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## Veterinary.

### ONTARIO VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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## RHEUMATISM.

BY PROF. J. A. GOING, M. R. C. V. S. E.

The subject under discussion this week is one of no small importance, as we have not unfrequently observed animals suffering from this disease physicked, blistered and sometimes fired, the "doctor" mistaking the disease for wrench, sprain, etc. A person who had not given the matter a good deal of careful study would easily fall into this mistake, as the symptoms presented sometimes point almost conclusively to the existence of diseases which would justify the above treatment, hence every horse owner should make himself acquainted with the peculiarities of the disease, and we may observe, *en passant*, that it has a great many traits peculiar to itself which are apt to mislead the unwary or uninformed. The definition of rheumatism is an inflammatory condition of the fibres which enter into the formation of the structure of the ligaments, tendons, joints, theca of muscles of the heart and closed cavities. But it is that of the joints, theca, and ligaments with which we are more immediately concerned. This ailment is supposed to be due to a specific condition of the blood; it is generally accompanied by fever, stiffness, and lameness; the inflammation and pain are both of a metastatic or wandering character, being now in one joint, and immediately afterwards found in another; but it has this peculiarity, that it generally leaves one joint to appear in the corresponding one on the other side. Thus, should it be to-day in the off knee, you will find it to-morrow in the nigh knee—not in the fetlock or hip—for, as a rule, when a joint has been affected and the pain ceases the opposite corresponding joint is most apt to suffer. A hard swelling usually denotes the seat of rheumatism, but many cases come under our notice where, from the symptoms observed, there is no doubt of the trouble having been caused by rheumatism, and still there may be no signs of inflammation or swelling. Such swellings rarely, if ever, suppurate. Some animals are particularly prone to it; though they may have had every attention paid them, and every reasonable precaution taken, still you cannot protect them from rheumatism. This is called a rheumatic diathesis, or a tendency to take on the disease where the slightest opportunity is offered. Cold and damp always produce rheumatism, but it may also result from contagious eczema, epizootic, pleurisy, or, as we have said, from a predisposition to take on the disease. The symptoms of the disease are sudden and inexplicable lameness, which may or may not be accompanied by inflammation. Should there be swelling it is almost sure to appear in the stifle, fetlock, hock joints, or in the loins, but it not unfrequently involves the tendons of the forward limbs; the loins or chest may be its seat also. If the thoracic or chest walls are implicated, the disease is called pleurodynia. It would be well to remark that a general stiffness, listlessness, and uneasiness are mostly exhibited before the disease appears in a pronounced form. There is always a febrile disturbance and rise of temperature to be observed before you can diagnose the disease clearly. The pulse is hard and un-

if the pain be excessive, combine some carminative and opium. The bowels should be kept in a relaxed condition. If there is a tendency to constipation, combine your opium with calomel. Should there be no manifestation of pain, do not give the opium, but in its place give aconite and nitrate of potash, the latter being given in doses of from one to three drachms, twice a day, and the former about twenty drops, two or three times daily. This will change the quality of the blood, which is desirable. Give twice a day two drachms of colchicum corn. If the animal be in good condition and young, bleeding moderately might be advantageous, but as a rule bleeding is not advisable, unless it is done for the purpose of relieving congestion, dependent upon want of secretion, but not carried far enough to debilitate.

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tween Dykes, of Wardville, and Labadie, of Chatham, for the sum of \$200 and the championship of the Dominion, came off at the latter place last week, play commencing on Monday and continuing up to Saturday, when Labadie was declared the winner by a majority of five games out of fifty.

## "WHACK UP."

We have a little story to tell, which will appeal to the "business and bosom" of many a horse owner. A well known gentleman, a resident of a Western State, several years ago, had a trotter whose private trials pleased him much, and he placed him in the hands of a trainer and driver to make a season's campaign. The gentleman was one of large wealth, and this trotter was merely an incident to him, yet he watched his career through a few busy months, with interest, and was much gratified to notice that his horse always got a good part of the purse, frequently first money, and always an excess over his entrance fee. He, therefore, awaited the time "When Johnny Came Marching Home" with his successful bit of property, with pardonable pleasure, especially because, in the meantime, owner and driver had not had an accounting. After a few words of congratulation when they met, the owner said, "You had better make up your account and send it in," and departed, mentally figuring the rather large amount that was to reward his astuteness as a horseman. The driver complied with praiseworthy promptness, but what a change came over the spirit of the owner's dream when he saw at the foot of the long account that he was a debtor, not a creditor, of the driver of his triumphant horse, and that to the tune of several hundred dollars. He eagerly scanned the items of the bill for an explanation of the phenomenon and the problem was solved. Snugly unconcerned among the charges for travelling, feed, shoeing, help, etc., was continually recurring the mysterious item, "whack up, \$50," "whack up, \$100," "whack up, \$200," until all the profits of the trotter, and more besides, were swallowed in the vortex of "whack up." We need not mention what was the explanation of the driver. Those who have had experience have heard the tale, and to the uninitiated we shall not unfold the subtle ways of our trotting Julius further than we have already done, nor shall we identify the parties more clearly than by saying that, in this case, owner, and driver, and horse were all "Ohio Boys."—*Spirit*.

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thoroughbred mares monopolizing all the prominent places in these two or three mile races. Let us have the question tested; and in testing it, we not only settle the most important principles of breeding, but we at the same time afford variety in the great trotting meetings of the year.

We may recur to this subject again, and we may undertake to show, at some future time, just what running blood has done on the trotting turf. Meantime, however, we are exceedingly anxious to see the question demonstrated in such a way as to be comprehended by every spectator at the time.—*Wallace's Monthly*.

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Mollie McCarthy's performances are the best evidence of her ability as a racer. She has run in thirteen races, and won all of them, beginning as a two-year old stake worth \$600, at Sacramento—one mile—winning with great ease in 1:46. As a three-year old she ran and won six races. At San Jose she beat Elizabeth Tilton in a race of mile heats for a purse of \$200, in 1:49½, 1:57. She next beat Ward Beecher for the Latham Plate 1½ miles (\$775) in 2:42½. Her next easy was in the Salano Stake (\$500), 1½ miles, carrying three pounds extra, four starter-winning easily in 3:18. Next she won the Winter Stakes (\$600), beating Rosewood 1½ miles and capturing the Spirit.

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Most medical men and veterinarians are agreed that an excess of lactic acid is the cause of rheumatism. There is also an unusual acidity of the urine—both in man and the lower animals—during the continuance of this disease, the acid being uric. The treatment which we have found most effective is:—Give a gentle laxative, or an aloetic purging ball, with which,

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**BENNETT—DION.**—At Montreal, on the 7th, two games of billiards were played between Messrs. James G. Bennett and Frank Dion. The first game was won by Dion, and the second by Bennett.

#### Checkers.

##### THE TORONTO CLUB.

A match was played on Friday evening at the rooms of the Toronto Draught Club, between two teams of eleven members each, captained by Messrs. Macdonald and Malcolm. Following is the score:—

Mr. Macdonald.	Mr. Malcolm.	Draws.
J. Conn..... 1	R. B. Brimer.. 8	2
John Rennie.. 1	W. Isaacs..... 5	0
A. Macdonald.. 1	R. J. Clark.... 2	3
R. J. Cooper.. 0	W. Alexander.. 6	0
J. Carruthers.. 1	L. Dean..... 4	1
R. Jackson... 0	C. A. Coleman.. 6	0
G. Fletcher... 3	M. Ryan..... 0	3
A. Hamilton... 3	W. Hudson.... 3	0
D. Prentice... 2	M. Malcolm.... 2	2
Jas. Rennie... 4	W. R. Orr..... 1	0
J. D. Tripp.... 5	S. F. Burgess.. 0	1
Totals..... 21	32	12

Majority for Mr. Malcolm's eleven, 11 games.

**GULLER.**—At a meeting of draught players held at the American hotel, Tuesday evening, the organization of a club was completed, and the following officers elected:—President, D. Nasmith; Vice-President, D. McKenzie; Secretary, D. Waldreth, Treasurer, M. Meyers.

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# THE Master of the Hounds

CHAPTER XXIII.

(CONTINUED.)

'What is the matter with you to-night, Will Beauchamp? You look like a judge with his black cap on, about to pronounce sentence of death on some unhappy culprit. I read your thoughts—the culprit is Danby—another lord to shoot, eh, Will?'

'Nonsense, Selina.'

'Sense, Will Beauchamp; I have been watching your savage looks at the little flirtation going on in that quiet corner between Blanche and Danby; but don't be alarmed—all right and above board this time. But seriously speaking, Beauchamp, if you are, as I believe, truly in love with Blanche, make me your confidant, and I will soon check my lord from further advances.'

'Thank you, Selina, for your friendly intentions, but Blanche is free to choose whom she pleases.'

'Is it so, William? Are you not already engaged?' There was no reply. 'I had hoped,' added Selina, 'that you were; but take my advice, don't be a spooney, but propose at once.'

'And he at once rejected by Harcourt. No, no, Selina, I have too much pride for that; but say no more now, or we shall be overheard.'

From that night Lord Danby became a frequent visitor at the Priory, where his very quiet, gentlemanly manners and amiable disposition soon won upon all the family; so much so, that even Mrs. Gordon felt very much pleased with his company, although never failing in her loyalty to Beauchamp, of whom she now saw so little as to excite great misgivings in her mind. Lord Danby was at first generally accompanied by Markham or his sister, but now often rode over there alone, and sometimes on hunting days, which at last excited Mrs. Gordon's suspicions that he entertained serious intentions towards her niece.

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After a few common-place remarks, his lordship observed that his visit to Barton Court was drawing to a close. 'A visit, Miss Douglas, which has been productive of more pleasure to me than I can express, but from which the happiness or misery of my future life will be dated; need I say that on you that happiness depends? Wealth and rank I offer you (though I feel these would have little weight), but what is far beyond these, a heart deeply and devotedly your own, and which has never been given to another. Say, Miss Douglas, taking her hand, 'if I may hope to be fortunate enough to possess this treasure?'

Poor Blanche was quite overwhelmed with pain and confusion at this unequivocal proposal, but, quickly recovering herself, she withdrew her hand, saying, 'Indeed, Lord Danby, I very much regret this avowal of your sentiments towards me.'

'Oh, recall that word—regret, Miss Douglas; for though our acquaintance has been short, let me still hope that in time my devoted affection may induce you to give me a more favorable answer than that I now dread.'

'Pray cease, my lord; indeed, you distress me; I never imagined your attentions were more than those of a friend.'

'Every one must have divined the nature of those attentions but yourself; and now, dear Miss Douglas, listen, I entreat, to one who has never known what love was till he knew you, and whose whole happiness rests on your reply. Give me ever so distant a hope that I may win that hand I would give all I possess to obtain.'

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the furious galloping of horses up the carriage drive, entered the house hastily, and inquired of the footman what it meant, and who had been calling there.

The Marquis of Danby, ma'am, has been here and is just gone. Mr. William Beauchamp rode into the yard, and left his horse, but before it could be put into the stable, he returned and took him from John's hand, and rode off as fast as he could go. My lord has also ridden full gallop up to the lodge.'

'What can have happened, Thomas?'

'I asked Mrs. Gordon, anxiously. 'Nothing that I know of, ma'am; but John said Master William was in a terrible way about something, and looked like a ghost.'

'Good gracious!' exclaimed Mrs. Gordon; 'but where is Miss Douglas?'

'In her own room, I believe, ma'am; and immediately Mrs. Gordon rushed up stairs, and found Blanche in an agony of grief.

'My own child' (throwing her arms round her niece), 'what on earth has happened? what is the meaning of all I heard about Lord Danby, Beauchamp, and Malcolm riding so furiously away, and you in tears too? Dear Blanche, pray tell me what has caused this dreadful commotion?'

'Dear, dear aunt,' replied Blanche, crying bitterly. 'I am the unfortunate cause of all.'

Blanche then related what had occurred between herself and Lord Danby, and that Beauchamp having, on passing the window, seen him take her hand, rode away, as her cousin told her, in a distracted state, refusing to stop or listen to him a moment; and that Charles, learning the truth from her own lips, immediately followed him, fearing he might commit some rash act.

'May Heaven avert such a calamity, my dear child!' exclaimed Mrs. Gordon; 'but pray do not give way thus; we can trust Charles, and, oh! how fortunate he was here.'

'Indeed, dear aunt, I should never forgive myself were anything to befall poor William, for I fear I may have treated Lord Danby in too friendly a manner, as we all liked him so much; but, until yesterday, I never thought he intended more than common attention to me, and indeed, dear aunt, this morning he was so suddenly announced that I could not escape from the room, though, after what you told me yesterday, I had resolved never to be left alone with him again.'

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'I fear, dear aunt, I cannot dine with you to-day.'

'I fear, dear William, you must,' was the playful reply; 'and as you are so dainty, I shall order a couple of my spring chickens to be dressed for you.'

'Then I must send to let my father and Constance know I do not dine at home.'

'Oh, yes, of course,' replied Malcolm, 'and I shall go over and dine at Bampton in your place, my boy, and make love to Constance all the evening, as you were in such a state this morning I could not speak a word to her.'

After luncheon, Malcolm again mounted his horse to allay the old squire's apprehensions about his son, not doubting the servants had noticed his very excited manner; and Beauchamp with Blanche strolled out together for a walk, and did not return until nearly five o'clock; so agreeably passed the time, that they were scarcely aware of the lateness of the hour. It would be difficult to point out the happiest of those three persons, who after dinner drew round to the fireside at the Priory that evening. Mrs. Gordon being in high spirits, could not forbear joking Beauchamp on his jealousy.

'Why, William, at this rate you will be in a lunatic asylum within a week of Blanche's first appearance at Almack's; you really must school yourself to meet these things with complacency, if not with indifference; for Blanche will undoubtedly attract many admirers (irrespective of her fortune), and she cannot prevent people falling in love with her, or proposing.'

'Indeed, dear aunt, I feel more and more every day how undeserving I am of her preference, and that feeling makes me wretched; she is so far, so very far beyond my deserts, that I know I have no right to aspire to that dear hand, which I dread sometimes to think can never be mine.'

'Never, dear William, believe me,' replied Blanche, 'shall this hand (placing it in his) belong to any other than yourself; titles, rank, honors are nothing to me, in comparison with your love. Oh! William, don't again doubt my entire devotion to yourself, or you will, indeed, make me miserable.'

'Heaven bless you, my own darling girl, for that avowal,' as he raised her hand to his lips, and the tears started to his eyes from uncontrollable emotion.

'Come, come, my dear boy,' said Mrs. Gordon, 'your nerves are sadly shattered by this morning's work; pray do not torment yourself any more in this foolish manner.'

'I will not go to London, aunt,' added Blanche, 'unless William goes too; and to save him any anxiety, I had rather not go at all.'

'Well, dear child, no one can oblige you to go, unless you like it; so we will say no more on the subject. And now, William, I hope you will not be sparing of your visits to the Priory for the future; and to make up for your bad conduct, I expect you will come over here at least two or three days in the week, if not oftener.'

'You will, I fear, dear aunt, be sooner tired of my company than I shall be of yours; as I have promised this dear girl to be here as often as possible.'

'I am delighted to hear it, William; so now take another glass of wine, and we will then go to the ladies' drawing-room, and Blanche will sing a few songs to enliven us.'

It was a late hour before Beauchamp could tear himself away from her he loved so enthusiastically; when, after folding her once more in a long and fervent embrace, invoking every blessing on her head, and then pressing Aunt Gordon's hand to his lips, he bade them both good night.

'Dear, kind, affectionate boy!' exclaimed Mrs. Gordon, when he left the room, 'who could fail to love you, even though ten times more jealous than you are?'

'Oh, dear aunt, you do not, cannot know how dearly I do love him.'

'Indeed, my darling girl, I do believe it, and Heaven grant you may ever love him! as now, or, poor fellow, I believe he would never survive a change.'

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Blanche, Blanche!' ejaculated Lord Danby as he spurred forward from the lodge, which so short a time before he had been cheerful and happy; 'all I possess a world—rank, honors, and riches—precious to me—all—everything, for the dear hand. But it cannot be—not at least—if ever! She loves, I fear, and that man is William Beauchamp; must be so, and Harcourt has decided. Indulging in such melancholy reflections Lord Danby reached Barton Court, and immediately repaired to his own rooms, when feeling more composed, he sat down and wrote a few lines to Mr. Harcourt, pressing of his feelings of unfeigned and most poignant grief in having thus failed to interest Miss Douglas in his favor; although acknowledging kind consideration in endeavoring to spare him as much as possible the painful refusal.

Having dispatched this letter by hand to Throsby, Lord Danby sought Lionel, and made known his intention of leaving Barton Court the following morning, as his excuse for curtailing his usual return home. Lord Danby's communication excited no little surprise and trifling indignation on the part of Mr. Harcourt, who, attributing Blanche's refusal of such an unexceptionable offer to Mrs. Gordon's influence over her in favor of Beauchamp, drove her in hot haste to the Priory, vowing vengeance, and resolved to insist on Blanche being restored to his protection.

Mrs. Gordon was sitting alone at her writing table in the drawing room (Malcolm and Blanche having ridden over to Bampton), when Mrs. Harcourt pounced in upon her, and with scarcely the usual civility of a sister-in-law, the gentleman rushed in, and, in plainer terms, was at her with circumlocution, boiling to deliver himself of his angry thoughts.

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After this conversation, Mrs. Gordon sought Malcolm, and, telling him of her explanation with Blanche, begged him to ride directly to Bampton, and entreat William Beauchamp to come over to the Priory the next day. Malcolm lost no time in finding his friend; and having at last satisfied his scruples and allayed his suspicions, which were hard to overcome, he obtained his promise to comply with Mrs. Gordon's request. This same afternoon, Lord Danby, after his very agreeable *tête-à-tête* with Blanche, and construing her pleased and sometimes embarrassed looks into a warmer sentiment, copying with these also his kind reception at the Priory and Beauchamp's apparent indifference, all combined impressing him with the idea that he could not now sue in vain, he rode directly to Throsby, and finding Mr. Harcourt at home, proposed for his ward, and was, of course without much hesitation, accepted. After expressing his grateful thanks to Mr. Harcourt, Lord Danby begged permission to plead his own cause in person. Miss Douglas, before his formal proposal should be made known.

Certainly, my lord, replied Mr. Harcourt; if you particularly wish it, I can have no positive objection to such a request, provided you are quite sure of the duke's approbation.

I have already consulted him on the subject, Mr. Harcourt, and there is his reply, handing him a letter from his father.

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Malcolm returned instantly to the house, and sought Blanche in the drawing-room; she was not there. He then ran up-stairs, calling her name loudly. In a moment she appeared from her room.

What do you want, Charles? she asked.

Quick, Blanche, one word only; have you accepted Lord Danby?

Oh, Charles, how can you ask me such a question?

On your life—your honor—answer me truly—without evasion—have you positively, unconditionally refused him?

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I cannot go just yet, Malcolm; my head throbs so.

The air will revive you, Beauchamp, so come along directly; and taking his friend's arm, Malcolm led him down stairs, and having forced him to drink a glass of wine, they mounted their horses. Beauchamp rode by his friend's side, and was like a man in a trance, from which Malcolm could not rouse him; but when they reached the Priory, seeing Blanche at the little morning-room window, with her handkerchief in her hand, Malcolm exclaimed, There is that dear girl still crying; can you doubt her now?

In an instant Beauchamp rushed into the room, and folding her in his arms, burst into tears. Thank Heaven for those tears, said Malcolm; now, dear Blanche, they will relieve him!

Leaving the lovers together, Malcolm took his aunt into the drawing-room, and told her the state in which he found Beauchamp. In short, dear aunt, he has received a dreadful shock, and I feared at first his brain was seriously affected. We must do all now to soothe and comfort him. The interview between Blanche and Beauchamp was most affecting; but she, seeing his prostrate state of mind, was the first to rouse herself, and rally him on his want of faith in her attachment.

My own dearest treasure, replied Beauchamp, I deserve every reproach you can heap upon my head; but if you knew only half what I have suffered since the ball and dinner party at Sir Lionel's, and hearing the frequent remarks made by others, you would indeed pity, rather than condemn me, for believing you had mistaken the true nature of your feelings towards me; but forgive all my jealous, unjust suspicions—I will never again listen to such false reports.

Aunt Gordon, thinking too much excitement might be injurious, now made her appearance, saying in a cheerful voice, Well, Blanche, I hope you have given William a thorough good scolding; but the luncheon is on the table, and after that you must really take a walk this fine day, having been sitting in the house all the morning.

Beauchamp was unable to eat anything, which Mrs. Gordon remarking, poured him

don't again doubt my entire devotion to yourself, or you will, indeed, make me miserable.

Heaven bless you, my own darling girl, for that avowal, as he raised her hand to his lips, and the tears started to his eyes from uncontrollable emotion.

Come, come, my dear boy, said Mrs. Gordon, your nerves are sadly shattered by this morning's work; pray do not torment yourself any more in this foolish manner.

I will not go to London, aunt, added Blanche, unless William goes too; and to save him any anxiety, I had rather not go at all.

Well, dear child, no one can oblige you to go, unless you like it; so we will say no more on the subject. And now, William, I hope you will not be sparing of your visits to the Priory for the future; and to make up for your bad conduct, I expect you will come over here at least two or three days in the week, if not oftener.

You will, I fear, dear aunt, be sooner tired of my company than I shall be of yours; as I have promised this dear girl to be here as often as possible.

I am delighted to hear it, William; so now take another glass of wine, and we will then go to the ladies' drawing-room, and Blanche will sing a few songs to enliven us.

It was a late hour before Beauchamp could tear himself away from her he loved so enthusiastically; when, after folding her once more in a long and fervent embrace, invoking every blessing on her head, and then pressing Aunt Gordon's hand to his lips, he bade them both good night.

Dear, kind, affectionate boy! exclaimed Mrs. Gordon, when he left the room, who could fail to love you, even though ten times more jealous than you are?

Oh, dear aunt, you do not, cannot know how dearly I do love him.

Indeed, my darling girl, I do believe it, and Heaven grant you may ever love him! as now, or, poor fellow, I believe he would never survive a change.

Never, dearest aunt, shall he find any change in me.

I do not fear it, my love; so now let us go to our rooms, and thank the Almighty that the day which began in trouble had ended in happiness to us all.

## CHAPTER XXIV.

We must now turn to Lord Danby, who felt most acutely the sudden overthrow of his fondly-cherished and too sanguine hopes, and whose disappointment was in proportion to his highly-wrought expectations. Many women, more beautiful, more highly accomplished, more fascinating in manner, of high rank and of great wealth, had Lord Danby encountered in his short intercourse with the world, who had excited his passing admiration, without awakening any deeper emotion; but until the night of the hunt ball, he had never met with one who realised his ideas of perfect loveliness. The unstudied elegance of mien and manner—the soft, angelic countenance of Blanche Douglas, lit up by those sparkling eyes, so innocently expressive of her artless, unsophisticated mind, presented to Lord Danby's imagination, if not absolutely to his sight, that vision he had so long cherished in his heart, of perfection in woman. Whenever she moved, his eyes instinctively, irresistibly followed; and after having danced two quadrilles with her, he was as much taken with her guileless remarks, gentle disposition, light, buoyant spirits and cheerful conversation, from which there was a total absence of either levity or satire, as he had been at first sight with her person; and from that night her image was the constant companion of his thoughts, and ever present day and night. Even in rejecting his proposals that day, she was lovely still; so grieved to inflict pain, so anxious to spare those bitter feelings she seemed by intuition to know he must feel, when obliged to crush by one word all his deeply-indulged, fondly-cherished hopes of happiness. Oh,

so in disposition (Sir Lionel and all family speak in raptures of his lordship and agreeable; in short, perfectly unobjectionable in every respect. But I suppose did not suit your views that my ward's prospects in life are to be sacrificed that you carry out your own plans.

My plans! Mr. Harcourt, exclaimed Mrs. Gordon, unable to contain her indignation any longer, how dare you accuse me of planning! You and your friend, Lord Danby, are planners, and very creditably so; you devise between you! I perceive a niceo to reject Lord Danby! I scorn imputation, sir, and throw it back, as an untrue, unmanly assertion. My niece never has been, and never shall be extraordinary like yours, in inducing her to marry a man; neither have I been instrumental in her refusal of Lord Danby; and I say with out fear of contradiction, in which I am fully confirmed by his lordship, that he has received from me every facility for improving his acquaintance with my niece since he has been in this neighborhood. From the day we dined at Sir Lionel Markham's, Lord Danby has had the entree of my house at all times; Lord Malcolm and myself treated him with the greatest kindness, for his being previously known to Charles; he has dined here very frequently; has seen Blanche alone, when I have been very or otherwise engaged; in short, we all like him so much and thought so highly of him that latterly his visits were made without least formality, and he was received on the footing of a friend. These are plain facts, Mr. Harcourt; and had I any intention, of any reason whatever, to prejudice Blanche against Lord Danby, or throw any obstacle in his way, it is quite needless for me to say orders might have been given to my servant to refuse him admittance; and last of all when he called yesterday, and proposed to Blanche, I was quite unaware of his having been here, until some time after he had left the house.

It appears most extraordinary to me replied Mrs. Harcourt, quite inexplicable how Blanche could refuse such a person as Lord Danby.

And so you thought before, Mrs. Harcourt, when she refused Lord Danby; preferring to be guided by her own feelings instead of listening to your advice; and fortunate indeed, poor girl! for her, that she summoned resolution enough to think and act for herself. In this instance she has done the same thing, and feeling no deeper regard for Lord Danby upon so short an acquaintance, she of course declined his proposal. There is nothing very extraordinary in such conduct, unless you can show that my niece is under the imperious necessity of accepting any nobleman who proposes whether she likes him or not.

I should like to know, retorted Mrs. Harcourt, how often your favorite, Mr. Beauchamp, has been here lately?

Without keeping an exact register of all persons who call at the Priory, replied Mrs. Gordon, I think I may safely say that since the ball he has called twice, and dined here once only; therefore his presence cannot have operated as a counterfoil to Lord Danby, who has had the field quite open to the prosecution of his addresses, without the slightest intervention from any other person whatsoever, and I may add that, guessing his lordship's intentions from his very frequent visits, I pointed out to Blanche the advantages of such an alliance, and his many good qualities, leaving it entirely to her own feelings to accept him or not.

Oh, indeed, Mrs. Gordon; but pray where is Blanche? as we wish very much to see her.

She is out riding with her cousin, the reply.

The Harcourts rose soon after and took their leave, seeing no grounds for further altercation with Mrs. Gordon, who had completely turned the tables on them.

To be Continued.

Veterinary.

REAL VET. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Montreal Veterinary Medical Association regular fortnightly meeting, on Thursday 28th, in the Lecture Hall of the President, Prof. D. McEachran, in the library of the Association was held by the presentation of some valuable ones by Dr. Oaler, on the Microscope, Dr. Buller, on the Eye; one by Dr. Looon the Rinderpest, and by Dr. Cressy, a report of the Annual Reports of the Vermont Veterinary Association. There was also, in addition to these, a number of volumes, a purchase with a portion of a sum donated by the Montreal Society. The first essayist of the evening was Mr. Wm. McEachran, who read a communication full of interesting matter, and dealt with an Opan Joint. The various points suggested by it were then embodied in a lengthy discussion, and proved both interesting and instructive. In the termination of the debate, Mr. Lovesque, of Berthier (en haut), read a comprehensive paper on Glanders and Farcy. His proposition of these terrible maladies showed that the subject had been carefully studied, and treated as well as scientifically handled. Dr. Cressy particularly emphasized the dangerous and highly contagious character of the disease, which, when contracted, invariably led to the most fatal and deadly. He called attention to the considerable defectiveness of the present method of its prevention and extermination, and pointed out the most common mode for its contraction was by contagion and in unconstructed and ill-ventilated stables. The disease presents itself in two forms designated as acute and chronic. Almost every drug in Pharmacopoeia has been tried for its remedy, but nothing attempted has proved ineffectual more than, perhaps, prolong life for a time. That this is lamentable cannot be denied when its fatality, loathsomeness and liability to be communicated to man is remembered. Not only are these facts to be noted, but the knowledge that, in the vicinity of the Rivers, Berthier and even in our city, prevalence and extent are assuming alarming proportions. A large company incorporated for the purpose has suffered considerable loss from its spread, and has also been the means of spreading to some degree by bartering off affected stock thus materially and criminally aiding its prevalence. The Chairman intimated that he had been requested to introduce the important subject of inspection for discussion by the Association, and that he would do so at a special meeting to be held on Thursday evening, 7th March, which he hoped to see not only the members, but also the Health Committee and others interested in this important sanitary measure.

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tack occurs while the horse is at pasture, he romps around aimlessly, fixes his head to a rail or post, and keeps his limbs moving uneasily and continuously. Where animals are under the groom's eye, he may not unfrequently observe, as the premonitory symptoms, slight attacks of rigor and shivering. The symptoms thus described will not be expected to be found in every case; some will be absent, while there will be sufficient present to assist in a diagnosis, and make it comparatively easy. The secretions are usually diminished, costiveness and retention of water are observed, the latter being of a port wine color. This is accounted for by the action of the liver being impeded, and the bile permeates the system. As the disease becomes fully developed, the coma becomes more profound, and the fits of greater intensity and frequency, but of shorter duration. The pulse in this latter stage is small and quick, and the breathing more labored and difficult; the nerves of relation, which preside over the splinters, are called into action, and those of the anus and bladder become relaxed, and should it terminate fatally, a fit of convulsions will close the scene.

Etiology, or Cause.

When the disease occurs while the animal is on grass, it is believed to be due to some narcotic principles contained in the grass. In England cases of staggers frequently occur where the animals feed on rye, particularly if it should be over ripe, when it has arrived at that period when it is neither grass nor hay, that the toxic or poisonous qualities are most dangerous.

Prof. Williams gives it as his opinion that the seat of staggers is the brain and spinal cord, and their meninges or fringes, and that owing to the quality of the food a degree of narcotism is first produced, speedily succeeded by congestion and other changes discovered in the morbid anatomy of an animal thus destroyed, and that owing to derangement of the great nerve centres paralysis of the digestive apparatus is the result, and the stomach becomes sometimes engorged, from the fact that the animal continues to feed. When the digestive as well as other functions are in abeyance, Gamgee is of opinion that the disease may arise from gastric derangement brought about by eating grain or bran in large quantities. From this Prof. Williams dissents, but we must say we have so often observed staggers result from overeating, that we are rather inclined to agree with Mr. Gamgee, and come to the conclusion that over distention and impaction of the stomach will originate staggers, and that the disease may manifest the complications above enumerated. We have on numberless occasions found animals that have broken loose at night and engorged themselves at the oat-bin, become subject to staggers, the disease of course originating in this organ, and the brain, through reflex action, or sympathy, participating. Indigestion, no doubt, occasions it in many cases; hence by proper precaution it may be either aborted or prevented. This is proven, we believe satisfactorily, from the fact that animals exhibiting unmistakable symptoms of staggers have frequently been cured by regulating their diet, administering tonics, and giving an occasional dose of physic.

That it originates in the brain at times is also true, as on post-mortem that organ is frequently found congested, as are the lungs, also the stomach of such animals being found to contain either no food, or very little. But while admitting this, we hold the majority of cases of staggers, if not due to tumors, etc., are due to impaction of the stomach, indigestion, and the animals being fed matter which disagrees with them, or which they are unable to digest. And it is here that our readers can benefit by the information afforded by this article, for should they govern themselves according to the following advice, they may avert fatal results.

Prevention and Treatment.

Do not wait until you have a well developed case of staggers to grapple with, but be beforehand, and as soon as you observe your horse off his feed, see if he is costive, suffering from indigestion, if the faeces be coated with mucus, and the food ejected in an unmassicated condition; have his teeth examined. But if you cannot avert the danger, and your animal exhibits

symptoms increase in intensity or severity, give two drachms of solid extract of belladonna; or you may, in order to have immediate effect, inject with an hyperdermic syringe, two grains of atropine twice a day, but several hours apart. Should the purgative not have the desired effect, after the expiration of the above-mentioned period, and you have decided not to have recourse to the belladonna or atropine, then give, on the third day, a pint of linseed oil, which repeat after about four or five hours. After the acute symptoms have subsided, apply either a strong stimulating liniment to the back and loins and poll, or apply to the poll and loins a liquid fly blister. But you should on no account stimulate or blister while the animal is frenzied, as you would probably, by thus adding to the excitement, throw the patient into a fit of convulsions, which might terminate fatally. Iodide of potassium may be given in drachm doses, once a day, for three or four weeks, in order to stimulate the absorbents to renewed energy and activity. If the bowels have not regained their normal tone and activity, give thirty grains of nux vomica, twice a day, for three days. Should the pulse be weak, give a stimulant, but it should be of a mild character. After the fit has been subdued, and the animal has entirely recovered, a repetition of the attack may be prevented by adopting the precautionary measures above suggested. Slow work only should be given, and great care taken to see the animal is not permitted to become costive, and so remain for any length of time.—*Spirit of the Times.*

THE WIMBLEDON TEAM.

There has for some time past been a good deal of discussion regarding the method of selection adopted in the composition of the team of marksmen who annually represent the Dominion of Canada at Wimbledon. The fact that only one representative from Ontario will go with the team next summer leads to an inquiry into the principle on which the selection is based.

We believe the system that has for years been adopted is to allow the various provinces to hold competitions on their own ground, in which those who participate are required to shoot a certain number of rounds under certain regulations, these regulations being the same for all the Provinces. The results are then collated at Ottawa by the Rifle Association and the marksmen making the highest twenty scores are nominated as the team. To the inexperienced this method might appear both reasonable and fair, but in reality, as in the case this year, it is liable to lead to absurd results. Each Provincial Association is at liberty to select the two days for competition best suiting its own convenience, and the contests are not expected to be and never have been simultaneous. We believe the shooting for places in the team has generally taken place during or at the conclusion of the Provincial matches in each Province, but not necessarily on these occasions. The competition for Ontario marksmen took place at the conclusion of the O. R. A. matches, last September, and those who took part therein had to contend with a heavy rain storm and a boisterous and unsteady gale of wind. Garrison Connor at Toronto, is at best a trying range, but with the further disadvantage of unusually inclement weather, brilliant scoring was impossible. Many shots of Dominion and even Wimbledon reputation, including not a few from our own city, retired in disgust from a contest in which skill seemed to form but a very minute ingredient. As between the volunteers of any particular Province, possibly such weather might be most desirable in getting at the best men; but when the scores from the different Provinces are compared, what is the result? New Brunswick has ten out of the twenty, Quebec has five or six and Ontario has a solitary one. In the nature of things, such an unfairly inadequate representation from the largest Province of the Dominion could only result from an absurd system. From enquiry we learn that the competition at Montreal for the Province of Quebec was held during two days of weather finer and more favorable than which, for shooting, could not be desired. The New Brunswickers seem to have had the advantage of not only good weather, but other favoring circumstances which shooting men well know how to appreciate, and they certainly did, as might be expected, take the full benefit of their opportunities.

The Ontario men also complain that in addition to the difficulties of the weather and range, they had to shoot under the superintendence of a staff officer named by the Dominion Rifle Association, whose ridiculous notions of compelling strict compliance with the letter of the regulations, without any regard to their spirit

KILLED BY A RAT'S BITE.

THE STRANGE MALADY OF A BIG CART HORSE THAT THREE SURGEONS TRIED TO CURE.

Mr. George Maturin, of Bergen, has just had a valuable horse killed by a rat. Mr. Maturin tells the following story about it: A week ago Sunday morning, as I went out to feed the horse, I found a scratch on his upper lip, from which a little blood was trickling. I wiped it off and didn't think any more about it until that same afternoon I noticed that his lip was badly swollen, and his left cheek all puffed out. Then I sent for a veterinary surgeon, and he said that it was a rat bite. He told me to wash it with salt and vinegar, and gave me a bottle of medicine; I don't know what it was. On the next day a sore broke out on the lip, and from that on they broke out all around his nose and some on his cheek. They also formed inside his mouth and nose. The horse kept on eating hay oats and until Thursday and then had to give them up. After that he ate only a little warm mash, but drank a great deal of water. I put oatmeal in the water to strengthen him. By this time I had had three doctors, and they all gave different medicines. About all we could do for him, though, was to keep on flaxseed poultices, and keep the sores as clean as we could with the wash of salt and vinegar.

On Saturday he seemed to get crazy, and threw himself against the sides of the stall, dashed his head against the boards, and kicked at everything. He had always been very gentle before, only I could never tie him. I had him in a box stall, and tried to tie him so as to keep him from hurting himself; but he broke every halter and bridle I had. On Sunday his brain was badly affected, and he was very wild. Still I had hopes of saving him, for he appeared strong, and drank plenty of the oatmeal water. He drank two painful ten minutes before he died. In the afternoon I left him, on his feet, and went into the house to fix a new poultice. I was gone only a few minutes, but as I returned he was dead.

He was a large cart horse, standing seven-toen hands high, and was nearly 17 years of age. No, I never before heard of a horse dying from a rat bite, but that's what killed him, sure, for he had always been perfectly well and healthy before that. The doctors didn't think he would die. They had never known a horse to die from such a cause.

FAITHFUL OLD ARGUS.

Argus was an old watch dog, and belonged to a farmer's family in Albany, N.H. Having long outlived his usefulness (as it was presumed), his owners had determined to put him out of the way, and had several times disposed of him, as they thought, but he had always returned to them again alive and well. Finally a neighbor called one day, with his rifle in his hand. He had been out after a fox. One of the boys laid in with him to take Argus out into the woods and shoot him. The old dog was always crazy to follow a gun. He lay in the shed and heard the conversation, and when, finally, the rifleman called to him, he got up and followed him out—followed him around to the rear of the barn and there disappeared. It would seem that he had understood exactly the meaning of the compact which had been framed against his life. At all events, he disappeared, and for six days we saw him not, though two or three times we fancied we could detect his tracks, where he had been at the well-tub during the night. The seventh night of the dog's absence was the night of Saturday. During the day soap had been made and boiled down and a heavy baking done in a great old oven. Somewhere past midnight all hands were aroused by the barking and howling, and whining, and scratching of old Argus. We knew the voice, but we were determined not to let him in. He redoubled his cries, and his scratching upon the door. At length the head of the family, in his wrath, took down a loaded musket—loaded for a hawk—and threw up a window of the sitting room. No sooner was the sash raised than the old dog came in at a bound, and without stopping to see what his reception was to be, he leaped through the door opening from the great kitchen out into the wash-room and wood-shed, where he howled and scratched like one possessed. John and I knew that something must be wrong outside, so we unfastened the door, and as we opened it the dog bounded out to the shed where was a great wooden box half filled with ashes. But we had no need to go further to learn what was the matter. The shed was filled

with her go; the craft going at about four knots; but as we were sailing to leeward I let her go with a free wind and all sails flying, keeping an eye to windward at the anchor. 'Twas hard work to keep her in her course. First she would warp to the right and then to the left. Then I braced up and squaring myself at the helm gave her a taste of the flying jib, when she dashed off at the rate of 40 knots. The wind was blowing fresh from the north-west, when I saw a gale was brewin' and thought to take in a reef or two. You see the channel was narrow and I couldn't tack to any point, so had to steer ahead. The strain on the tiller was terrible and the crazy craft, like a man three sheets in the wind, became unmanageable. Now was the time to bring her to her bearings, so I called to my shipmate to let go the anchor, which caught firmly at the bottom, and the craft was brought to, and in the struggle the mast went by the board. She struck heavily, and before you could say Jack Robinson we were wrecked and lay thundering on the beach. That was my last trip with that craft.'

Lacrosse.

LACROSSE IN NEW YORK.

The First International Tournament between the Lacrosse Clubs of Canada and the United States, was inaugurated on Friday evening, 5th inst., at Gilmore's Garden, New York, in the presence of quite a large assemblage, and it proved to be quite a successful meeting and a very interesting exhibition. The contestants included the most expert players of the game among the Indian tribes of Canada and the State of New York, and the best players of the amateur clubs of the United States, the Indian players comprising the team of Iroquois Indians from Canada who played before Queen Victoria in England, in 1876, and the Onondago team from Syracuse, N.Y. The amateurs who have entered the lists for the prize cup offered by Mr. Tilleston, of the Country, include the teams of Ravenswood Club, of Long Island; the New York University Club, the Elmira Club, the Manhattan Club and the No Name Club of Brooklyn. Last night the first contestants to enter the lists in the cup contest were the teams of the Ravenswood and University clubs, the players of which were as follows:

New York University—Messrs. Atwater, Barron, Capwell, Dunham, Eddy, Gillette, Maltrener, Ewanson, Webster and Zabrusko.  
Ravenswood—Messrs. Calder, Cluff, A. Bitch, W. Kitchey, Wheeler, Graham, Hopkins, Johnson, J. Wilson, R. Wilson and Smith.  
The entertainment began with a match of best two out of three games between the Indian teams and in a very short time the Iroquois team from Canada had won the first goal. The second game occupied about fifteen minutes, and resulted, as before, in the success of the Canadian Indians, who were evidently better up in the strategic points of the game and faster runners than their New York opponents. At 9 p.m. the amateurs took their places for the first game of the prize cup series, the Indian contests being merely exhibition affairs. The contest proved to be quite interesting, and after a well played game of twelve minutes duration the New York University team won the first goal, by a well timed throw by Mr. Barrowore. Before the second game took place there was a snow-shoe race by the Canadian Indians, which was won by "Thawenrate, one of the Iroquois. This over, the amateurs resumed play and changing goals the University players soon found that they were put on their defence by the gentlemen from Ravenswood. After a contest of eleven minutes a lucky throw in by Mr. Robby gave the game to the Ravenswood team, and now the match became especially interesting. The third game began at 9:45 p.m., and after a tough fight of fifteen minutes duration, Mr. Cluff by some fine play, sent the ball through the University goal and thereby won the match. The Indians then played another match, which also resulted in favor of the Canadians, after which a war dance closed the exhibition.

A PACK OF WEASELS OUT HUNTING.

Weasels frequently hunt in couples, and sometimes more than two will work together. We once saw five, and have heard of eight. The five we saw were working a sandy bank drilled with holes, from which the rabbits in wild alarm were darting in all directions. The weasels raced from hole to hole and along the sides of the bank exactly like a pack of hounds, and so mad intensely excited. Their manner of hunting was the motions of ants, they were creeping along the way very swiftly, then stop, turn to the right and left, make a short dash, and dart forward on again in a straight line. A pack of weasels darted forward.

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### Symptoms.

The first symptom observed is a dull, listless, unthrifty, drowsy appearance; the animal is lazy, disinclined to move, and it does so voluntarily, it will be at a slow deliberate gait, as each motion of the body causes pain; he eats without any apparent relish, and stops and commences again frequently. The breathing is slower than normal, as a rule, though we have at times observed it become accelerated. It is characterized, however, by its stertorous character, the pulse is slow and full. If the animal is suddenly approached and roused out of his lethargic, or somnolent state, he is greatly excited, and shivers violently, but soon becomes calm again, and may remain so for a short time, particularly if the stable be dark. We find, when the disease appears suddenly, the animal will shake his head, toss it in the air, shiver, roll his eyes, and sometimes fall. He moves mechanically, ears, plunges, and frequently pulls on his halter, so as to break it, and often hurts himself. The visible mucus membranes are of a yellowish color, this is generally a prominent symptom. As the disease advances the extremities become alternately hot and cold, and the body becomes bedewed with perspiration. There may be observed spasmodic twitchings of the muscles of the neck, breast, and haunches. Convulsions will probably succeed this. The body becomes rigid as the disease advances, and breathing labored. The water will be excreted by a spasmodic effort. When the rigidity of the muscles pass, it will be succeeded by lassitude and debility, the legs seem weak, and the patient with difficulty stands. The consciousness returns slowly, the animal may now commence to feed for a few moments, stop suddenly, and fall to sleep, perhaps without swallowing the food in his mouth. When he wakes it will be with a start, and he will look frightened, and greatly excited, stares vacantly, and walks about his stall as if in a somnambulant condition, not caring to avoid coming in contact with the walls or any obstacle that may present itself. The lips hang loosely, and are more or less paralyzed; the tongue protrudes from the mouth, or spasmodic twitching of the lips and facial muscles may occur. If the at-

arrangement brought about by eating grain of bran in large quantities. From this Prof. Williams dissents, but we must say we have so often observed staggers result from over-eating, that we are rather inclined to agree with Mr. Gamgee, and come to the conclusion that over distention and impaction of the stomach will originate staggers, and that the disease may manifest the complications above enumerated. We have on numberless occasions found animals that have broken loose at night and engorged themselves at the oat-bin, become subject to staggers, the disease of course originating in this organ, and the brain, through reflex action, or sympathy, participating. Indigestion, no doubt, occasions it in many cases; hence by proper precaution it may be either aborted or prevented. This is proven, we believe satisfactorily, from the fact that animals exhibiting unmistakable symptoms of staggers have frequently been cured by regulating their diet, administering tonics, and giving an occasional dose of physic.

That it originates in the brain at times is also true, as on post-mortem that organ is frequently found congested, as are the lungs, also the stomach of such animals being found to contain either no food, or very little. But while admitting this, we hold the majority of cases of staggers, if not due to tumors, etc., are due to impaction of the stomach, indigestion, and the animals being fed matter which disagrees with them, or which they are unable to digest. And it is here that our readers can benefit by the information afforded by this article, for should they govern themselves according to the following advice, they may avert fatal results.

### Prevention and Treatment.

Do not wait until you have a well developed case of staggers to grapple with, but be beforehand, and as soon as you observe your horse off find out the cause, see if he is constive, suffering from indigestion, if the feces be coated with mucus, and the food ejected in an unmassicated condition; have his teeth examined. But if you cannot avert the danger, and your animal exhibits the disease, then, in the early stage, when you have a high, full pulse, which has tone, bleeding will have a beneficial effect, by diminishing the flow of blood in the brain. From four to eight quarts may be taken with advantage from the jugular vein, or bleeding from the palatine artery, of which we do not approve, as many animals have died from hemorrhage when bled in this manner, the operator being unable to arrest the flow of blood, which could not occur had the jugular been selected. When you bleed from the palate you draw arterial blood, which is not advisable, as you are then directly sapping the animal's strength, but should you decide on bleeding here the quantity must be small, never exceeding in amount eight to ten ounces. Should the pulse be feeble, accelerate it, as when the disease is drawing toward its termination if then would be extremely inadvisable and unwise to bleed, as the adoption of such a course would only hasten death, and make such a termination doubly certain. You can and should administer a cathartic, either aloes or linseed oil. A full dose should be given, as in such instances superpurgation rarely follows. If aloes, give about six drachms, combined with from forty-five to sixty grains of calomel. Give all the water the patient will take, and the injection of an occasional enema will have a beneficial effect. Also have cold water poured upon the head, or better, if convenient, powder some ice, enclose it in a sack, and place it on the animal's poll. Give no food for twelve or fourteen hours, and then simply a mash. As little disturbance as possible should be permitted. Keep the stable perfectly quiet. The bowels, being in a partially paralyzed condition, are therefore very difficult to be brought under the influence of a cathartic, owing to the unsusceptibility of the intestinal track. The intestines may fail to respond to the action of the medicine for from thirty-six to forty-eight hours. Should the

certain number of rounds under certain regulations, these regulations being the same for all the Provinces. The results are then collated at Ottawa by the Rifle Association and the marksmen making the highest twenty scores are nominated as the team. To the inexperienced this method might appear both reasonable and fair, but in reality, as in the case this year, it is liable to lead to absurd results. Each Provincial Association is at liberty to select the two days for competition best suited to its own convenience, and the contests are not expected to be and never have been simultaneous. We believe the shooting for places in the team has generally taken place during or at the conclusion of the Provincial matches in each Province, but not necessarily on those occasions. The competition for Ontario marksmen took place at the conclusion of the O. R. A. matches, last September, and those who took part therein had to contend with a heavy rain storm and a boisterous and unsteady gale of wind. Garrison Common, at Toronto, is at best a trying range, but with the further disadvantage of unusually inclement weather, brilliant scoring was impossible. Many shots of Dominion and even Wimbledon reputation, including not a few from our own city, retired in disgust from a contest in which skill seemed to form but a very minute ingredient. As between the volunteers of any particular Province, possibly such weather might be most desirable in getting at the best men; but when the scores from the different Provinces are compared, what is the result? New Brunswick has ten out of the twenty, Quebec has five or six and Ontario has a solitary one. In the nature of things, such an unfairly inadequate representation from the largest Province of the Dominion could only result from an absurd system. From enquiry we learn that the competition at Montreal for the Province of Quebec was held during two days of weather finer and more favorable than which, for shooting, could not be desired. The New Brunswickers seem to have had the advantage of not only good weather, but other favoring circumstances which shooting men well know how to appreciate, and they certainly did, as might be expected, take the full benefit of their opportunities.

The Ontario men also complain that in addition to the difficulties of the weather and ranges, they had to shoot under the superintendence of a staff-officer named by the Dominion Rifle Association, whose ridiculous notions of compelling strict compliance with the letter of the regulations, without any regard to their spirit, would have been laughed at in any of the other Provinces. For the first time since 1871, when the first team was sent to Wimbledon, the 13th Battalion, of this city, is without a representative; and when only one marksman from the whole Province gets a place on the team, it is quite reasonable to conclude that the system is radically wrong. It is impossible to hold competitions on different ranges, and under different states of weather, and at the same time avoid the risk of arriving at most unfair results. If a meeting of competitors from all parts of the Dominion could be held on neutral ground, and the crucial test of a week's competition adopted, in theory, at least, the best system, and the one as a rule open to the least faultfinding, would be found. But where the distances are so great as between the remote Provinces of the Dominion, this plan could never be expected to afford anything like general satisfaction.

The true solution of the difficulty will be found in the allotment to each Province of a certain number on the proportion the active militia of such Province bears to the whole of the active militia of the Dominion, and the allowing of each Provincial Association to adopt its own method of selecting its best men to compose the quota from such Province. We are informed that this basis of representation was two or three years ago recommended by the Ontario Rifle Association to the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association as being, on the whole, the least objectionable, but, for what reason we are unaware, the suggestion has never been entertained. It is very evident, at all events, that the haphazard method of selection, which gives Ontario only one-twentieth of the team, must give way to some other method which cannot work out consequences of so anomalous a nature.—*Hamilton Times*.

An exchange says: "It is written that Truth lies at the bottom of a well." We have often verified this by looking down into a well and seeing Truth's honest countenance in the smooth water."

sure, for he had always been perfectly well and healthy before that. The doctors didn't think he would die. They had never known a horse to die from such a cause."

## FAITHFUL OLD ARGUS

Argus was an old watch dog, and belonged to a farmer's family in Albany, N. H. Having long outlived his usefulness (as it was presumed), his owners had determined to put him out of the way, and had several times disposed of him, as they thought, but he had always returned to them again alive and well. Finally a neighbor called one day, with his rifle in his hand. He had been out after a fox. One of the boys laid it with him to take Argus out into the woods and shoot him. The old dog was always crazy to follow a gun. He lay in the shed and heard the conversation, and when, finally, the rifleman called to him, he got up and followed him out followed him around to the rear of the barn and there disappeared. It would seem that he had understood exactly the meaning of the compact which had been framed against his life. At all events, he disappeared, and for six days we saw him not, though two or three times we fancied we could detect his tracks, where he had been at the still tub during the night. The seventh night of the dog's absence was the night of Saturday. During the day a sap had been made and boiled down and a heavy baking done in a great old oven. Somewhere past midnight all hands were aroused by the barking and howling, and whining, and scratching of old Argus. We knew the voice, but we were determined not to let him in. He redoubled his cries, and his scratching upon the door. At length the head of the family, in his wrath, took down a loaded musket—loaded for a hawk—and threw up a window of the sitting room. No sooner was the sash raised than the old dog came in at a bound, and without stopping to see what his reception was to be, he leaped through the door opening from the great kitchen out into the wash-room and wood-shed, where he howled and scratched like one possessed. John and I knew that something must be wrong outside, so we unfastened the door, and as we opened it the dog bounded out to the shed, where was a great wooden box half filled with ashes. But we had no need to go further to learn what was the matter. The shed was filled with smoke, and a sharp crackling broke upon our ears. The ash-box was on fire, from coals which had been carelessly thrown in during the afternoon before, and the fire had taken to the dry pine partition between the shed and wash-room, and had made its way almost to the roof. Wind was blowing, and in ten minutes more the fire would have been entirely beyond our control, and those ten minutes and more would have been given to the enemy but for the dog. As it was, having water handy, we put out the fire with only the loss of the ash-box and a part of the partition; but the experience gained was worth more than that. Grand old dog? He had crept to the house to satisfy his hunger from the poor swill-bucket, fearing death if he were discovered; but when he found danger to the family—a danger which he must have comprehended instantly and completely—he thought no more of self; to save those whom he had loved became his sole object, and how he did it we have seen. Be sure there were no more thoughts of killing that dog, nor of giving him away.

## BROUGHT TO AN ANCHOR.

They tell a good story on an old mariner who keeps a little hotel down here, writes a correspondent from Coney Island. His wife was very anxious to have a horse, an animal in which the old gentleman took but little stock, and the old lady finally won her point and got her horse. The steed was of an erratic and playful disposition and used, on the least provocation, to tear madly along the beach, and succeeded in spilling the old lady out several times. At last the Captain, who had never driven the beast, volunteered to break him of his vicious habit, so getting another old salt to assist him, he procured a kedge anchor with a stout line attached, fastening the end of the line around the axle and putting the anchor into the wagon, the fiery animal was hitched up and the two old gents started out for a drive along the shore. The Captain tells the balance of the story himself. "You see the craft was kind o' cranky and we set sail under a reef. I manned the tiller and

Washburn, Van der Smith and Smith. The entertainment began with a match between two out of three games between the Indian and Canada had won the first goal. The second game occupied about fifteen minutes, and resulted, as before, in the success of the Canadian Indians, who were evidently better up in the strategic points of the game and faster runners than their New York opponents. At 9 p.m. the amateurs took their places for the first game of the prize cup series, the Indian contests being merely exhibition affairs. The contest proved to be quite interesting, and after a well played game of twelve minutes duration the the New York University team won the first goal, by a well timed throw by Mr. Barrett. Before the second game took place there was a snow-shoe race by the Canadian Indians, which was won by Kuawongaw, one of the best. This over, the amateurs resumed play and changing goals the University players soon found that they were put upon their feet by the gentlemen from Ravenswood. After a contest of eleven minutes a lucky throw in by Mr. Rishoy gave the game to the Ravenswood team, and now the match became specially interesting. The third game began at 9:45 p.m., and after a tough fight of fifteen minutes duration, Mr. Cluff, by some fine play, sent his ball through the University goal and thereby won the match. The Indians then played another match, which again resulted in favor of the Canadians, after which a war dance closed the exhibition.

## A PACK OF WEASELS OUT HUNTING

Weasels frequently hunt in couples, and sometimes more than two will work together. We once saw five, and have heard of eight. The five we saw were working a sandy bank drilled with holes, from which the rabbits in wild alarm were darting in all directions. The weasels raced from hole to hole and along the sides of the bank exactly like a pack of hounds, and seemed intensely excited. Their manner of hunting resembles the motions of ants; they inches ran a little way very swiftly, then stop, turn to the right and left, make a short detour, and afterward on again in a straight line. So the pack of weasels darted forward, stopped, went from side to side, and then on a yard or two, and repeated the process. To see their reddish heads thrust for a moment from the holes, then withdrawn to reappear at another would have been amusing had it not been for the reflection that their frisky tricks would assuredly end in death. They ran their quarry out of the bank and into the wood, where we lost sight of them. The pack of eight was seen by a laborer returning down a woodland lane from work one afternoon. He told us he got into the ditch, half from curiosity to watch them and half from fear—laughable as that might seem—for he had heard the old people tell stories of men in the days when the corn was kept for years in barns, and so bred hundreds of rats, being attacked by these vicious brutes. He said they made some noise, crying to each other short, sharp, snappy sounds; but the pack of five we ourselves saw hunted in silence.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

## THE RULE OF THE ROAD.

A case of some interest was tried in Hamilton Police Court a few days ago. As the driver of the stage been Hamilton and Strabane was near the city, he overlooked the wagon of a teamster, and turned his team to the right with the intention of passing. The teamster, to prevent his passing, also turned to the right and crowded the stage of the road, upsetting it over an embankment, seriously injuring a horse, and breaking the vehicle. The stage driver had the teamster tried before the magistrate for the purpose of making him pay costs. The teamster admitted the offence, but urged that the stage driver was attempting to pass on the wrong side. The magistrate decided that the teamster was right and dismissed the case. The statute distinctly provides that a team in passing another on the road must pass on the left side. It would be well for parties driving with vehicles to bear an important fact in mind.



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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During the past month or two we have sent out the great bulk of our subscription accounts for collection. A large proportion of them have been handled by the different express companies, and from this section we have returns either in money or unaccepted drafts. We regret to state that the result of these collections has not been up to what we had a right to anticipate. While thankful to those who were kind enough to respond to our appeal, we think we have just right to complain of the manner in which many of our drafts were returned. The most frivolous excuses in many cases were used, while of the whole lot in which there was default not a single one had a reasonable endorsement why it was not paid. The expense to us of the return of those unpaid calls by the Express Co.'s has been great, and we certainly have no disposition to take these negative replies as final answers. Therefore we request all who are indebted to us for subscriptions to remit us the amount due at once. In many cases this default extends over two or three years, and the want of this money hampers us in our business. It is our intention at no distant day to enlarge the SPORTING TIMES to sixteen pages, but if our friends who are so behind hand in their obligations to us do not promptly meet their indebtedness, there is very little inducement to go on with an improvement which will cost such a large sum of money. Thousands of dollars are standing out, in small sums from \$4 to \$12, all over the country, and we have a right to expect that when our subscribers know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

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

THE N. Y. POOL BILL.

Just now there appears to be every probability that the amendment to the obnoxious pool bill in New York State will be carried. This amendment will permit incorporated associations to sell pools within their own inclosures on horse races, and this is possibly as far as the legitimate supporters of the turf wish the law to be changed. On the 6th, the majority of the Committee to whom the amendment was referred reported in its favor to the Senate, and, as before remarked, it will likely become law this session. One strong fact in connection with the repeal of the horse-racing part of the bill should be mentioned, which is, that while a great many petitions for repeal have been sent in, there has not been one remonstrance received. This would certainly indicate a strong

the past year. On the principle of the introduction of the pool bill here it would be but fair to expect our legislators to avail themselves of the experience of their American cousins, and extend to Canada, without any appeal on its behalf, that justice that is being meted out to our friends on the other side of the lake. What is correct in one instance can not be wrong in the other. If we are to take American legislation on this topic as a guide, as we appear to have done, the attention of our rulers should certainly be directed to the present proceedings at Albany, and the late action of the Ohio Legislature, when an anti-pool selling bill was ignominiously thrown out of the house, and its introducer met with shouts of derisive laughter and ironical cheers. The rights and property of our Racing Associations and prominent breeders are entitled to respect, and it is the province of our lawmakers to protect their interest to the fullest extent, without prejudice to the welfare of the country.

THE STALLION RACE.

A couple of weeks ago we called for an expression of opinion from the owners of horses liable to compete in a stake for trotting stallions to be given the present year. We submitted our position in the matter, and, as it were, asked the advice of those who were most prominently interested in the question as to whether it was to be or not to be. We are rather disappointed at the luke warmness exhibited, as we have had only one really practical reply in response to our request. When those who should be the most prominent in this affair are so backward, it is not very suggestive of success on our part to go on with it. However, we have not entirely given up the idea, but there is very little hope our course will be the same, or as liberal in its tendency, as the past two years. The forfeit money for the last two races was not really as much as it would have cost to have given any of the entries the advertising and reputation they received through the race, and as the owners of horses are the ones mainly benefitted they can probably devise some better plan for showing the merits of their stock than the one we have managed. If they can, at any more reasonable figures than have been the former conditions, we shall not only be too happy to hear of it, but give it all the aid and countenance in our power. The individual reply to which we refer above was from Mr. J. P. Wiser, of the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, who proposed to put up \$100, if half-a-dozen would do the same, so as to make a respectable thing of it, and all go for the money. This is practical to a point, and we will anxiously wait what other owners say. We assume Mr. Wiser means the conditions of the race to be the same as formerly, so far as barring Phil Sheridan is concerned. If we could have seen our way clear to have gone on with the race, our condition in this respect was to make it open to all stallions owned in Canada on Jan. 1st, 1878, Sheridan only being barred.

TROTTING FRAUDS.

Under this heading the Ottawa Citizen furnishes us with the following piece of news:—"The protest entered against Lizzie Barefoot, in the race for local horses at Leamy's Lake, was overruled at a meeting of the Trotting Club on Tuesday night, and the first money was paid over to Mr. Roy, the owner of that animal. It will be remembered

Sporting Gossip.

A gentleman enquires for the address of Harry Brown the rider and trainer, who was in Toronto a few years ago. Any one knowing his whereabouts will confer a favor by communicating the information to this office.

Beach's St. Lawrence, a well-known trotting stallion in Michigan, died at Coldwater in that State, on the 28th ult., of inflammation of the bowels. He has left a lot of good stock in that part of the country. He was 19 years old, and was got by the old St. Lawrence that stood at Kalamazoo.

The papers say that John Morrissey is so far recovered as to be able to leave the house and walk about the verdant fields. You should say, gentlemen, that he is so recovered as to be able to gambol on the green.

We see by the Ohio paper that the Legislature of that State had sense enough to kill off the fanatical pool-bill which the anti-turfites attempted to make law. It was most effectually squelched, and no attempt will be made to recuscitate it.

At a meeting of the promoters of the Ottawa Winter Races, held last week, Ald. Lauzon in the chair, Capt. McCaffrey, treasurer, presented his report, showing a small surplus. It was decided to utilize it, purchasing flour for several city charities, to be divided as follows: Protestant Relief Committee, one barrel; Protestant Orphans Home, one barrel; St. Patrick's Orphans Home, one barrel; St. Joseph's Orphans Home, one barrel.

Fast horses win cups by the use of their legs; fast men lose their legs by the use of cups.

Dr. Smith's speedy mare Inspiration, aged, by Warminster, dam Sophia, has been entered in the following stakes:—In the Columbus Cup, at Columbus, Ohio, \$20 each, p. p., \$250 added, dash of 2½ miles, 14 nominations; also, in Ra. cocas Handicap, Maryland Jockey Club, Baltimore, Md., Spring Meeting, \$50 entrance, h. f., only \$10 if declared out; weights to be announced April 15, declarations to be made on or before May 15, club to add \$500, 1½ miles, 87 nominations. She is the only Canadian owned horse in the lists this year.

Mr. Bearman, proprietor of the Daly House, Ingersoll, has been for some time past confined to his house by illness, but now, to the delight of his many friends, he is once more among them and recovering rapidly.

Mr. Wm. Hawkshaw, of Oxford Co., has sold his draft stallion Hether Jock to Messrs. Hugh Alexander and Jonathan Carter, of Blythe, the consideration being \$1,800.

Messrs. Bennett & Switzer shipped, last week, two car loads of fine horses to New York from the neighborhood of Listowel.

Mr. John White, Milton, Ont., has secured the services of the well known colored trainer and rider Allan Wilson to look after his stock this season. "Allan" went out to the farm last week.

A livery man in Berlin thinks he has a pretty fast horse. He drove from Elmira to Berlin the other night at the rate of sixteen miles an hour. Cause—forgot to put the bit in the horse's mouth.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont., informs us that he has decided to hold his sale of trotting stock on May 9, instead of May 8, as stated before.

The falling off in entries to the stakes this spring is confined to Jerome Park, New York. The New York papers lament the

THE "TEAM" SHOOT.

A few weeks ago a paragraph appeared in our columns to the effect that negotiations were in progress to bring about a pigeon shooting tournament which would be composed of teams of ten men each from any town or city in Canada. From an advertisement in another portion of the paper it will be seen that the preliminaries have been completed, and something practical arrived at. The day selected for the tournament to take place is Wednesday, April 8, next. Each team in entering a deposit \$25 as forfeit, the entries to be made on or before March 26, and the balance of the \$100 to be made good on or before April 1. Ten birds each will be shot at, and members of the team making the high score will be entitled to first prize, and so on. The location of the shoot will be submitted to tender. The town or city making the largest money offer will be entitled to the privilege. Such tenders to be submitted before 26th inst. The money derived from this source will be added to the general sweep. It is expected from twelve to eighteen towns and cities will have representative teams, which will make the stake truly valuable one, and far beyond anything that line ever seen in Canada. Mr. P. Collins, business manager of the SPORTING TIMES, has been appointed steward, and all communications in reference to the financial portion of the tournament must be addressed to him. The time is short, but as the affair is pretty well understood by the prominent sportsmen in every part of the country, no doubt it will be prepared for the announcement of the date. It will be as well to bear in mind that the forfeit and entry moneys must be promptly forwarded, as no discretionary power is left in the hands of Mr. Collins. He has no interest in the tournament further than to urge its success, and he hopes none of the teams who propose to take part in it will give him the responsibility of deciding them ineligible on account of carelessness on their part. The shoot undoubtedly will be a grand one, the finest ever seen in this country, and it is the wish of all who are interested in it as principle or well wishers to use their utmost exertions to make it a model gathering in number and management.

Correspondence.

FROM AURORA—A REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.

AURORA, March 7th, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR,—As the season for wonderful miracles, three legged lambs, and other curiosities of a startling nature, is at hand, it may not be out of order to chronicle a freak of nature which occurred here a few days ago. A mare belonging to Mr. Ralph Thompson near this place, on Monday last gave birth to one mare and two horse colts. Unfortunately for Mr. Thompson all three died. Any one who can beat this will please step to the front.

FROM COBOURG.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

Mr. T. O'Neill, the well-known liveryman of this town, has sold to Mr. Warrel, manager of the Bank of Toronto, Port Hope, the province-bred mare Molly Darling. She will be used for saddle purposes. The consideration was not made public. Mr. O'Neill is thinking of going to Kentucky for a couple of race horses.

Col. Bolton, owner of Lady D'Arcy Speculum and other thoroughbreds, has sold



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 Kalamazoo, Mich..... June 11 to 17  
 Grand Rapids, Mich..... June 18 to 21  
 Akron, Ohio..... June 19 to 21  
 Jackson, Mich..... June 26 to 28  
 Sedus, N. Y..... June 26 to 28  
 Ratsavia, N. Y..... July 2 to 4  
 Cincinnati, Ohio..... July 2 to 5  
 Detroit, Mich..... July 2 to 5  
 East Aurora, N. Y..... July 8 to 4  
 Clyde, N. Y..... July 8 to 5  
 Lyons, N. Y..... July 8 to 5  
 Warren, Ohio..... July 8 to 5  
 East Saginaw, Mich..... July 9 to 12  
 Columbus, Ohio..... July 9 to 12  
 Toledo, Ohio..... July 18 to 19  
 Cleveland, Ohio..... July 23 to 26  
 Buffalo, N. Y..... July 30 to Aug 2  
 Freeport, Ill..... July 30 to Aug 2  
 Rochester, N. Y..... Aug 6 to 9  
 Prophetstown, Ill..... Aug 6 to 9  
 Utica, N. Y..... Aug 18 to 16  
 Springfield, Mass..... Aug 20 to 23  
 Earlville, Ill..... Aug 20 to 23

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

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

## THE N. Y. POOL BILL.

Just now there appears to be every probability that the amendment to the obnoxious pool bill in New York State will be carried. This amendment will permit incorporated associations to sell pools within their own inclosures on horse races, and this is possibly as far as the legitimate supporters of the turf wish the law to be changed. On the 6th, the majority of the Committee to whom the amendment was referred reported in its favor to the Senate, and, as before remarked, it will likely become law this session. One strong fact in connection with the repeal of the horse-racing part of the bill should be mentioned, which is, that while a great many petitions for repeal have been sent in, there has not been one remonstrance received. This would certainly indicate a strong popular feeling in favor of the amendment to the bill as suggested by the American Jockey Club and the other leading Racing and Trotting Associations throughout the State.

The Canadian anti-pool selling bill was framed on the basis of the New York one, and a strong point urged in favor of the passage of the measure here, was the manner in which it was received by our cousins at Albany. No attention was paid to the protests submitting it would be time enough to pass such an enactment here when its practical workings were seen in New York, and that the conservative policy of English legislation was antagonistic to such hasty action. With the spirit of fanaticism with which its promoters were imbued, no ear was given to these reasonable objections, it was forced through the Canadian Parliament as a measure demanded in the interests of morality. The fallacy of this position was shown at the time, and the present action of the New York authorities is strong evidence in favor of the principles we submitted at the time. As one of the leading arguments in favor of the passage of the bill here was that the Americans were better acquainted with the evils of the system than we could expect to be, and that they believed legislation was necessary to banish the system, it was quite proper we should have a similar law here. Now, after a year's trial of the restrictive measure, the New York legislators have discovered they made a great mistake in interfering with the business of legitimate Racing Associations, and seek, under the present amendment, to restore to them the rights of which they have been so unjustly deprived

our course will be the same, or as liberal in its tendency, as the past two years. The forfeit money for the last two races was not really as much as it would have cost to have given any of the entries the advertising and reputation they received through the race, and as the owners of horses are the ones mainly benefitted they can probably devise some better plan for showing the merits of their stock than the one we have managed. If they can, at any more reasonable figures than have been the former conditions, we shall not only be too happy to hear of it, but give it all the aid and countenance in our power. The individual reply to which we refer above was from Mr. J. P. Wiser, of the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, who proposed to put up \$100, if half-a-dozen would do the same, so as to make a respectable thing of it, and all go for the money. This is practical to a point, and we will anxiously wait what other owners say. We assume Mr. Wiser means the conditions of the race to be the same as formerly, so far as barring Phil Sheridan is concerned. If we could have seen our way clear to have gone on with the race, our condition in this respect was to make it open to all stallions owned in Canada on Jan. 1st, 1878, Sheridan only being barred.

## TROTTING FRAUDS.

Under this heading the Ottawa Citizen furnishes us with the following piece of news. —“The protest entered against Lizzie Barefoot, in the race for local horses at Leamy's Lake, was overruled at a meeting of the Trotting Club on Tuesday night, and the first money was paid over to Mr. Roy, the owner of that animal. It will be remembered that a protest was also entered against Miss Tartar, which horse won the 2:50 race, as not being eligible to start in that class. Since that time evidence of such importance has been received by the judges, as to warrant them in withholding the money. There is little doubt, the club claims, that this horse was a “ringer,” and if so, the punishment is not too severe. It was noticeable that the pools sold on the 2:50 race, and in which Miss Tartar was bought, were secured by the “knowing ones,” and the spoils thus secured will go some distance in making up the loss of the first money in the race.”

## DEPARTURE OF COL. SHAW.

On account of the advancement of Col. Shaw to the American Consulship at Manchester, Eng., his departure from Toronto at an early date is necessitated. The Col. has always taken a deep interest in aquatic sports, and has been particularly active in Hanlan's behalf since last fall. How the matches in contemplation will be affected by the departure of Col. Shaw is not known. The preliminaries were almost entirely in his hands, and though the negotiations are not fully concluded, it is hoped they will not be allowed to drop in that gentleman's departure. He will be succeeded by Mr. Webster in the Toronto Consulship.

A Guelph paper says it has reason to believe that the vacant Senatorship is to be tendered to John White, Esq., ex-M.P., of Halton.

umbus Cup, at Columbus, Ohio, \$20 each, p. p., \$250 added, dasu of 2½ miles, 14 nominations; also, in Ra cocas Handicap, Maryland Jockey Club, Baltimore, Md., Spring Meeting, \$50 entrance, h. f., only \$10 if declared out; weights to be announced April 15, declarations to be made on or before May 15, club to add \$500, 1½ miles, 87 nominations. She is the only Canadian owned horse in the lists this year.

Mr. Bearman, proprietor of the Daly House, Ingersoll, has been for some time past confined to his house by illness, but now, to the delight of his many friends, he is once more among them and recovering rapidly.

Mr. Wm. Hawshaw, of Oxford Co., has sold his draft stallion Hether Jock to Messrs. Hugh Alexander and Jonathan Carter, of Blythe, the consideration being \$1,800.

Messrs. Bennett & Switzer shipped, last week, two car loads of fine horses to New York from the neighborhood of Listowel.

Mr. John White, Milton, Ont., has secured the services of the well known colored trainer and rider Allan Wilson to look after his stock this season. “Allan” went out to the farm last week.

A livery man in Berlin thinks he has a pretty fast horse. He drove from Elmira to Berlin the other night at the rate of sixteen miles an hour. Cause—forgot to put the bit in the horse's mouth.

Mr. J. P. Wiser, Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont., informs us that he has decided to hold his sale of trotting stock on May 9, instead of May 8, as stated before.

The falling off in entries to the stakes this spring is confined to Jerome Park, New York. The New York papers lament the circumstance, and say that it can be attributed to no other cause than the anti-pool legislation in that State last year. And no doubt that it is the true cause of depression.

Mr. D. Richards, of Woodstock, Ont., shipped last week to New York, a fine span of black horses, which he purchased from Mr. C. Gray, West Oxford. The price paid was \$450.

In giving a description of the race-horse Gen. Phillips in our last issue the fact was overlooked that he was beaten in New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1877, by Ella Rowett, a dash of two miles.

Of the Gold Dusts offered at the Clinton Horse sale last week, an aged stallion was bid in at \$800 and two three-year-olds at \$825 and \$250 respectively; three two year old fillies were bid in at \$100, \$175, \$200 respectively.

Venor has concluded that the weather business is not prophetic. Venor' we going to have a reliable weather seer.

Mr. George A. Baker, of Cleveland, Ohio, has purchased the trotting mare Adelaide, by Mr. Wiser's Phil Sheridan. She has a record of 2:21½, and will make the campaign of 1878 under her new owner's care.

Mr. John Splan, the driver and trainer of Rarus, in conversation with a Cleveland reporter said he did not think it was just the cheese for the Stewards of the Grand Circuit to handicap Rarus in the manner they have done. Goldsmith Maid was never put under such a penalty, even when her superiority was more marked than Rarus is now. Splan thinks a free-for-all race should mean all the term implies.

aiding them ineligible on account of carelessness on their part. The shoot undoubtedly will be a grand one, the first ever seen in this country, and it is the wish of all who are interested in it as principle or well-wishers to use their utmost exertions to make it a model gathering in number and management.

## Correspondence.

## FROM AURORA—A REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.

AURORA, March 7th, 1878.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

SIR,—As the season for wonderful freaks, three legged lambs, and other curiosities of a startling nature, is at hand, it may not be out of order to chronicle a freak of nature which occurred here a few days ago. A mare belonging to Mr. Ralph Thompson near this place, on Monday last gave birth to one mare and two horse colts. Unfortunately for Mr. Thompson all three died. Any one who can beat this will please step to the front. Yours, &c. SNAYLE.

## FROM COBOURG.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

Mr. T. O'Neill, the well-known liveryman of this town, has sold to Mr. Warrel, manager of the Bank of Toronto, Port Hope, the province-bred mare Molly Darling. She will be used for saddle purposes. The consideration was not made public. Mr. O'Neill is thinking of going to Kentucky for a couple of race horses.

Col. Bolton, owner of Lady Darcy Speculum and other thoroughbreds, has sold to Mr. M. A. Williams, of this town, the 3-year old colt by Ve'pucius, out of Castaway. Matt intends running him for the Queen's Plate the present year. The price, I hear, was \$300.

It is reported that Commodore Gifford, of Cobourg, owner of the yacht Countess of Dufferin, will take her to England about the end of May for the purpose of trying to dispose of her there.—OLLEN.

## TURF CLUB MEETINGS.

## LONDON.

The annual meeting of the London Turf Club was held at the Tecumseh House the other night, the attendance being large and the interest manifested of a cheering character. After deciding that the Spring meeting should be held over the Newmarket Course on the 5th and 6th of June next, and making arrangements for procuring the contest for the Queen's Plate over that track, the following office-bearers were elected for 1878:—President, Mr. D. Macmillan, M.P.; Vice-President, Mr. Isaac Waterman; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Dodson; Secretary, Mr. James Glen, Jr.

## BRUSSELS.

The following are the officers of the Brussels Driving Park for 1878:—John Scott, President; Thomas Hall, Vice-President; William White, Secretary; P. Moore, Treasurer; Committee of Management—J. Parker, Wm. H. McCutcheon, J. Mannell, P. Scott.

## DETROIT.

At a meeting of the Detroit Horse Fair Association, held March 4th, the following officers were elected:—J. W. French, President; E. Ferguson, Vice-President; Chas. Dupont, Secretary; and T. N. Birmingham, Treasurer.

**Canadian Turf.**

**TROTTING AT BELL EWART, ONT.**

Bell Ewart, Ont. March 7, 1878.—\$100; Ice trotting; for Dominion horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J Crozier, b g Garafraza	1 1 2 1
C C Kellott, b g Honest Billy	2 2 1 2
T McKeoun, b g Bob Moore	3 3 3 3

Time—2:34, 2:34½, 2:36½, 2:34½.

Same Day.—\$35; Ice trotting, for local horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

W Bannerman, b h Hamilton	2 1 1 0 2 1
R Hewitt's Lefroy Girl	1 2 2 0 1 2
L Ostrum's Nellie Gray	3 3 3 3 3 3
A McDonald's Big Sandy	4 4 4 4 4 4

Time—2:47, 2:47, 2:46, 0:00, 2:42½, 2:48.

Same Day.—\$25; Ice trotting; green horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J W McKinnon's Tom Banks	3 1 3 1 3 3 1
W Bannerman's Black Bird	1 3 2 2 2 1 2
A W Spenser's Gray Eagle	2 2 1 3 2 2 3
R Hewitt's Lady Beauford	4 4 dr

Time—2:58, 2:52, 2:53, 2:54, 2:55, 2:59, 2:58½.

March 8.—\$60; Ice trotting; for county horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J McKeoun's Bob Moore	1 1 1
W Bannerman's Fearless	2 2 2
Geo Sullivan's Grey Eagle	3 3 3

Time—2:45, 2:39½, 2:41½.

Same Day.—\$100; Ice trotting; free-for-all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

C C Kellott's b g Honest Billy	2 1 1 1
J Crozier's b g Garafraza	1 2 2 2
A F Lee's ch g Little Ethan	3 3 2 3

Time—2:37, 2:37½, 2:38½, 2:35½.

Same Day.—\$20; Foot race.

A C Reid	1
Geo Irwin	2
J Wilson	3

Geo.

**TROTTING AT WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.**

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20, 1878.

To Editor of Sporting Times:

A trot took place on the Red River this afternoon for a purse of \$100, mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. There were three entries, and the race was very interesting. Quite a large crowd was attracted to the river, there being about 600 spectators. Lisgar was the favorite in the pools before the start, but after the first heat Bay George had friends Manitoba Girl was looked upon very well, but she did not come up to the expectations of her supporters. The judges were Messrs. J. W. McLane, Alex. McMicken, and Lavallee, with Billy O'Connor as starter. Their duties were very efficiently discharged. The following is the summary of the event:

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 20, 1878.—\$100; Ice trotting. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$60, 30, 10.

Mr Alloway's Lisgar	2 1 1 1
Mr Lacourt's Bay George	1 2 2 2
Mr Kuttson's Manitoba Girl	3 3 3 3

No time taken.

ALC.

**GRAND'S GREAT SALES.**

The advertisement of these big sales appears in another column. Their merits are so fully set forth there that any recommendation from us is spared. The Toronto sale will commence on April 9; the Hamilton sale on April 16; and the London sale on April 23; each lasting three days. The entries are confined to 400 in each place and it is anticipated the lists will fill rapidly. Read the advertisement for full particulars.

**THE ANTI-POOL SELLING MANIA.**

We are in receipt of a letter from a prominent horseman of Maine, which speaks in most discouraging tones of the prospect of trotting in that State during the coming season. We cannot do better than quote his words. He says: there is the least interest taken in their future movements I have ever seen manifested, owing to the operation of the pool laws. I hardly

canical measure. In the meantime, at least during the season of 1878, the trotters of these two States will be obliged, as our correspondent says, to "go West," in order to earn their winter feed, and will swell the purses given by associations in localities where the highest development of the trotting horse is encouraged instead of retarded.—*Spirit of the Times.*

**Turf, Gun and Leather.**

**AN ARISTOCRATIC DOG.**

Last week Mr. James Conlisk, of this city, purchased at a high figure from the kennel of Mr. A. M. Esdaile, Montreal, the fox terrier Bronze, whelped Dec. 20, 1877. The following is the pedigree of Bronze:

Bronze, by Tatters, out of Puck; Tatters, by Trip, out of Beauty; Beauty, by Trap, out of Spite; Trap, by Port, out of Vic; Port, by Spot, out of Grip; Vic, by Jolly, out of Dainty; Spite, by Diver, out of Nettle; Diver, by Bassler, out of Busy; Nettle, by Jock; Jock, by famous Viper.

Puck, by Trap, out of Ruby; Ruby, by Ragman, out of Belle; Ragman, by old Trap, and sire of the champion bitch Fussy; Belle, by Crack, out of Riot; Crack, by Rap, out of Vic, and own brother to the champion Trimmer; Riot, by old Trap, out of Venus; Venus, by old champion Jock.

Trap was first prize winner, Hanley, 1874. Tatters, Trip, Beauty and Puck are all prize winners in America.

**AMERICAN STAR MARES.**

We have often thought of calling attention to the fact that American Star, either Stockholm's or Seely's, were the most singular fortunate horses in the world in getting filly foals instead of colts. Seely's American Star is the only one of note given in the Trotting Register by Stockholm's American Star, and the same fortunate fact occurs with Seely's American Star, as he has only some five sons reported, Conklin's, Coleman's, Niver's, and two bred by Mr. Seely, both called American Star, Jr., one dam by Friday, the other by Osceolo. All that portion of New York in and adjoining Orange county, according to the breeding of trotters from that section, are almost invariably from mares said to be by American Star, which we suppose means Stockholm's or Seely's American Star. Stockholm's American Star, after getting Seely's American Star in 1836, was castrated, which is just forty-two years ago this Spring, and the last foals of Stockholm's horse were foaled in 1837, and the youngest of his get, if alive, will be forty-one years old this Spring, far beyond the breeding age. Seely's American Star was foaled in 1837, and died in 1861, and the youngest of his get must be sixteen years old this Spring.

We have a vivid recollection of the claims set up by persons throughout the country as late as 1865, claiming to have mares by imp. Messenger, which was never exploded until our memoir of imp. Messenger appeared, showing that the horse died in 1807, and that the last colts by him must have been dropped in 1808.

We doubt not that from five hundred to a thousand mares can be found now in the states of New York and New Jersey claiming to be by Stockholm's American Star, though the youngest of his get, if living, must be forty-one years old this year. The claim is simply ridiculous and absurd in the face of history. Would it not be well for the Board of Censors of the National Trotting Breeders' Association, aided by the peerless Wallace, who between them are going to straighten out and throw a flood of light upon the trotting pedigrees of the country, to turn the beams of their genius to the investigation of the subject, and give the world the benefit of their researches.

The mere claim of having a mare by American Star is as meaningless as the expression, dam a thoroughbred, or a mare of Messenger blood, without the name of the breeder is given, the year the mare was foaled, and what particular American Star sired her. If the rule was strictly enforced, the number of American Star mares would be reduced, and the claims of the bogus ones

**Athletic.**

**AN ATHLETIC CONTEST.**

A tremendous crowd assembled at Gilmore's Garden, New York, Monday night of last week, to witness the great lifting by actual grip contest between Professor Wm. Miller, the champion athlete, and Captain A. H. Bogardus, the champion wing-shot of America. The match resulted from a challenge issued by Bogardus, offering to lift by actual grip against any man in America. The challenge was accepted, and the men signed articles at the *Clipper* office for \$250 a side. The conditions were each to select two feats to be decided by actual grip. Mr. Leslie Bruce of the Turf, Field and Farm was chosen referee. Mr. Edward Plummer and Mr. Charles Colvin were chosen judges. Eight or ten dumb-bells, weighing from 50 to 200 pounds, were then put on the stage, and two kegs of lager beer. Miller then proposed to lift two 100 pound dumb-bells. Bogardus protested, and claimed that, according to the articles of agreement, he had to lift first, and proposed to lift the two kegs of lager beer. At 9 o'clock the affair was settled and Miller lifted two 100 pound bells, one in each hand. Bogardus followed by carrying the two kegs of lager beer. He lifted them by the rim of the barrels and carried them ten yards. When Professor Whitaker announced that Bogardus had lifted two kegs of lager beer the crowd yelled, "Tap them, give us a schooner!" Bogardus then claimed that he had never lifted dumb-bells, and Miller claimed that he had never lifted kegs of beer. Bogardus then, amid loud cheers, lifted the kegs of beer by the rim, and handled them as easily with one hand as he would his gun. Miller tried the keg act, but concluded that he would sooner lift a schooner. Miller's second feat was lifting a 180-pound dumb-bell, which he put up with comparative ease. Bogardus then carried two 179-pound bells and walked around the stage with them—a remarkable feat for a man who don't practice such feats. Bogardus then lifted a keg of beer by the rim and lifted it on to a table with one hand. The athletes both accomplished the two feats, and as Miller could not lift the kegs of beer by the Bogardus grip, and the latter could not lift the bells in Miller's style, the referee decided the match a draw.

**HEAVY DRAUGHTS—CROSSING.**

The breeding of the Draught-horse for profit is hardly a question that is practicable in New England. They are not suited to your hills, nor to your herbage, and you had better leave that interest to be represented and supplied from the teeming prairies of the West. There has been a very extensive, and, as I think, a foolish mania manifested in several of the prairie States, in importing the great mammoth Percheron horse for the avowed purpose, as the speculators put it, of increasing the size of the common horses of the country. In this, their zeal altogether outruns their wisdom; for it is one of the rudimentary laws of physiology that violent crosses are not successful, and ought always to be avoided.

The breeding of the great masses of flesh and muscle of a ton weight upon the common mares of the country, not averaging half that amount in weight, must of necessity result in an ill-proportioned and comparatively useless class of animal: the progeny in one place will be Percheron and in another, pony. Then, when you reach the next generation, instead of approximating a standard of uniformity, you have only increased the confusion growing out of a want of uniformity. In the first cross, you have neither one thing nor another; and in the second cross, you cannot have the remotest conception of what it may be, until you see it; and so on, in all subsequent crosses. Whoever imports either the Percheron or the Clydesdale horse, with a view of improving the general horse stock of the country, whether east or west, instead of commendation and support, should receive nothing but condemnation and contempt. The Percheron and the Clydesdale may be brought to this country, and, if bred pure, they can be bred successfully; and the character and uses to which they are adapted, and for which they have been bred for generations, will still be maintained in the breed. This, however, is hardly a practical question with the gentlemen now before me, though it is not possible, in the nature of things that they can enter into competition with the West, in the production of this type of horse.—*Wallace.*

**GREEN TO THE FRONT.**

BABYLON, March 5, 1878.

DEAR SPIRIT—I noticed in the last issue of

**VERA CRUZ.**

**SOME POINTS IN THE SUIT CONCERNING A RACE-HORSE.**

The suit brought by Mr. G. D. Wilson, of this city, says the *Lexington Press*, against Messrs. Williams & Owings, claiming \$10,000 damages, alleged to have been suffered by Mr. Wilson as the sale of Vera Cruz, is attracting attention among turfmen. It appears that in 1875, at M. H. Sanford's sale of thoroughbred horses, Mr. G. D. Wilson and Messrs. Williams & Owings bought, jointly, a yearling colt, by Virgil, dam Regan, afterward called Vera Cruz. He was entered in some two-year-old stakes, and also in a number of three-year-old events. He was left to be trained in the hands of Mr. Rice, an experienced trainer.

As a two-year-old he did so badly that he was unable to appear at the Louisville meeting. At this time Messrs. Williams & Owings, and Mr. G. D. Wilson entered into some arrangement by which the latter disposed of his half interest in the horse to his partners for \$100 cash, they to assume the forfeits for the two-year-old events, amounting to about \$100, the possible profits for his three-year-old entries, amounting to about \$700, and Wilson's half of the expense bill for Vera Cruz, about \$175. The horse improved rapidly as a three-year-old, and won nine out of twelve events in which he was entered, winning for Messrs. Williams & Owings, it is estimated, about \$13,000. Of course this involved considerable risk on the part of the owners. Mr. Wilson claims that he sold his half interest under misrepresentation as to the promise of the horse as a racer.

It appears, on the other hand, that, outside of Williams & Owings, few turfmen in this section placed a high estimate on the get of Virgil. But Williams, it seems, had been in the stable where the old horse was trained, and, knowing his value, thought highly of his get. Besides, he had trained Vigil and Fair Play, sons of Virgil, and not unreasonably expected something of Vera Cruz. The trial is largely attended. Eminent counsel are employed on both sides, and turfmen will watch the result with interest.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 28.—The suit of G. D. Wilson against Williams & Owings for \$10,000 on the sale of the racehorse Vera Cruz, ended to-day in a "hung" jury.

**Miscellaneous.**

A rowing race for \$200 a side (?) between Jacob Huffer and Geo. Briggs, took place at Belleville on the 9th, and was won by the latter.

Geo. Petty, the well-known English sprint racer, offers to give Rogers (Scholes) of Trenton, 3 yards in a hundred. Rogers says he will accept for any amount, and will run in England if expenses are guaranteed, or will pay expenses to run in America.

Fred. S. Plaisted is hard at work preparing for the coming sculling season. He is already taking spins on the Harlem river.

Wild ducks are already appearing in large numbers along the shores of Lake Erie.

Johnny Hickey, the Canadian feather-weight pugilist, took a benefit at Pronguey's Hall, Hamilton, on Saturday last. The *Times*, of that city, says Hickey's science was much admired.

Geo. Paton, the long-distance pedestrian, formerly of Dundas, Ont., was beaten in a 100 yards match in Texas lately, for a couple of centuries, by a man named Jackson Brown, of Granbury, Texas. Paton never could run a short race, but the man who beats him to the score in any distance over half a mile needs to be a good one.

NARRAGANSETT.—J. I. Case, of Racine, made an important purchase, last week, from Mr. Huntington, of Rochester, buying the stallion Narragansett, by Rhode Island, to take Gov. Sprague's place in the stud while Sprague is campaigning. Also purchased a son of Narragansett, Newport, and his dam, Belle Partise. Price a long one.

**CANADA'S WIMBLEDON TEAM.**

Canada's Wimbledon contingent is as follows:—Corp. J. F. Fallon, New Brunswick; Bagler Hart, New Brunswick; Biddell, Quebec; Trooper Langstroth, New Brunswick; Private Kinnear, New Brunswick; Major O. R. Arnold, New Brunswick; Thomas, Quebec; Holtby, Quebec; Finlay-

**Amusements.**

**CITY.**

Modjeska, the Countess Bozenta, is the reigning attraction at Mrs. Morrison's Grand Opera House this week. Her engagement commenced on Monday with *Adrienne the Actress*, in which she appeared in the *title role*, being specially supported by Mr. W. F. Burroughs, as Count de Saxe. The play was rather a bad selection for the opening; however, Modjeska clothed the part of Adrienne with new beauties, and received several enthusiastic calls before the curtain. The ladies and gentlemen of the Grand company, especially Miss McAllister and Miss Van courtland, and Mr. Hudson certainly contributed their share to the success of the piece. The same bill was repeated on Tuesday to a good house. Wednesday and Thursday the new version of *Camille*, with Modjeska as the frail one. To-night she takes her *benefit*, which should be a good one. The Modjeska engagement concludes with the *matinee* to-morrow. Next week Eliza Weatherby and her company of *Frolloques*, commencing Tuesday evening.

The Si Slocum company, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frayne, Master Frankie, and Jack the dog, supported by the Holman Dramatic Company have been drawing good houses at the Royal Opera House this week in their drama of *Si Slocum*. The principal attraction of the piece is the rifle shooting of Mr., Mrs. and Frankie Frayne, and the acting of the dog Jack. Forward and backward rifle shots are executed with great certainty throughout the piece, and the canine is on hand whenever he is wanted, and never makes a mistake. Dolly and Joe Banks, Allen Halford, Al. Holman and E. H. Brink have good parts in the piece which they render as acceptable as could be expected in a play of this nature. *Si Slocum* will be presented for the last time to-morrow evening. The Wednesday and Saturday matinees are regularly held at the Royal. On Monday evening a lecture by O'Donovan Rossa; the Irish operetta of the *Rose of Killarney*, an a roaring farce.

**GENERAL.**

MONTREAL.—Academy of Music—Mr. Naunary took a complimentary benefit on Monday evening, the bill being *Lad Astray, an olio*, and the last act of *Jessie Brown*, in which the Fifth Royal Fusiliers appeared. The double-headed child will shortly be shown here. It is embalmed.

HALIFAX.—Miss May Howard has lease the Theatre for the summer season, and will open it early in April.

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Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb 20, 1878.—\$100; Ice trotting. Mile heats, 3 in 5; to sleighs. \$60, 30, 10.

Mr Alloway's Lisgar.....	2	1	1	1
Mr Lacourt's Bay George.....	1	2	2	2
Mr Kittson's Manitoba Girl.....	3	3	3	3

No time taken.

ALC.

### GRAND'S GREAT SALES.

The advertisement of these big sales appears in another column. Their merits are so fully set forth there that any recommendation from us is spared. The Toronto sale will commence on April 9; the Hamilton sale on April 16; and the London sale on April 23; each lasting three days. The entries are confined to 400 in each place and it is anticipated the lists will fill rapidly. Read the advertisement for full particulars

### THE ANTI-POOL SELLING MANIA.

We are in receipt of a letter from a prominent horseman of Maine, which speaks in most discouraging tones of the prospect of trotting in that State during the coming season. We cannot do better than quote his words. He says: there is the least interest taken in their future movements I have ever seen manifested, owing to the operation of the pool laws. I hardly think any track in Maine will be open to the public this season. Every track in the State sunk money last year, and it is better to keep them closed than to run them at a loss. A good many went to Massachusetts last season to trot their horses, but that State is now in the same boat, and it looks as if we should have a drought in New England. The Boston trotters of any note will 'go West,' I am satisfied, and altogether it will work very much against turf interests and the National Association, as the law in Maine and Massachusetts will deprive them of some eighteen or twenty members." This is a terse and plain statement of the actual situation. The States of New England, from which some of the finest trotting families have originated, are doing their best, by bigoted legislation, to paralyze one of the most important industries, and incidentally to lower the grade of their equine products. Without the race-track, there is slight incentive to breeding trotters, as prices that can be obtained are too low to justify the outlay, and it has been quite thoroughly demonstrated by experience that, outside of a few exceptional instances, race-tracks cannot be maintained when deprived of one of their largest sources of revenue. We can readily believe that our correspondent does not draw too gloomy a picture. There is, however, a brighter side. The State of New York indulged in similar sumptuary legislation to that of Massachusetts, last year, and as a result several trotting and racing meetings were comparative failures, but now the indications are that a substantial repeal of the law will be made, as the Senate Committee has reported in favor of allowing proprietors of tracks to have pools sold on their own grounds. We may be mistaken, and an unexpected opposition to the new law be developed, but there are, as yet, no indications of this character, and on the contrary there seems to be an unanimity of opinion that the law of 1877, which was enacted on the swell tide of disposal of indiscriminate pool-selling on elections, was too sweeping. It can almost be taken for granted that the bill introduced by Senator Wagstaff will become a law, and we have equal faith that, before long, the statesmen of Maine and Massachusetts will realize the blighting effects of their stringent legislation, and adopt some less puri-

caused American Star, Jr., one dam by Friday, the other by Osceola. All that portion of New York in and adjoining Orange county, according to the breeding of trotters from that section, are almost invariably from mares said to be by American Star, which we suppose means Stockholm's or Seely's American Star. Stockholm's American Star, after getting Seely's American Star in 1886, was castrated, which is just forty two years ago this Spring, and the last foals of Stockholm's horse were foaled in 1887, and the youngest of his get, if alive, will be forty-one years old this Spring, far beyond the breeding age. Seely's American Star was foaled in 1887, and died in 1861, and the youngest of his get must be sixteen years old this Spring.

We have a vivid recollection of the claims set up by persons throughout the country as late as 1866, claiming to have mares by imp. Messenger, which was never exploded until our memoir of imp. Messenger appeared, showing that the horse died in 1807, and that the last colts by him must have been dropped in 1808.

We doubt not that from five hundred to a thousand mares can be found now in the states of New York and New Jersey claiming to be by Stockholm's American Star, though the youngest of his get, if living, must be forty-one years old this year. The claim is simply ridiculous and absurd in the face of history. Would it not be well for the Board of Censors of the National Trotting Breeders Association, aided by the peerless Wallace, who between them are going to straighten out and throw a flood of light upon the trotting pedigrees of the country, to turn the beams of their genius to the investigation of the subject, and give the world the benefit of their researches.

The mere claim of having a mare by American Star is as meaningless as the expression, dam a thoroughbred, or a mare of Messenger blood, without the name of the breeder is given, the year the mare was foaled, and what particular American Star sired her. If the rule was strictly enforced, the number of American Star mares would be reduced, and the claims of the bogus ones rapidly exploded.—*Kentucky Live Stock Record.*

### POOL-SELLING ON RACE-TRACKS.

The N. Y. Senate committee in charge of the bill to permit the selling of pools on race courses had a quiet sitting in one of the parlors at Congress Hall, Albany, N. Y. Messrs. Leonard and Lawrence Jerome entered the room in company with Lieutenant Governor Dorsheimer and Senator Wagstaff, who introduced the bill. Cigars were lighted and a conversation was held, in the course of which Lieutenant Governor Dorsheimer alluded to the excitement last year caused by the results of pool-selling on the Presidential and municipal elections. In the midst of that excitement a bill was passed forbidding pool-selling everywhere throughout the State, although it was intended to reserve the right of pool-selling in the racing associations. The last traces of the agitation having disappeared, there could, in the Lieutenant Governor's opinion, be no sound reason why that right should be longer withheld from them. Mr. Leonard Jerome said that during recent extended tours in Europe he had observed the tendency of betting on foreign race-courses to stimulate the breeding and improve the breeds of horses. That had certainly been the effect of pool selling on race-courses in this State before its sudden and unfortunate interruption. He referred, without reciting them, to statistics which he had submitted to the committee at recent meetings providing the activity on New York race tracks prior to the time when pool-selling was forbidden, and the decadence of the racing and breeding interests since that time. After an extended colloquy the members of the committee who are present—Mr. Marvin, Mr. Raines and Mr. Sessions—tacitly agreed to report the bill for the consideration of the Senate. It is a very stringent and restrictive bill, repealing the section of the act passed last year which forbids pool-selling on race courses, and limiting the sale of pools to chartered race courses only on days of racing by persons to be designated by the association owning or leasing the track.—*Albany cor. N. Y. Herald.*

The breeding of the Draught-horse for profit is hardly a question that is practicable in New England. They are not suited to your hills, nor to your herbage, and you had better leave that interest to be represented and supplied from the teeming prairies of the West. There has been a very extensive, and, as I think, a foolish mania manifested in several of the prairie States, in importing the great mammoth Percheron horse for the avowed purpose, as the speculators put it, of increasing the size of the common horses of the country. In this, their zeal altogether outruns their wisdom, for it is one of the rudimentary laws of physiology that violent crosses are not successful, and ought always to be avoided.

The breeding of the great masses of flesh and muscle of a ton weight upon the common mares of the country, not averaging half that amount in weight, must of necessity result in an ill-proportioned and comparatively useless class of animal, the progeny in one place will be Percheron and in another, pony. Then, when you reach the next generation, instead of approximating a standard of uniformity, you have only increased the confusion growing out of a want of uniformity. In the first cross, you have neither one thing nor another; and in the second cross, you cannot have the remotest conception of what it may be, until you see it; and so on, in all subsequent crosses. Whoever imports either the Percheron or the Clydesdale horse, with a view of improving the general horse stock of the country, whether east or west, instead of commendation and support, should receive nothing but condemnation and contempt. The Percheron and the Clydesdale may be brought to this country, and, if bred pure, they can be bred successfully; and the character and uses to which they are adapted, and for which they have been bred for generations, will still be maintained in the breed. This, however, is hardly a practical question with the gentleman now before me, though it is not possible, in the nature of things that they can enter into competition with the West, in the production of this type of horse.—*Wallace.*

### GREEN TO THE FRONT.

BABYLON, March 5, 1878.

DEAR SPIRIT,—I noticed in the last issue of one of your contemporaries that remarks on my challenge to Colonel Russell, in which they call my proposition "absurd," and "one-sided." I certainly did not intend that it should be so, and must say that I fail to see how it is either "absurd," or "one-sided." Col. H. S. Russell comes out with a challenge to trot Rarus one or more races for a certain amount of money and the championship. Now, in naming Rarus, he names the very best horse on the turf, so I cannot see how I am "absurd" or "one-sided," when I claim the privilege of naming my horse at the post, as I have got to name one inferior to Rarus. Colonel Russell winds up by saying that he will not make a match for \$5,000, or for any sum so serious as to make the loss a wrong to any one's family. If I remember rightly, he offers to trot Rarus three races for \$1,000 or \$1,500 a side, which would make in all \$3,000 or \$4,500. The difference between my offer and his is either \$2,000 or \$500, just as his race with Rarus happened to be made. As Colonel Russell is a rich man, the loss of \$5,000 could in no way be a wrong to his family, as to my family, I did not intend to lose the race or races, but win them, so I should not wrong my family. But all this amounts to nothing. Now I will give you something that I think no one will consider "absurd," and "one-sided." I will trot Great Eastern against Smuggler, at Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Utica, Poughkeepsie, Springfield, and Hart ord, on the last day of the meetings at those different points, a race of mile heats, best three in five, in harness, for \$1,000 a side each race, p. p., the money to be put up in any reliable man's hands, on or before April 1st next; or if Colonel Russell does not want to make these races, I will trot Great Eastern the same races against any horse in the world to saddle. Hoping that Colonel Russell or some one else will not consider this either "absurd" or "one-sided."

Yours,  
CHAS. S. GREEN.

P.S.—While we are on the "absurd" question, I have to say that Colonel Russell's offer to trot Lula was a little "absurd," as every one knows very well that Mr. Harker will not allow his horses to be matched under any circumstances.

A rowing race for \$200 a side (?) between Jacob Hulzer and Geo. Briggs, took place at Belleville on the 9th, and was won by the latter.

Geo. Potly, the well known English sprint racer, offers to give Rogers (Schools), of Trenton, 3 yards in a hundred. Rogers says he will accept for any amount, and will run in England if expenses are guaranteed, or will pay expenses to run in America.

Fred S. Plaisted is hard at work preparing for the coming sculling season. He is already taking spins on the Harlem river.

Wild ducks are already appearing in large numbers along the shores of Lake Erie.

Johnny Hickey, the Canadian feather-weight pugilist, took a benefit at Pronguy's Hall, Hamilton, on Saturday last. The Times, of that city, says Hickey's science was much admired.

Geo. Paton, the long-distance pedestrian, formerly of Dundas, Ont., was beaten in a 100 yards match in Texas lately, for a couple of centuries, by a man named Jackson Brown, of Granbury, Texas. Paton never could run a short race, but the man who beats him to the score in any distance over half a mile needs to be a good one.

NARRAGANSETT.—J. I. Case, of Racine, made an important purchase, last week, from Mr. Huntington, of Rochester, buying the stallion Narragansett, by Rhode Island, to take Gov. Sprague's place in the stud while Sprague is campaigning. Also purchased a son of Narragansett, Newport, and his dam, Belle Partise. Price a long one.

### CANADA'S WIMBLEDON TEAM.

Canada's Wimbledon contingent is as follows:—Corp. J. F. Pallen, New Brunswick; Bugler Hart, New Brunswick; Riddell, Quebec; Trooper Langstroth, New Brunswick; Private Kinnear, New Brunswick; Major O. R. Arnold, New Brunswick; Thomas, Quebec; Holtby, Quebec; Finlayson, Quebec; Captain E. Arnold, New Brunswick; Sergeant Weyman, New Brunswick; Power, Nova Scotia; Lieut.-Colonel Beer, New Brunswick; Ensign Loggie, New Brunswick; Widdell, Quebec; Private Perkins, New Brunswick; J. M. Gibson, Ontario; Captain Perley, New Brunswick; Shand, Nova Scotia.

A paragraph appeared in a Buffalo, N. Y., paper that the horse epizootic had broken out in Hamilton, Ont. The Hamilton Times says the report is a pure fabrication.

The Ottawa papers say that Dr. Coleman's chestnut mare, one of the best bred mares in the Province (whatever that means) was sold on Saturday for \$120. Not long ago she was purchased in Quebec by Mr. Gilmour for \$800.

The latest telegraph reports are alarming about the condition of Senator Morrissey's health. On the 12th his wife stated his condition was very critical, and probably worse than at any time since he has been in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Farrell, of Belleville, lost a valuable mare through the ice near Carleton Place on Saturday last. She was in charge of Mr. Kuarns, of Glen Tay, when the accident occurred, and that gentleman had a narrow escape from drowning. The mare was valued at \$500.

### HORSE SALES.

(Toronto .....	April 9 to 11
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### TENDERS.

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

### PREMIUMS.

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

50 per cent.	to 1st team
25 per cent.	to 2nd "
15 per cent.	to 3rd "
10 per cent.	to 4th "

### MANNER OF SHOOTING, &c.

Each shooter to shoot at ten single birds, each team to furnish one hundred and twenty-five birds. One and one-quarter ounces of shot otherwise Dominion rules to govern. One team to be drawn from each team to form a squad and so continue until finished.

All communications to be directed to Mr. P. Collins, SPORTING TIMES, Toronto.

GEO. ROGERS, Sec. Com.  
March 13th, 1878. 342-ut

Poetry.

THE "KISS."

A kiss is indeed a most wonderful thing,  
 A something we cannot express;  
 To our hearts either joy or sorrow it may bring,  
 That plain, simple form of caress;  
 Now, when with a dear friend we must part,  
 With one whose long absence we'll miss;  
 Joy, when pressed close to a dear loving heart—  
 Our feelings are told with a kiss.

The kiss of a mother only infancy knows  
 In all its deep feeling and love;  
 But through childhood and youth it increases  
 and grows,  
 With a power that comes from above.  
 But 'tis only in manhood that we ever can find  
 The height and perfection of bliss—  
 Two dear loving souls, with one thought, with  
 one mind,  
 Meet each other in a rapturous kiss.

But in billiards a "kiss" is a different thing,  
 As one who much plays the game can swear,  
 A kiss to the player no pleasure doth bring,  
 It brings only trouble and care;  
 His best calculations are often destroyed,  
 His chance of success runs amiss,  
 And at least he finds himself sorely annoyed  
 By the unlooked-for miserable "kiss."

Like billiards, each life is at best but a game,  
 Where a great deal depends on our skill;  
 With each one to win is the object and aim,  
 Though with many the work is up hill.  
 With the World for a table, and Hope for a cue,  
 We play on without making a "miss";  
 But success only comes to the fortunate few,  
 The most of us lose by a "kiss."

Miscellaneous.

James Black, of Aborfoyle, has captured  
 27 foxes during the past winter.

A grey bird's nest, with two eggs in was  
 found on David Day's farm, Eramosa, Mon-  
 day.

In selling a Newfoundland dog, is he valued  
 for what he will fetch or for what he will  
 bring.

On Friday, Feb. 22nd, Mr. John Milroy,  
 of lot No. 1, 10th con. Markham, killed a  
 large snake, three feet six inches long.

An enterprising Adrain youth went out  
 rabbit hunting with a ferret and a dog. At  
 the first burrow he came to the ferret ran in  
 and killed the rabbit, the dog dug in and  
 killed the ferret, and the boy dug in and  
 killed the dog, then starting home, satisfied  
 in his mind that rabbit hunting with a ferret  
 and dog is one of the craziest delusions  
 of the age.

The Game Protection Society of Alvin-  
 ston had one Solomon Dell, of Strathroy,  
 summoned before Squire Sinclair, on Wed-  
 nesday last, for killing deer out of season. It  
 appears that he is an old hand at the busi-  
 ness, three charges against him. Not wish-  
 ing to be too severe on him, the magistrate  
 imposed the smallest fine he could—ten  
 dollars for each animal and costs, amount-  
 ing in all to nearly forty dollars with a cau-  
 tion if he ever came before him again on a  
 similar charge that he would not get off so  
 easily. It may be a warning to him and a  
 good many others.

Mr. John English, of North Dorchester,  
 celebrated his 89th birthday on Friday the  
 8th ult. He is hale and hearty for a man  
 of his age. He threshes oats enough to  
 make straw to feed twenty head of cattle  
 and attends to the same. He is well known  
 to many of your readers, as he was one of  
 the earliest settlers in London township, and  
 assessed the same for eight successive years  
 previous to his removing to Dorchester,  
 where he has resided last 34 years. He has  
 never paid a dollar to a doctor in his life.  
 The doctors will have a good opinion of him.

DEATH OF A COLORADO CATTLE GROWER

John W. Stiff, of Denver, Colorado, died at  
 the age of 46 years on the 19th of February, in  
 that city. He was the largest cattle grower and  
 dealer in that region. He had been in the

AN ENGLISH LEG-OF-MUTTON TRIAL

In the Bristol County Court, the other day,  
 Mr. R. A. Fisher tried the case of Stallard  
 against Melhuish, which was an action brought  
 by the plaintiff, a laboring man, to recover the  
 sum of \$s. 8d. for an alleged loss sustained in  
 consequence of the defendant serving him with  
 one leg of a goat, instead of a leg of mutton, for  
 which he paid. The plaintiff said that on Satur-  
 day, Dec. 22, he went into the Bristol market,  
 with his "missus," who looked at a leg of meat  
 which was exposed for sale, and which she be-  
 lieved to be mutton, and asked the price of it.  
 Mrs. Melhuish said she had sold the "fellow-  
 leg" for twopenny per pound, but the plaintiff  
 should have that one for eightpenny. The plain-  
 tiff thereupon paid for the leg and took it home.  
 While he was making the purchase a fellow-  
 workman was standing a few stalls off, and see-  
 ing the witness purchasing the leg informed him  
 next day that it was the leg of a goat, which he  
 himself had killed for another man, for whom  
 Mrs. Melhuish was selling it. The plaintiff  
 thereupon took the meat back, but the defend-  
 ant refused to accept it, and ultimately he had  
 to cut it up for cat's meat. For the defence  
 Mrs. Melhuish said she believed the meat to be  
 what she represented it to be, and called the  
 purchaser of the "fellow-leg," who said it "ate  
 very well." His Honor gave judgment for the  
 plaintiff for the amount claimed.

REST AS A CURE-ALL FOR HORSES.

Two years ago I had a mare go lame with a  
 spavin. She was worked a good deal until  
 about a year ago, since which time she has had  
 profound rest, and meanwhile has given me an  
 Orloff foal. She had been blistered and treated  
 more or less, but grew worse. Now she does  
 not go lame at all. "Mollie's" navicularis was  
 certainly cured by rest, and I have repeatedly  
 known old cripples turned into the woods to die,  
 pick up and come out, if not sound, yet valuable  
 for years afterwards. Nature is the best phy-  
 sician, almost every time, for the common ills of  
 our domestic animals, and so far as horses are  
 concerned, particularly as affecting ills of their  
 locomotive system, we co-operate best with Na-  
 ture when we give them rest. There are, how-  
 ever, cases when medicine, and the burning-  
 iron are necessary, and must be speedily resorted  
 to, or it will be too late. If we call a veteri-  
 narian, it is more likely than not that he will feel  
 constrained to do something or give something  
 in order to satisfy us, when, if he could do  
 exactly what he thought was best, without refer-  
 ence to what he thinks our wishes may be, he  
 would try the "let alone practice."

LIONS AS HOUSEHOLD PETS.

At 54 Howard Street, Boston, resides Mr. and  
 Mrs. Lincoln, who have in a shed, leading from  
 a sitting-room, an African lion and lioness, quite  
 remarkable in their intelligence and docility.  
 The animals were born in New York City, are  
 about twenty months old, and said to be the  
 only African lions ever reared in this country.  
 Mrs. Lincoln gave them their first meal, and has  
 continued to care for them ever since. Under her  
 charge they have become exceedingly tractable,  
 performing quite a variety of tricks in answer to  
 the voice. She enters freely into their apart-  
 ment while they are feeding, a feat said to have  
 hitherto been unattempted; at 3:30 p. m. each  
 day, she allows them the freedom of the sitting-  
 room for a short time, not unfrequently for the  
 entertainment of visitors, of whom they take no  
 notice. In dry weather they are allowed a daily  
 run in the back-yard. They exhibit a great af-  
 fection for their mistress, kissing and frolicking  
 with her as large dogs might. Each consumes  
 about six pounds of raw meat daily. They are  
 considered fine representatives of their race,  
 and are valued at \$8,000.

A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE.

The recent sales of thoroughbreds belong-  
 ing to Stony Brook Stud and the late stable  
 of Mr. H. O. Bernard show a decline in  
 price, when compared with those realized  
 last year in Kentucky and Tennessee. The  
 cause assigned in turf circles for this decline  
 is the passage of the pool bill by the Legis-  
 lature of New York, last year. This is, un-  
 doubtedly, the real cause. Breeders will  
 hail a repeal of the law as an encouraging  
 indication. These prices, however, allow  
 men of small means to take part in training  
 and racing, and we may expect, during the  
 coming season, a half-dozen new names on  
 the turf in the East.—Spirit



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The Game Protection Society of Alvinston had one Solomon Dell, of Strathroy, summoned before Squire Sinclair, on Wednesday last, for killing deer out of season. It appears that he is an old hand at the business, three charges against him. Not wishing to be too severe on him, the magistrate imposed the smallest fine he could—ten dollars for each animal and costs, amounting in all to nearly forty dollars with a caution if he ever came before him again on a similar charge that he would not get off so easily. It may be a warning to him and a good many others.

Mr. John English, of North Dorchester, celebrated his 88th birthday on Friday the 8th ult. He is hale and hearty for a man of his age. He threshes oats enough to make straw to feed twenty head of cattle and attends to the same. He is well known to many of your readers, as he was one of the earliest settlers in London township, and assessed the same for eight successive years previous to his removing to Dorchester, where he has resided last 34 years. He has never paid a dollar to a doctor in his life. The doctors will have a good opinion of him.

#### DEATH OF A COLORADO CATTLE GROWER

John W. Stiff, of Denver, Colorado, died at the age of 46 years on the 19th of February, in that city. He was the largest cattle grower and dealer in that region. He had been in the business about twelve years, and with small means, by industry and tact, he accumulated a fortune as great as any Colorado farmer. It was mainly the product of the growth of herds. He was born in Ohio in 1831. He went to that region in 1859, gold prospecting. In 1866, having made some money in that and trade, he bought 1,800 head of cattle whose produce he placed in Wyoming Territory in 1872. He also had prior to this a range on the South Platte, a few miles from Greeley. His residence was at Denver. He had about 55,000 cattle at his death of a value exceeding \$1,000,000, and with large tracts of land and town property. He left a wife and four children, made no will, and by the Colorado law his wife takes one half and his children the other. His death was caused by gall stones in the gall duct of the liver. He was a man of extremely temperate habits, industrious, honest, and highly esteemed. This fortune was the result of the power in the unoccupied region of Wyoming of using without cost the Government lands, furnishing large feeding ranges. He was called Cattle King.

#### TERRIBLE FIGHT BETWEEN STALLIONS.

One night last week a son of Mr. F. G. Brush, who owns a large farm near Birmingham, came home at a late hour, and when stabling a stallion forgot to tie him in his stall, as customary. After consuming his feed in his stall, the stallion wandered out into the stable and finally attacked his mate, a stallion, which was tied in a stall close by. The imprisoned beast endeavored to break loose so as to defend himself, and making a spring to jump through a manger-door before him, the top of which was let down, was caught in the halter and thrown to the floor. The other stallion now pounced upon him with his sharp iron hoofs, and sank his teeth into the flesh of the prostrate beast, which fought back as well as he could in his narrow stall. The struggle continued until the prostrate stallion was exhausted and the other left him for dead. As soon as found in the morning he was dragged out almost lifeless, his fine and smooth hide all chopped and bitten up, and presenting a horrible sight. The floor of the stall was wet with blood, which also clung to the sides of the stall.—Detroit Free Press.

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#### AN INTERESTING GAME.

Wm. Kendrick and John Ellington played poker in Dalton, Ky. Ellington thought that Kendrick cheated, and stabbed him in the arm; but after a satisfactory explanation, the cut was plastered up and the game resumed. Soon Kendrick accused Ellington of cheating, knocked him off his chair, and stamped out three of his teeth. There was another explanation, after which the play was continued amicably for a while. At length Ellington was unmistakably caught at stocking the cards, and Kendrick shot him through the shoulder. That ended the game.

**DEATH OF JOSIE B.**—Col. D. McDaniel met with another loss recently in the death of the race-mare, Josie B., bay, foaled 1871, by Asteroid, dam Canary Bird (dam of Ortolan, Harry Bassett, Brother to Bassett, &c.), by imp. Albion, out of Panola, by imp. Ainderby, &c. Josie B. was rather unfortunate as a racer. She did not run as a two-year-old; ran six times without success as a three-year old. She ran nine times as a four-year old, winning three times, viz.: A dash of a mile and eighth, Fall meeting at Jerome Park, over a field of six, in 2:01½; at same meeting, a selling race, 1½ miles, seven starters, in 3:20½, and at Jerome Park extra meeting, in November, a three-quarter-mile dash, four starters, in 1:20. These constitute the best of her turf performances.

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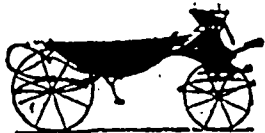
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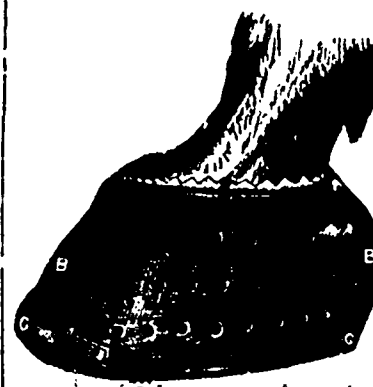
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