items this time.—TOM WRIGHT.

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT LEVINE PARK, MONTREAL.

Levine Park, Montreal, Jan. 18.—\$50; trotting for green horses. Mile heats, 8 in 5, to 9 lbs.

Levine's br g Tom	1	1	1
Mer's br m Sarah	3	2	2
Mer's r. Alex	2	3	3

No time.

Same Day. \$50; trotting; for driving horses, 4 heats, 3 in 5.

Levine's g g Napoleon	1	1	4	0	2	1
Garthier's blk g Black Ned	2	3	3	0	1	2
Mer's br m Sarah	4	2	1	2	3	4
Beauvais' br g Nimrod	5	5	2	1	4	3
Smith's b g Ethan Allen	6	4	6	4	3	8
Carteau's b m Centennial Maid	6	4	6	4	3	8
Levine's br g Harry	3	6	5	6	5	6

No time.

TROTTING AT LEAMY'S LAKE, HULL, P.Q.

There were two races on Crystal Park, on Saturday last. The first, for \$50, was won by Mr. Mer's horse. The second race was for carter's horses, purse \$25, and was won by Mr. Rouleau's horse Carro. The races were open to Hull residents only.

MONTREAL VETERINARY COLLEGE.

At the Association meeting of this College, Dr. T. J. Mills, Charleston, Ill., read a communication on an abscess in the side of a horse situated between the twelfth and thirteenth ribs. The President exhibited some interesting specimens procured for a subject brought to the College for dissection. The animal, while being purchased by a student, suddenly dropped dead, without any apparent cause. In the *post mortem* examination it was found that a rupture had taken place in the main trunk of the aorta close to its junction with the heart. A most peculiar case of one of the kidneys was also discovered in the same subject—the organ being partially encysted in a membranous sac of disproportionate proportions. In addition to these the members present had the opportunity of examining the pathological condition of the stomach of a dog that had died from acute gastritis. After some instructive remarks from the President relative to the specimens exhibited, an exceedingly able and practical paper was read by Mr. C. C. Lyford, V. S., Rosebud, Ill., on *pursal enlargements*.

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE SOCIETY.

The above society held their usual weekly meeting in the Lecture room, last Thursday evening, 17th. Mr. Duncan, V. S., of Goddard, occupied the chair.

After the usual routine business, Mr. Geo. Wells, of Ottawa, read an essay on "Pleuramonía" in the horse. After the customary debate, Mr. L. E. Wheat, of Burdett, Y. read a most elaborate essay on corns, which was allowed on all sides to be one of the best ever read on the subject before the societies. It was moved by Mr. Newton and seconded by Mr. Humphreys, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Falls and that the meeting be adjourned.

To Correspondents.

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

No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or graph.

Hedestrianism.

A CANADIAN PED. FOR ENGLAND.

Mr. Charles McIver, of Montreal, left that city lately for England to take part in the great Eastern handicap at Hyde Park, Sheffield, after which he will probably engage in other events in the old country against the best sprinters they can put in the field. Samuel Wallace, of Royston, who, so far, has been successful in every race he has taken part in, will toe the scratch and give Mr. McIver six yards start. There are about 200 entries, and the race is looked upon with keen interest. Mr. McIver, as every one knows, is one of the best sprint runners in this country, and the winner of many prizes, including the amateur champion medal of the State of New York. He has a good record and will give an account of himself. It appears to have been a bad piece of management to enter McIver from Canada, as the handicapper must come to the conclusion he is a phenomenon to cross the Atlantic for the sole purpose of meeting the fleetest of the Britishers, and Mr. McIver would consequently be handicapped in accordance with this idea. This is shown by him only getting six yards, when it is nothing unusual for comparatively unknown men to receive from 10 yards to 20 yards the best of the start. His friends think he can beat any man in the world with the six yards given him, and speak very confidently of his prospects at Sheffield. It would be as well to take into consideration the fact that there may be some "dark" one among the acceptances who is started yards ahead even of the Canadian. It will be remembered Ben Scholes, of Newark, N. J., slipped over to the old sod last fall, and won with ridiculous ease, a £150 handicap, 104 yards, with 8 or 9 yards start, at Manchester. There may be another such flyer as Scholes at Sheffield among 200 entries, and, good a runner as McIver undoubtedly is, he may be giving yards to some "wind-splitter" who has not made himself in any way prominent. It is hardly probable the race will be entirely between Wallace and McIver.

SNOW SHOE RACE.

The tenth annual snow shoe race of the Montreal Snow Shoe Club took place on the evening of the 16th, from head of Union Avenue across the Mountain. The following entered:—Messrs. F. C. A. McIndoe, E. H. Hanna, Geo. Starke, W. Cousins, H. Downs, R. Short, John McGibbon, A. F. Salter, R. McGill Stewart, F. Brush, W. Kay, T. Paton, T. Rutherford, F. Cole, R. Hood, W. Robertson, and H. Tibbs.

The race was a spirited one, and resulted as follows:—

George Starke, 1; T. Paton, 2; T. Rutherford, 3; F. C. A. McIndoe, 4; E. H. Hanna, 5; John McGibbon, 6; A. F. Salter, 7; W. Kay, 8; W. Cousins, 9.

Last year Mr. Starke won the Prendergast gold medal in 18-u. 40s.; he wins the race this year in 20 minutes, but the distance is greater, the Prendergast medal being run from the College gates, and the above race from the head of Union Avenue, a difference of at least one minute. At Prendergast's there was a good time. Over three hundred snow shoes were present, and the veteran caterer, Prendergast, did all that his patrons desired. After partaking of the good things necessary for snow shoes, Mr. Davidson, Q. C., ex-President of the club, presented Messrs. Starke and Paton with the medals they had won.

R. McIntosh is said to have jumped 18ft. 7jin., in a match with A. Mitchell, at Fond du Lac, Wis., recently. If it had been a little farther off they might have made it another foot.

The Duke of Edinburgh has been encouraging athletic and gymnastic to a great extent of late, both in connection with his own ship and amongst the military and naval services at Malta generally. His royal highness expended some £100 on prizes to be distributed at the recent garrison sports; and he has just forwarded to the colonial commanding the Seventy-first Highlanders a handsome ring as testimony of his appreciation of the arrangements on that occasion.—*London World*.

Wrestling.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL WRESTLERS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16, 1878.

EDITOR SPORTSMAN: I beg to deposit in your hands \$50 as a forfeit to wrestle Major J. H. McLaughlin, of Detroit, Mr. James Owens, of Vermont, or any other wrestler in the world for \$500 or \$1,000 a side—one fall Græco-Roman, one fall collar-and-elbow, one fall Græco-Roman rules with the use of the legs, tripping allowed, which is collar-and-elbow and Græco-Roman wrestling mixed; the winner of two falls in three to be declared the victor. If any wrestler means business he will please cover this forfeit at once. I challenge anyone to wrestle me Græco-Roman style at \$500 a side and upwards, best two in three falls. If Mons. Bonnel Le Boeuf, who some of the sporting papers say has been brought over here from Europe by subscription to wrestle anyone, wants a chance, now is his time. I was at the Clipper office on Friday last, at 11 a.m., by appointment of one of M. Le Boeuf's backers, but he failed to put in an appearance. If M. Le Boeuf has come to America to wrestle for money, I will make a bona fide match with him for \$1,000 a side; the contest to take place within six weeks from date. I also challenge any wrestler to wrestle catch as catch can above the waist, Græco-Roman rules, with use of legs, for \$500 a side or more. I will cover all forfeits sent by wrestlers to THE SPORTSMAN, but will pay no attention to advertising subterfuges.

Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM MILLER,
Champion Wrestler of America.

A WRESTLING MATCH AT RIO JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

Some time ago we mentioned the fact that Jean De Rodrigo, a gigantic Mexican, had issued a challenge to wrestle any man in the world, at border style, and we also mentioned the fact that this was a good chance for some of the Englishmen to make a little money. Whether it was our suggestion, or whether it was that some of the backers of Paul De Garcia—whom Rodrigo threw in a recent match—were smarting under their losses, which we are told were enormous, we do not know. But certain it is that a commission was sent to England to procure some one who could upset the huge matador, and J. Tomlinson, the celebrated English wrestler, was brought over, and a magnificent present was offered to him should he grass his man. Tomlinson is a splendid specimen of mankind, standing six feet high and weighing 190 pounds, but gigantic as he is, he is but an infant beside his Brobdignagian antagonist, who towers three inches above him and scales 300 pounds. The only stumbling block in the way of a match was the selection of a proper person to act as stakeholder and referee. This personage was found in the British Consul. As the day of the contest drew nigh immense sums of money were wagered on the result, but the Mexican had taken the measure of his opponent, and the survey proved anything but satisfactory to the swarthy son of the South, who concluded that he had better go on the Braumagem style of win, tie, or wrangle, and on the evening of the contest he surrounded himself with such a horde of the *dolce far niente* type as was never seen at the Insurrection of Naples. As the theatre which was to be the scene of action filled up large numbers of matadors, armed to the teeth, could be counted, and an outbreak seemed imminent. When the men came upon the stage the excitement was intensified, and when it became known that Rodrigo had refused to wrestle unless he was allowed to win, the murmurings burst forth in angry exclamations, which were accompanied by menacing threats. The referee vainly endeavored to get the men together, but finding that his efforts were futile, he stepped to the front of the stage, and announced that owing to the Mexican's refusing to wrestle with the Englishman, he had no other alternative than to award the stakes to the latter. The audience then got up a free fight among themselves, during which several of them received serious injuries, Rodrigo being among the number of wounded. This match is said to have been for \$5,000.

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THE TIME TEST.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 12, 1878.

DEAR SPIRIT: I have seen with much pleasure the articles which you have published about the time test. I fully agree with you as to the advisability of doing away with official time. The most important reason, of course, is that it would tend to make tracks safer, as you have so ably argued. But I think that many reasons might be urged against the too great prominence given to time at our various race meetings.

One is, that it often misleads the public, and causes some horses to be rated far above their true merits, and others as far below. To a certain extent it withdraws attention from the true point of interest in the race, to concentrate it upon one of really far less consequence.

Some persons seem to imagine that the fact that a horse has run a certain distance in a given time is equivalent to his having beaten all horses which have not done the same distance in an equally short time. I do not, of course, insinuate that any experienced turfman is of this opinion, but some who ought to know better, seem to hold it, and our present system tends to foster such opinions.

If we examine some of the "fastest on record," we shall find that they are not always first class performers. Our fastest mile is Ten Broeck's, 1:39—well, it only beats Kadi's time by a second and a half, which was made in a second heat, and yet Kadi was by no means the best horse of his day. Again, I think we may regard Fellowcraft's four miles in 7:19, with 108 lbs. as being nearly, if not quite, as good as Ten Broeck's 7:15, with 104 lbs., as the former was made in a race in which the horse had to take all chances and beat all opponents, the latter in a match against time, when, instead of opponents, he had assistants, and all impediments, as far as possible, removed, out of his way. And yet, after all, was Fellowcraft a first class horse?

In training, I look upon the watch as a valuable aid; but after all it is only a check upon the correctness of our performances, and I would rather have a trainer without any watch, who was a good judge of pace, than one who was not, with all the watches in the United States.

To make time the supreme test of the merits of a race, is, in my opinion, wrong from start to finish.

Yours,
CLOCKFAST.

RACING AT MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

The Spring Meeting of the Victoria Racing Club, which commenced at Melbourne, Australia, Nov. 3, was one of the most brilliant ones ever held. The weather was fine, and the attendance large, including Sir Geo. Bowen and suite; Mr. Wild, Governor of New South Wales, and suite. The racing opened with the Melbourne Stakes for three-year olds and upwards, 5 sovs. each, 150 sovs. added, one and a quarter miles. Woodlands was the favorite, but the race was won by Robinson Crusoe, 4 years old, 126 lbs., by a length, Woodlands second in 2:12. The second race, the Maribyrnong Plate, for two-year olds, 30 sovs. each, half forfeit, 500 sovs. added, five furlongs. Vulcan, by Yattendon, dam Montana (the favorite), won in 1:07 by half a head; twenty-eight started. The third race was the Victoria Derby, for three-year olds, 25 sovs. each, 5 sovs. forfeit, with 500 sovs. added; colts 8 st. 10 lbs., fillies 8 st. 5 lbs.; one mile and a half. Chester, by Yattendon, dam Lady Chester, who was the favorite, won handily in 2:57; there were twelve starters.

On the second day Chester, 3 years old, 96 lbs., won the Melbourne Cup, for all ages, 20 sovs. each, half forfeit, 500 sovs. added; two miles. Thirty-three started; Chester won handily in 3:33, the fastest time ever made in Australia. The Australians are very proud of this native-bred colt, and think he can hold his own with any of the cracks of the English turf.

On the third day the Royal Park Stakes of 10 sovs. each, with 150 sovs. added, for all ages, two miles, was won by Robinson Crusoe, 4 years old, 126 lbs., in 3:35. The Flying Stakes, for all ages, 5 sovs. each, with 100 sovs. added, three-quarters of a mile, was won by Bosworth, 2 years old, 77 lbs., in 1:16, beating a large field. The Victoria Oaks Stake, for three-year old fillies, one and a half miles, had only two starters. Pardon won easily in 2:54.

On the fourth day the Mares Produce Stake, of 80 sovs. each, half forfeit, 100 sovs. added, one and a quarter miles, was won by Chester in 2:11, although he had a bad start. This is the fastest mile and a quarter ever run in Australia. The Victoria Racing Club Handicap, for all ages, of 10 sovs. each, half forfeit 150 sovs. added, one and three-quarter miles, won by Woodland, a three-year old, with 96 lbs. up, in 3:04, which is faster than ever run in America.

MONTREAL HUNT CLUB.

A meeting of the members of this club was held on Friday afternoon at the St. Lawrence Hall, when a resume of the year's

GOOD FOR 'COOL'.

At the Music Hall, Quebec, on the 15th, Cool Burgess' performance concluded by the singing of "God Save the Queen." While this was in course of rendition, a fellow in the pit, one low churl, compact of thoughtless clay, took it upon himself to sing the glorious national anthem. Soon cries of "Turn him out" were raised, and although the miscreant was promptly followed up, he made good his escape. Burgess, hearing the row, at the fall of the curtain stepped to the front and stated that, as a British subject it had been his habit, and would ever be, to sing "God Save the Queen" at the close of his performance. This statement was received with loud applause and the vocal approval of the audience.

ATHLETIC.

We regret to hear that the once popular athlete and introductor of the improved Indian clubs, Sam Keeher, is an inmate of the Flatbush, L. I., Asylum for the Insane. He has been confined there since Sept. 29, and there is but little hope of his recovery.

Mr. E. L. Plummer, of the New York Sport man, has issued a call for an Athletic Convention, to be held in New York, on Jan. 30. Any communications on the subject should be addressed to Mr. Plummer as above.

Dr. Widdow's Work—This valuable work on "The Thorough Racehorse—How to Breed, Rear, and Train Him," will shortly be ready for publication. It will contain forty-three chapters of reading matter, besides a number of engravings of distinguished horses. Every owner of a thoroughbred should secure a copy. It will be published solely in the interest of Dr. Widdow, and by subscription only. Parties can forward their subscription to the Spirit of the Times' office, New York, and, when issued, the work will be forwarded to their address, C. O. D.

HIMYAR: In a recent letter to our Major R. G. Thomas of Lexington, Ky., speaks as follows of his fine son of Alarm and Hira: Himyar, now three years old. This colt's fine performances last fall and sensational defeat at Louisville, in the Sanford Stakes, by Blue Eye in son of Enquirer and Day Star, are still fresh in the minds of all our readers. "Him is as well as a colt can be, and has a very exalted appreciation of himself. He likes to gallop away off in front."

A new Trotting Association has been formed at East Saginaw, Mich. The old back of the old one led to its disbandment.

Amusements.

The stock company is furnishing the programme at the Grand Opera House this week. On Monday and Tuesday evenings the bill was the comedy of Pink Dominoes, Mrs. Morrison appearing as Lady Maggio Wagstaffe. The support by the stock company was very good, Miss McAllister as Mrs. Greythorne, creating a very favorable impression as the confiding wife. The piece was beautifully mounted and dressed, and due attention was given to the details. Owing to the unfavorable weather the attendance was not equal to the merits of the performance. Wednesday, Not Guilty was revived, with all its attractive features. Pink Dominoes will be played at the matinee tomorrow.

Sprague & Polgett's Georgia Minstrels occupied the Royal Opera House for three nights and matinee, commencing Monday. The troupe is quite a large one, and among their number are some talented musicians. The brass band playing is a strong feature of the show. Their first part is amusing through the vagaries of the four end-men. They have been favored with good houses, and have given satisfaction.

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VETERINARY COLLEGE SOCIETY.

The above society held their usual weekly meeting in the lecture room, last Thursday evening, 17th. Mr. Duncan, V. S., of Godfrey, occupied the chair. During the usual routine business, Mr. Geo. Esch of Ottawa, read an essay on "Pleurisy pneumonia" in the horse. After the customary debate, Mr. L. E. Wheat, of Burdett, read a most elaborate essay on corns, and was allowed on all sides to be one of the best ever read on the subject before the society. It was moved by Mr. Newton and seconded by Mr. Humphreys, that a vote of thanks be tendered to Messrs. Falls and that for these papers, after which the meeting adjourned.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors early in the week as possible—so that they 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 graph.)

Box 213, Newmarket.—Heenan and Sayre bought April 17, 1860.

W. W. W. Weller.—Your communication will not be inserted unless you furnish us with a real name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

W. W. W. W. Letter received. Items too late for this week. Requests will be attended to.

W. W. W. W. Thamesford.—The pedigree claimed for the horse is as follows: "Clear Grit, by the celebrated Lanidist, dam by imported Cock of the Rock; 2nd dam by imported Blacklock; 3rd dam by Tippo." Cock of the Rock was imported, and was foaled in 1814, so it is hardly possible that the dam of Clear Grit could be by him. He may be by Lapit, but the remainder of the pedigree is faulty. We shall be pleased to hear from you.

W. W. W. W. Troy Hickey, the clever Canadian weight exponent of the gloves, has been winning in Guelph the past few days. His "hand they cannot see" is generally supposed to be an allusion to that pers and soul-destroying game called "billiard."

W. W. W. W. Sheridan Shook, of New York, has sold to Stephen Dunn, of Saratoga, the trotting mare, 7 years, by Edward Everett, a Star mare, for \$5,000. Sheridan has a record of 2:23, and last summer was thought to be the coming horse, but had his legs clipped at Cleveland by the little boy Hannis, after winning two heats.

...Messrs. I. C. A. McIntosh, J. H. Hanna, G. Starke, W. Cousins, H. Downs, R. Short, John McGibbon, A. F. Saltor, R. McGill Stewart, F. Brush, W. Kay, T. Paton, T. Rutherford, F. Cole, R. Hood, W. Robertson, and H. Tibbs.

The race was a spirited one, and resulted as follows:—

George Starke, 1; T. Paton, 2; T. Rutherford, 3; F. C. A. McIntosh, 4; E. H. Hanna, 5; John McGibbon, 6; A. F. Saltor, 7; W. Kay, 8; W. Cousins, 9.

Last year Mr. Starke won the Prendergast gold medal in 18u. 40s.; he wins the race this year in 20 minutes, but the distance is greater, the Prendergast medal being run from the College gates, and the above race from the head of Union Avenue, a difference of at least one minute. At Prendergast's there was a good time. Over three hundred snow shovels were present, and the veteran caterer, Prendergast, did all that his patrons desired. After partaking of the good things necessary for snow shovels, Mr. Davidson, Q. C., ex-President of the club, presented Messrs. Starke and Paton with the medals they had won.

R. McIntosh is said to have jumped 13ft. 7in., in a match with A. Mitchell, at Fond du Lac, Wis., recently. If it had been a little farther off they might have made it another foot.

The Duke of Edinburgh has been encouraging athleticism and gymnastics to a great extent of late, both in connection with his own ship and amongst the military and naval services at Malta generally. His royal highness expended some £100 on prizes to be distributed at the recent garrison sports; and he has just forwarded to the colonel commanding the Seventy-first Highlanders a handsome ring as testimony of his appreciation of the arrangements on that occasion.—London World.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN HORSES.

The fact that the British racehorse appears so much oftener in public than the American would, at first blush, indicate that they are a tougher and harder race than ours; but when it is remembered that most of their races are a mile and under, and that much the larger number here are over a mile, and exclusive of the two-year-old events, that fully one-half are over a mile in length, and many of them two, three, and four miles, and that a large number of them, run at the longer distances are heats, this idea dwindles into insignificance.

Mr. Sanford's stable has accomplished but little during the year. Start, by Gleneig out of Stamps, is the only horse upon whom any reliance could be placed. Donna opened the season rather brilliantly, but subsided into insignificance, while Bay Final and Mate have not sustained their former fame, and both have finally passed into other hands. The stable was unfortunately late in the season. Brown Prince and several of its younger members were afflicted with a malignant epidemic influenza, that was so depleting in its effects, that not one of the horses save Mate and Start were able to bear its standard toward the close of the season.

It is probable, however, that the failure of Start to keep her engagement in the Cambridgehire Stakes was the severest stroke the stable received during the entire year. Mr. Charles Littlefield has, since the running of that race, expressed the opinion that she would have been able to have carried the "dark blue" to victory in it, and in this opinion he is sustained by the London Sporting Life. Indeed, Start has been the main reliance of the stable during the year, but we feel very hopeful of the two-year-olds sent over by Mr. Sanford in July, and the yearlings carried over by that gentleman and the Duke of Hamilton at that time, and, at least, we may hope that the strengthened forces of America will produce a corresponding increase in her chances for success on British soil next year.—Spirit.

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THE LAST OF THE TOUCHSTONES.

The highly-bred stallion, Soapstone, by Touchstone out of Miriam, by Malcolm, grandam Rowena, by Recovery out of Rebecca, by Lottery, has returned from Germany, and been purchased for the Marden Doer Park Stud, Caterham, Surrey. Two yearlings by Soapstone were brought from Germany last year, named respectively The Laird and Instrument. These remarkably fine yearlings were sold by auction and realized 1,000 guineas each. Mr. Mackenzie, the owner of Rob Roy, having purchased the former and Mr. Jardine the latter. These gentlemen must think highly of them, as they have very heavily engaged them in all the principal two and three-year-old races. At the Cobham sale The Laird was generally admitted to be one of the best in the catalogue; and, although at Doncaster Blue Blood fetched 3,000 guineas, and the filly by Macaroni out of Bonny Bell 2,200 guineas, Mr. Jardine was considered by some of the best judges to have secured in Instrument the perfection of what a Dorby colt should be, at a very moderate price, and quite the bargain of the week. Soapstone (who is very fresh and young-looking), is one year older than Blair Athol and Scottish Chief, and it is worthy of remark that when he was foaled his sire—the justly celebrated brown—was twenty-nine years of age.

BREEDERS OF SHORTHORNS.

Several leading and prominent breeders of shorthorns are on a visit to Kentucky, viz: Hon. M. H. Cochrane, Compton, Canada; Albert Crane, Durham Park, Kansas; Col. L. G. B. Cannon, of New York City; and Vennent and Simon Beattie, of Scotland. They are visiting the herds of T. J. Megibben, A. Renick, A. J. Alexander and others, and many think the visit will result in the purchase of the 14th Duke of Thorndale who will be sold on the 24th of this month.

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MONTREAL HUNT CLUB.

A meeting of the members of this club was held on Friday afternoon at the St. Lawrence Hall, when a resume of the year's business was read and discussed. The first Spring 'meet' was advertised for the 22nd of April, and the last took place on the 2nd of May. The first autumn 'meet' came off on the 11th of September, and the second on the 15th. The autumn hunt was well sustained, the funds being equal to the occasion. Many of the 'meets' were graced by a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen. No exact programme has as yet been prepared for this year. Mr. Crawford was re-elected Master, and Mr. Hutchins, Secretary.

THE HORSEMEN IN MICHIGAN.

A meeting of representatives from the tracks at Detroit, East Saginaw, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Adrian, and Bay City, Mich., was held at Jackson, on the 11th inst. A committee reported in favor of presenting the name of Mr. Joshua Tutbull, of East Saginaw, as member of the Board of Appeals from Michigan, with Mr. Charles Dupont, of Detroit, as alternative. They also reported in favor of the old Jackson plan of allowing horses to declare not to win, and to get no record or money, although winning the race. Also recommended that members of the National Association be allowed to give meetings at which the first money did not exceed \$100, and that no record be acquired for trots at fairs on National Association tracks from Sept. 15 to Oct. 31, inclusive. The report was adopted. The following dates were claimed and amounts announced as the probable premiums: Adrian, \$5,000, June 4, 5, 6, 7; Kalamazoo, \$6,000, June 11, 12, 13, 14; Grand Rapids, \$7,000, June 18, 19, 20, 21; Jackson, \$8,000, June 25, 26, 27, 28; Detroit, \$8,000, July 2, 3, 4, 5; East Saginaw, \$8,000, July 9, 10, 11, 12, conditioned on the acceptance by East Saginaw Association. Bay City also claimed the second week in July.

Amusements.

The stock exchange is full of business, and the market is very active. The Royal Opera House for three nights and matinee, commencing Monday. The troupe is quite a large one, and among their number are some talented musicians. The brass band playing is a strong feature of the show. Their first part is amusing through the vagaries of the four end-men. They have been favored with good houses, and have given satisfaction.

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GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Academy of Music—Miss May Howard, on Monday, appeared as Lady Gay Spanker in London Assurance. Tuesday the bill was New Magdalen.—The Holman Company commenced a season of one week, at the Theatre Royal, on the 21st, with the spectacular drama of the Twelve Temptations.—Whitmore and Clarke's Minstrels and Brass Band put in two nights at Mechanics Hall, Jan. 21 and 22.

OTTAWA.—Grand Opera House—Cool Burgess and his Grand Combination, Jan. 22 and 23. Cool's new speech, a Lecture on Temperance, is said to be the biggest thing of the kind out.—Miss May Howard, supported by the company from the Academy of Music, Montreal, two nights, Jan. 24 and 25, in Sarah Multon.—Shakespeare's Julius Caesar by the pupils of the College of Ottawa, on Jan. 29.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics' Hall.—Sprague & Blodgett's Georgia Minstrels to a great house on 19th. Not Guilty, by amateurs of 13th Battalion, assisted by Miss Lillie Lonsdale, on 21 and 22. Bayard Taylor, the distinguished lecturer, 23; subject, Ancient Greece. Sophie Miles and Star Dramatic Co., 24. Guy Mannering; 25, Rose Michel; 26, Camille, at matinee; evening, Under the Gaslight.

FERRIS.—Wilson, Scottish vocalist. Route, through the northern towns.

DUNDAS.—Sullivan's New Mirror of Ireland, Town Hall, 21 and 22.

Mr. Simcoe Lee, now an unflinching follower of the Murphy banner, has joined the Riguold Henry V. Combination for its eastern tour.

Poetry.

THE FREE TICKET.

A pious man was Jonathan Snow,
The man who never had been to a show;
A Christian man, who said his prayers,
And sowed his seed where sinful tares
Could choke it not. Sedate and calm,
He loved good cider, a sermon, or psalm,
And lived a life that was free from blame,
As pure and spotless as his name.

Now, of all the things that Jonathan did—
And never under a bushel he hid
The candle of virtue that burned in his breast—
Of all good things, I repeat, the best,
According to Jonathan's notion, was
That he never had been to a show, "Because,"
As he frequently said, "a show in a place
Where the Devil himself is put to disgrace!"

It happened that once a circus came
To the village where Jonathan dwelt, and the
Was known as the Mighty Miraculous,
Egyptian Menagerie and Circus;
And wonderful were the things, I ween,
Which on the flaring bills were seen;
Lions and tigers and monsters immense—
And the price of admission was fifty cents.

On the very day that the show arrived,
And the boys about the canvass hid,
Jonathan Snow in the grocery store
Discouraged as he never discoursed before
On the sinfulness of circus-es,
Which are run by Satan, he said, to please
The wicked on earth, and led them in
To the ways of darkness, death, and sin.

"Fur it stands to reason," said Jonathan
Snow,
"That them as finds delight in a show
Must be of a low and vulgar kind,
Without any piety into their mind,
But full of the sins of the flesh; and, for me,
I would sooner jump into the bottomless sea
Than go to this Mighty Miraculous
Egyptian Menagerie and Circus!"

While Jonathan thus was moved to deplore,
It chanced that a stranger came into the store—
A quiet, respectable chap, and he
Belonged to the M. E. M. and C.
He heard what Jonathan had to say,
Then smiled in a sort of peculiar way,
And, drawing nearer, he said to Snow:
"My friend, here's a ticket to go to the show!"

In mute amazement Jonathan scanned
The card which the showman had put in his
hand;
Then he laid it away in his pocket with care,
And, glancing around with a pious air,
He remarked, as he sauntered out of the store:
"I never attended a circus afore,
But I reckon that now I'll have to go,
And I've got a free ticket, to this here show!"

Miscellaneous.

Better be born p-lucky than rich.

In the Commune of Rivola d'Adla, in Italy, a woman has given birth to quintuplets, all living. A year ago she bore four children at a birth.

Charles W. Beckwith and Edwin H. Allen have skated from Frederickton to Rothesay, N. B., the distance being eighty-five miles. The actual travelling time was about eighty-five miles. The actual travelling time was about eight hours.

A well-digger in Lynchville, Va., in blasting out a well the other day, discovered a snake in the middle of a solid rock which was some 50 feet below the surface of the ground. It was alive in spite of its apparently long imprisonment.

"Hunting watches! well, what next I wonder?" and Mrs. Missallott glared at the jeweller's advertisement with unfeigned astonishment. "That must be a revival of the old sport of killing time," muttered the shrewd lady, and quietly resumed reading.

A sportsman who was out gunning near Morristown, N. J., a few days ago, fired at a partridge and winged it; but before the bird fluttered to the ground it was seized by a hawk, and the gunner, with his other barrel brought down both hawk and partridge together.

wheat bran. Such tables, however, carefully prepared, are too indefinite to be of any practical virtue, and besides, they are too liable to be affected by attendant circumstances to be accurate.

Henry Thurston of White Creek, Texas, who stands seven feet six inches high, thinks he is the tallest man in the Union. He is well proportioned, as strong as a giant, and enjoys the best of health. He fought in the Confederate army, and after the war, while passing through St. Louis, attracted such a throng that he could scarcely walk the streets. Being modest, he has refused very reasonable sums offered by showmen who wished to exhibit him.

Mr. Richard Jewitt, butcher, Shambles, York, England, informed the York Herald that on slaughtering a fine three-year old heifer on his premises last week he discovered that the animal was possessed of two hearts. They do not appear to be connected, but were in immediate proximity to each other, and enclosed in a pericardium, as is usual in the case of a single heart. They were both average size, and healthy.

VICTOR EMMANUEL

Victor Emmanuel was short and stout in person, with rather a coarse, red face (although he was temperate in his habits), and was the originator of the mustache which, impinging from the upper lip on the cheek, spreads from ear to ear. He disliked ceremony, and was a man of simple tastes and of easy access. Courageous in war and devoted to the fair sex in peace, his people summarized his character, in the latter particular, in the nickname they conferred on him, to wit, "Il Re Galantuomo." The World says:

"The King was a passionate lover of the chase—hunting had indeed been prescribed as a necessity, since he was inclined to apoplexy—and with age his fondness for the sport increased. In a paper published a few days ago Miss Middy Morgan describes a visit in 1865 to the royal stables at Florence and the hunting-lodge of San Rossore, close to Pisa, in the centre of a magnificent preserve of all imaginable game, from pheasants up to wild boars. Every day that could be spared from public affairs was spent at San Rossore, where hunting was really hard work, the King being up at daybreak, on foot with his gun or mounted on a clever Irish hunter, no matter what the weather, and never abandoning the field till night came on. Few were the sportsmen who could in dexterity or endurance rank with him. In the heats of Summer the King took his way to Valdieri, in the mountains, for his favorite amusement of chamois-hunting, in which he engaged in the most democratic manner, to the delight of the mountaineers, whose rival in skill he was."

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Charles W. Beckwith and Edwin H. Allen have skated from Fredericton to Rothesay, N. B., the distance being eighty-five miles. The actual travelling time was about eighty-five miles. The actual travelling time was about eight hours.

A well-digger in Lynchville, Va., in blasting out a well the other day, discovered a snake in the middle of a solid rock which was some 50 feet below the surface of the ground. It was alive in spite of its apparently long imprisonment.

"Hunting watches! well, what next I wonder?" and Mrs. Missalott glared at the jeweller's advertisement with unfeigned astonishment. "That must be a revival of the old sport of killing time," muttered the shrewd lady, and quietly resumed reading.

A sportsman who was out gunning near Morristown, N. J., a few days ago, fired at a partridge and winged it; but before the bird fluttered to the ground it was seized by a hawk, and the gunner, with his other barrel brought down both hawk and partridge together.

The Chico Record learns, it is stated, that some \$10,000 worth of mules have recently died on the ranch of Mr. Jos. Cone, in Tehama, Cal., from the glanders, which seems to have attacked all the stocks on his extensive ranch. To such an extent does it prevail that it is seriously thought of killing off the balance of the stock on the place.

Rodrigo, a Spaniard, and Tomlinson, an eminent English athlete, were matched to wrestle at Rio Janeiro, the Spaniard staking 600,000 reis, and the Englishman 300,000. It sounds more imposing to say 600,000 reis, yet the sum is rather less than \$600. The affair ended riotously in a free fight.

Says the Kingston British Whig:—"There will be freezing and starving among the poor before January goes out, yet the missionary meetings are commencing, and yet thousands of dollars will be sent to the heathen away from home, who can thrive nicely without wood and fire."

A son of Abraham Mayer, proprietor of the Delmonico Hotel, of Auburn, Pa., while celebrating the last of the old year, shot part of his head and face away by the accidental discharge of a gun. Strange to say, the boy still lives, though suffering terrible agony. The case baffles scientific ability, and the spectacle is presented of a human being living with half a head.

At a day ago an elegantly-dressed lady went into a Madison avenue, New York, car, and although the day was cool, she could not wear a fur glove on account of her diamond ring. A bulky horse having twice stopped the car, the lady went to the door, and, looking at the team for a few moments, said to the driver: "That 'ere off-horse a'n't use to be driv on that 'ere side."

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Conspicuous among the ladies riding with the Cottesmore lately were the Countess of Cardigan, mounted on a good-looking brown horse, and Lady Florence Dixie, who appeared with her arm strapped up, in consequence of a fall she had recently met with, her horse having come down heavily with her on a hard road; otherwise this exceedingly bold rider appeared uninjured, and was as plucky as ever, and, being mounted on a thoroughbred horse that jumped like a deer, she seemed to go without difficulty at every fence that came in her way. I would suggest that this lady should take a little more care of herself, and not throw away too many chances. No one can help admiring her courage, though they may wish to see a little more judgment and discretion in the way she goes across country; and no one can well accuse her of being afraid if she should happen to turn away from a flight of rails or pull up at an ugly-looking brook.—*London Telegraph.*

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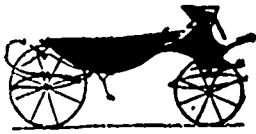
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RICH C. ANDERSON, DAYTON, OHIO.

The many friends of Richard C. Anderson, of Dayton, Ohio, were shocked at his sudden death on the 19th inst. He had been complaining for some time of unusual sensations in his head, and on Thursday evening he walked across the river to a pasture to look at some horses and fell in a fit of apoplexy, and his body was not discovered until the next day. Mr. Anderson was a native of Kentucky, and represented Franklin County in the Legislature. He was a noble, generous, intelligent, frank, affable and charitable gentleman, and was beloved by all who knew him. Mr. Anderson was an admirer of the best bred horses, and had the splendid colt Danon, by War Dance, out of Godling by Kinggold, and dam Ann Percy by imp. Albion, and Fanny Percy by imp. Ambassador. He was born in Louisville, Ky., in June, 1829, and was in his 49th year.

FRANK NEVIN, DETROIT, MICH.

DIED At Parma, Mich., on Jan. 8, 1878, Mr. Frank Nevin, of the firm of Nevin & Mills, tobacconists, Detroit, Mich.

A few years since, while coming out of the post office, he became suddenly afflicted with apoplexy and fell, striking in his descent with his head upon the sharp edge of one of the stone steps. The concussion was of such force as to break several bones in his head, and although the pieces of bone were subsequently extracted by Surgeon General Hammond, of New York, he never recovered from the injury. About four or five months since he became generally debilitated, and being an unmarried man he was, at his own request, removed to the residence of Andrew H. Cutter, (a very intimate friend) near Parma, Mich. Here he lingered until Tuesday morning, January 8th. He was 58 years of age, and was well known in Kentucky and Michigan. Born in Ireland, he came to Kentucky while of tender age, and when the Mexican war broke out he enlisted in a Louisville company and remained with it till the close of that conflict. In late years he became attached to the establishment of Edward Holbrook, of Louisville, and held a very responsible position. Later he entered into partnership with the late Hon. K. C. Barker, of this city, and soon that firm occupied a leading place among the manufacturers of tobacco. In 1861 he associated himself with Hon. M. I. Mills, and remained a member of that firm to the time of his death. He was not only well known to the business men generally of the country, but as a lover and handler of horseflesh he was equally well known to all the old devotees of the turf. He owned several of the best bred horses in the country. In all turf matters in this section of the country he was always a leading spirit. He dearly loved fair play and always discountenanced anything that had the appearance of dishonesty.

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Base Ball.

SHIVERY, SHAKY REMINDER.

By way of a cooler, they have a race announcement posted up in the Waverly hotel which refers to Canadian sports. It tells of a grand meeting of the Winter trotting club at Crystal park, Leamy's lake, Ottawa—the most perfect ice track in America. There will be three days of racing, on February 12th, 13th and 15th, and during those days the sum of \$2,100 will be thrown away. All races must be in sleighs, catch weight, and they are open to all horses in Christendom, except one called Deceit, which unfortunately annual is only allowed to trot in one race. There is a grim significance in this exception, which might be of benefit to clubs which have their meetings in the summer and on the turf. The truth is the "deceit" horse is generally found in all races, and the sooner he is ruled off forever and a day after the better. The fact that our Canadian friends are able to enjoy themselves with real snow and ice, while we have to run East avenue by sleighing in the mud, shows a hand of partiality somewhere.—*Weekly N. Y. Democrat and Chronicle*

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A canine contest between a 24-pound dog belonging to Phil Connel, and Pete Forrester's slut, both of Buffalo, came off at the Smugglers' Inn, Ridgeway, Ont., a few days ago. It lasted one hour and twenty minutes, the slut refusing to come on the third turn, which disappointed the majority. The stakes were \$50 a side. After this Dean Wilson and Dan McDado of Buffalo fought D. Mahoney of Rochester four chicken matches, for \$50 a battle, Mahoney winning three out of four. The second bird pitted by Wilson, a Delaney gray, ran away after having his bird cut to a standstill.

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Base Ball.

MUTUALS, LONDON.

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Harry Spence will not play ball next season, having secured a lucrative "engagement" in a Washington Government office.

LEGAL RECOGNITION OF CANINE PROPERTY.

On the 22nd of July last Mr. Hite, residing in Allara, N. J., and having in charge Mr. E. S. Sanford's Gordon setter Oberon, walked over to a neighbor's in Allenwood, the dog following him. While Hite was indoors he heard the report of a gun, and soon afterwards was informed by a boy that one Tom Allen had shot Oberon. Proceeding to the road they found traces of blood and hair, and tracks of two persons, one bare-footed. These tracks were afterwards traced to a spot where the dog had been hastily buried, though subsequently the body was removed to some other spot, the exact locality of which was not discovered, though it is claimed to have been in Allen's backyard. These facts were elicited in a civil suit for damages brought by the owner against Allen. Allen admitted shooting a dog at the time specified, but claimed that it was not Oberon. Further evidence showed Allen to have had in his possession a collar from which the plate bearing Mr. Sanford's name had been removed. The leather portion bore a peculiar stamp by which it was identified. The jury awarded Mr. Sanford \$300 damages. No provocation was alleged for the shooting of the animal, the act appearing to be incited by mere wanton devilishness on the part of the perpetrator.

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