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American Turf.

RACING AT NORFOLK, VA.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 14.—Purse \$250, for all ages; entrance fee to second; half a mile.

Lewis & Co's b g Docility, by Hunter's Lexington, dam Carrie Cosby..... 1
 M Byrnes' s o King Bee, by Hamburg, dam by J C Breckenridge..... 2
 John Boughrum's b h Gerald, by Imp Mickey Free, dam Rosetta..... 3
 J W Weldon's b f Flora, by War Dance, dam Flora McIvor..... 0

No time.

Same Day—Purse \$225, for all ages; entrance money to second; one mile.

M Byrnes' s m Caroline, by Kentucky, dam Cornelia..... 1
 W Callahan's b g Bay Bum, by Baywood, dam Genril..... 2
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 Lewis & Co's b o Tampa, by Planet, dam Miranda..... 0

Time—1:58.

Same Day—Purse \$25, for local horses; quarter of a mile.

J Allen's b h Gipsey..... 1
 J Allen's b h Trifle..... 2

No time.

Dec. 15.—Portsmouth Stakes, for two-year-olds; purse \$250; 50 to second; five furlongs.

R McKelvey's gr g Bosworth, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Meteor by Ohilde Harold..... 1
 Lewis & Co's b o Tampa, by Planet, dam Miranda by Lexington..... 3
 J W Weldon's b f Flora, by War Dance, dam Flora McIvor..... 3

No time.

Same Day—Morrisett Stakes, for three-year-olds; purse \$200; 50 to second; five furlongs.

Lewis & Co's ch f Lady Clipper, by Hunter's Lexington, dam Carrie Cosby by Oliver..... 1
 M Byrnes' ch o King Bee, by Hamburg, dam by J C Breckenridge..... 2
 E Hilde's b o Pinto, by Planet, dam Eleanor..... 3

No time.

Same Day—Purse \$225, for all ages; entrance money to second; one mile.

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 John Boughrum's b h Gerald, by Mickey Free, dam Rosetta..... 2
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No time.

Dec. 16.—Purse \$250, for all ages; entrance money to second; half-mile heats.

M Byrnes' Caroline..... 1 + 1
 J Boughrum's Gerald..... 3 + 2
 A B Lewis & Co's Docility..... 3 + 0
 H McKelvey's Bosworth..... dis
 J W Weldon's Flora..... dis

Time—:54, :54, :56.

Same Day—Navy Stakes, for three-year-olds; three-quarters of a mile.

A B Lewis & Co's Lady Clipper..... 1
 M Byrnes' King Bee..... 2
 E Hilde's Pluto..... 3
 Dr Weldon's Coupon..... 0

Time—1:19.

Same Day—Purse for beaten horses, one mile.

M Byrnes' King Bee..... 1
 J Boughrum's Gerald..... 2

GOOD TROT AT SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

OAKLAND TROTTING PARK, Dec. 7 and 8.—Purse \$300, for 2:40 class.

L E Yates' s g Frank..... 1 6 4 8 2 1 1
 P Brandow's b o E H Miller... 2 3 1 2 1 2 2
 M Kohleman's blk m Lady Emma 3 1 2 1 8 3 3
 D Gannon's br g Prophet..... 5 2 3 5 1 r o
 P McCue's gr g Woodward... 4 4 5 4 5 r o
 W Webb's b g Gabe Smith... 6 5 dis
 F Charles' gr g Frank Charles.. 7 dis

Time—2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:30, 2:39.

MOLLIE MCCARTHY THE WINNER OF THE CALIFORNIA OAKS.

HER DESCRIPTION AND PEDIGREE.

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Lacrosse.

THE "TORONTO'S" ANNUAL DINNER.

The above club held their annual dinner at the Rossie House on the 22nd inst., which was well attended. It is unnecessary to remark that the reunion was celebrated with the usual enthusiasm, which was the custom in former years. Mr. James Hughes presided, and was ably supported by Mr. J. B. Henderson and R. B. Hamilton. In response to toasts, addresses were delivered by Messrs. Hamilton, Henderson, Ross Hamilton, and Massey, and songs and diversions given by Mr. G. Hilton and others. The party broke up about midnight.

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"Is a horse without a record as valuable as one with a record?"
 "Sometimes he is more valuable."
 "Did you not once enter on a course the stallion Allen as a green horse?"
 "I always go by the record."
 "Have you not been charged with acting foul?"
 "Nearly all drivers cry foul when they are beaten."
 "Have you not been suspended from the race track for irregularities?"
 "I have been suspended three times, but they always found I was right, and reinstated me."
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Mary Good, bay mare, foaled 1861, by Bill Chentham, dam by Eutaw Shark; 2nd dam Lady Morgan, &c., in foal to Lynchburg; to Gen. Gordon, at \$170.

Bay filly, weanling, by Lynchburg, dam Lost Cause, &c.; to Gen. Gordon, at \$125.

Bay filly, weanling, by Lynchburg, dam chestnut mare, by Dickena, out of Felicity, &c.; to Gen. Gordon, at \$100.

Chestnut colt, weanling, by Lynchburg, dam the Lightning mare, which was out of Elizabeth McNairy, &c.; to Thos. Hamilton, at \$135.

Bay filly, weanling, by Lynchburg, dam Mary Good, &c.; to R. Morrison, at \$95.

THE DRIVER OF GREAT EASTERN.

Jack Feeks, the trainer and driver of Great Eastern, was in New York last week. He dropped into the T. F. & F. office, and in speaking of the big horse said that the big son of Walkill Chief is doing well, and if not

A PROPOSED FOUR-MILE RACE.

Thursday, August 20, 1874, at Saratoga, Fellowcraft, Wanderer and King of the South Sea, faced the starter in the four-mile dash for a purse of \$1,400. The track was fast, but it had not been specially prepared for the race. While Fellowcraft had shown well in previous efforts, it was not believed that he had the capacity to beat such a rapid horse as Wanderer. But Anthony Taylor, who trained Fellowcraft, had been fortunate in bringing his horse to the post in the prime of condition. Wanderer got the best of the start, but before reaching the turn yielded his place up to Fellowcraft. The pace was hot. The first mile was run in 1:47, the second in 1:50, Fellowcraft leading Wanderer three lengths under the wire, the time of the third mile was 1:51, Wanderer being closer up, and making an aggregate of 5:29; the pace improved the fourth mile, the time being 1:50. Fellowcraft finished two lengths ahead of Wanderer and ran the four miles in 7:19, a quarter of a second faster than Lexington's famous performance at the same distance. The chestnut son of Australian and Aerolite was four years old at the time, and he carried 108 pounds. The race, it is contended by many would have been still faster had Wanderer been permitted to take the track and run upon his courage. He was pulled nearly double for the first three miles, and sprawled from one side of the track to the other in his efforts to get control of his head. Leaving might-have-beens out of consideration, Fellowcraft's achievement was a great one. He carried the weight and reduced the time record which had remained stationary for nineteen years. Since then he has changed owners, and been retired from the turf. After making two light seasons in the stud it is claimed that he is in a fit condition to be trained once again for the track. Mr. Littell, his former owner, is to prepare him for a race next year. He suggests that the association at Lexington or the Jockey Club at Louisville offer a purse for a four mile dash, limited to Ten Broeck, Tom Ochiltree and Fellowcraft, requiring all of them to enter and two of them to start. The Kentucky courses are specified for the reason that it is well known that Mr. Harper has declined to come east with his horse. While Mr. Ponistan is not anxious to make a match, we feel at liberty to say that the suggestion of Mr. Littell strikes him with favor. Should a liberal purse of the kind proposed be offered, we do not believe that he would be the last to enter. Fellowcraft will be seven years old in the spring, and as he is perfectly sound, there is no reason why he should not make a grand race if properly trained. Ten Broeck has beaten his time, but he carried four pounds less weight, which fact leaves room for comparison and argument. A great many look upon Fellowcraft's 7:19 as better than Ten Broeck's 7:15. If a four mile race could be arranged between Tom Ochiltree, Fellowcraft and Ten Broeck, public excitement would run high and the crowd would tax to the utmost the accommodations of the grounds of the Jockey Club which would be chosen for the battle.

ENGLISH WINNERS.

The list of winning owners during the

No time.
 Same Day—Purse \$225, for all ages; entrance money to second; one mile.
 M Byrnes' s m Caroline, by Kentucky, dam Cornelia 1
 W Callahan's b g Bay Rum, by Baywood, dam Goneril 2
 H McKelvey's gr g Bosworth, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Meteor 3
 Lewis & Co's b c Tampico, by Planet, dam Miranda 0
 Time—1:58.

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 J Allen's b h Gipsy 1
 J Allen's b h Trifle 2

No time.
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 J W Weldon's b f Flora, by War Dance, dam Flora Melvor 3

No time.
 Same Day—Morrissett Stakes, for three-year-olds; purse \$200: 50 to second; five furlongs.
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No time.
 Dec. 16—Purse \$250, for all ages; entrance money to second; half-mile heats.
 M Byrnes' Caroline 1 + 1
 J Boughrum's Gerald 2 + 2
 A B Lewis & Co's Docility 3 8 ro
 H McKelvey's Bosworth dis
 J W Weldon's Flora dis

Time—:54½, :54½, :56.
 Same Day—Navy Stakes, for three-year-olds; three-quarters of a mile.
 A B Lewis & Co's Lady Clipper 1
 M Byrnes' King Bee 2
 E Hide's Plato 3
 Dr Weldon's Coupon 0

Time—1:19.
 Same Day—Purse for beaten horses; one mile.
 M Byrnes' King Bee 1
 J Boughrum's Gerald 2
 J W Weldon's Flora 3
 A B Lewis & Co's Tampico dis

Time—1:54½.
 Same day.—Hurdle; one mile and a half.
 W Callahan's Bay Rum 1
 E Hide's Plato dis

Time—3:56.
 RACING AT OAKDEN, S. C.

OAKDEN, S. C., Dec. 14.—Jockey Club Purse, \$5 entrance; \$50 to first, 10 to second, one mile and an eighth.
 Col Jones' Brown Asteroid, dam Gazelle 1
 J Y Wilson's Tom O'Neil 3
 Time—2:06½.

Same Day—Sweepstake for three-year-olds, \$25 entrance, pp, club to add \$100 if two or more start; entrance to second; mile heats.
 W Wycho's Hatteras 1 1
 C W Medinger's Libbie L 2 2
 Time—1:49½, 1:50½.

Same Day—Jockey Club Purse, \$50 to first, 10 to second; one mile.
 C W Medinger's First Chance 1
 Owner's Resolute 2
 Owner's Brookland 3
 Time—1:50½.

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UTICA PARK ASSOCIATION.

At the annual meeting of the Utica Park Association, held at their office Dec. 11, the following officers were elected;
 President—Chas. W. Hutchinson.
 First Vice-President—Thos. R. Proctor.
 Second Vice-President—M. G. Thomson.
 Treasurer—Alexander Buell.
 Secretary—Benj. A. Clark.
 Directors for three years—Thos. R. Proctor, Ed. B. Graham, James W. Dana, J. C. McIntosh.

The members of the Live Oak B. B. Club, of Flamboro' West, purpose holding a Grand Concert and Ball in the Township Hall, Bullock's Corners, on Thursday evening, January 11th, 1877.

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TURFMEN IN COURT.

The New York Herald says: Sheriff Conner, in August, 1876, seized a roan mare, wagon harness, and other property, valued at \$779.50, under an execution against Tilton & Jennison, such firm comprising Lawrence V. Tilton and Albert O. Jennison. The property was claimed by William C. Jennison, a brother of the last named gentleman, and he brought a writ against the sheriff to recover the value of the property seized. The case came on for trial yesterday before Judge Larremore, Supreme Court, Circuit. The feature of the case of special interest was the examination of Peter Manoe, well known in turf circles, who was called on behalf of the Sheriff. He told a straightforward story, stating among other things that in his opinion the roan mare in question was not worth by any means the price fixed by the plaintiff.

"Are you not sometimes called 'Slippery Pete?'" asked the plaintiff's counsel on cross examination.
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THE DRIVER OF GREAT EASTERN.

Jack Feeks, the trainer and driver of Great Eastern, was in New York last week. He dropped into the T. F. & F. office, and in speaking of the big horse said that the big son of Walkill Chief is doing well, and if not sold before next summer, will be entered in the free-for-all class of the Septuagint. By the way, it will have to be called the Octagonal gathering, as it is understood that Fleetwood will be allowed a place in the line. Feeks is confident that Great Eastern will make a good show in the free-for-all. The horse could have trotted a very fast mile last Fall had it been deemed prudent to give him the record. The 2:19 obtained at Rochester was an unexpected event. Throughout the season of 1876 Great Eastern wore a two-pound shoe and an eight-ounce roll. During the season of 1876 the roll was dispensed with and the weight of the shoe reduced to one pound. Next year Mr. Feeks feels confident that the horse will keep steady with a twelve-ounce shoe, and thus be able to go faster through reduction of friction. As the horse increases in strength and ability to carry weight at the extreme lever points, he obtains such control over his legs as to render it unnecessary to add the weights. That this is a point in his favor all will see at a glance.

Two men, Daniel Rustler, and Peter Ginter, were out hunting in Forest County, Pa., Thursday, when the former was snubbed by Ginter who mistook him for a deer. Mr. Rustler's right arm was badly shattered.

but before reaching the turn yielded his place up to Fellowcraft. The pace was hot. The first mile was run in 1:47½, the second in 1:50½. Fellowcraft leading Wanderer three lengths under the wire; the time of the third mile was 1:51½. Wanderer being closer up, and making an aggregate of 5:20½; the pace improved the fourth mile, the time being 1:50. Fellowcraft finished two lengths ahead of Wanderer, and ran the four miles in 7:19½, a quarter of a second faster than Lexington's famous performance at the same distance. The chestnut son of Australian and Aerolite was four years old at the time, and he carried 108 pounds. The race, it is contended by many would have been still faster had Wanderer been permitted to take the track and ran upon his courage. He was pulled nearly double for the first three miles, and sprawled from one side of the track to the other in his efforts to get control of his head. Leaving might-have-beens out of consideration, Fellowcraft's achievement was a great one. He carried the weight and reduced the time record which had remained stationary for nineteen years. Since then he has changed owners, and been retired from the turf. After making two light seasons in the stud it is claimed that he is in a fit condition to be trained once again for the track. Mr. Littell, his former owner, is to prepare him for a race next year. He suggests that the association at Lexington or the Jockey Club at Louisville offer a purse for a four mile dash, limited to Ten Broeck, Tom Ochiltree and Fellowcraft, requiring all of them to enter and two of them to start. The Kentucky courses are specified for the reason that it is well known that Mr. Harper has declined to come east with his horse. While Mr. Penistan is not anxious to make a match, we feel at liberty to say that the suggestion of Mr. Littell strikes him with favor. Should a liberal purse of the kind proposed be offered, we do not believe that he would be the last to enter. Fellowcraft will be seven years old in the spring, and as he is perfectly sound, there is no reason why he should not make a grand race if properly trained. Ten Broeck has beaten his time, but he carried four pounds less weight, which fact leaves room for comparison and argument. A great many look upon Fellowcraft's 7:19½ as better than Ten Broeck's 7:15½. If a four mile race could be arranged between Tom Ochiltree, Fellowcraft and Ten Broeck, public excitement would run high and the crowd would tax to the utmost the accommodations of the grounds of the Jockey Club which would be chosen for the battle.

ENGLISH WINNERS.

The list of winning owners during the racing season of 1876 in Britain has just been published. The four highest are:

- Count Lagrange \$84,000
- Lord Dupplin 72,000
- Lord Rosebery 70,000
- Lord Falkland 50,000

The Duke of Hamilton and the Marquis of Huntington appear among the small winners.

NAME CLAIMED.

MAMBRINO DUKE—We claim the name of Mambrino Duke for our brown colt, off hind foot up to ankle white, and white star on forehead; foaled in 1875. By Mambrino Patchen, brother to Lady Thorn, dam by Basil Duke by Iron Duke; 2nd dam by Charley Moorehead by imp. Glencoe, 3rd dam Contract, a thoroughbred, bred by and purchased from Dr. Herr, Forest Park, Lexington, Kentucky, October, 1875.—J. ENRIGHT & BRO., Dundas, Ont.

Mr. Charles Thom, of Yorkville, on Dec. 20th, shot a fine bear weighing about 300 lbs., about a mile and a half north of that village.

MARKET HARBOROUGH!

How Mr. Sawyer went to the Shires.

CHAPTER XV.

TAKING A HINT.

And left one in the stable! you old man! exclaimed the indignant Mr. Sawyer. "What the deuce have you done that for?"

"You'll want a second horse to-day," answered the groom. "You'll have a bid for Marathon before you've been on him half an hour. Leastways, if you've the discretion not to go a-showing him up."

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Sawyer, with a dawning of intelligence over-riding his countenance, for he knew his servant's diplomatic talents of old.

"Only that they're all of 'em wanting a nag to win this here donkey race, as I call it; for none but a donkey would be concerned in such a tomfoolery; and Mr. Crasher, he's satisfied by this time that Marathon's the one as will do. You sit still upon him to-day, and keep jogging of him about, to qualify like, till the hounds find, and then open your mouth, and take what they offer you."

Mr. Sawyer had implicit confidence in his servant; still he could not help wishing to be further enlightened.

"You must have told some precious yarns," said he, "to make people believe Marathon could run up with a man in mud-boots!"

"I never said a word," answered Isaac; "people may believe their own eyes. Mr. Crasher and I, we tried 'em this very morning again Chance, and though she's the best in town, we beat her by more than a length."

"Marathon beat that mare!" exclaimed Mr. Sawyer, now completely taken aback. "What do you mean?"

Old Isaac's features were distorted once more into the mahogany grin.

Well, if Marathon didn't, Jack did," said he quietly. "You couldn't tell one from another in their clothing when it's dark, and the Dandy would win the Derby if it wasn't over half a mile."

It was too true; though the smart little nag never could stay a mile at a racing pace on his best days, he was as quick on his legs as a rabbit, and nothing could touch him, for five furlongs. Swaddled up in his clothes under the dubious twilight of a winter's morning, Mr. Tiptop never suspected him, and went home with the conviction that Marathon, and none other, was the horse that had beaten his favorite.

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gether. He, late as usual, and cantering to the front on Boadicea by Bellerophon out of the Light—with the preoccupied air of a man who expects every moment to be on his back.

The Honorable, slightly amused, pulled up alongside. "Holloa, Sawyer, said he, "you'll be hard to beat to-day: the steep-chase seems uncommon full of running."

"It's only his play," answered Mr. Sawyer, modestly; indulging Marathon, who was preparing for another kick, with a vicious jerk of the curb. "I can't get got my old groom to give him work enough, and he's sent me a second horse to-day!"

This was meant to imply that the kicker was too valuable an animal for a mere hunter, and the Honorable interpreted it accordingly. As he rode alongside, he scanned the bay's points with the critical eye of a purchaser. A horse never looks so well as when he is trotting beside you on a strip of grass, excited by the presence of hounds. If backed by a good horseman, the voracious brute, under these circumstances, makes the most of his own appearance. Marathon going within himself, playing lightly with his bit, and bringing his hind legs under his girths at every step, was a very different horse from the same Marathon extended and laboring in a sticky ploughed field. I have already said he possessed many qualities sufficiently taking to the eye. As the Honorable examined him from his muzzle to his hoofs, he could not but acknowledge that the horse looked uncommonly like a galloper. "If he can only jump," thought Crasher, "and get pretty quick over his fences, he ought to be a rattler. I suppose I shall have to buy him."

Meanwhile Mr. Sawyer, who, as he remarked of himself "was not such a fool as he looked, but on the contrary resembled these 'still waters' which the German proverb says 'run so deep,'" conversed with his friend on a number of topics totally unconnected with horseflesh or the pleasures of the hunting-field. For once in his life, he did not want to get a start, that's the truth, and as his companion was one of those indolent, easy-going people whose fancy can be led astray without difficulty in any given direction, they were soon deep in a variety of subjects, originating no doubt with Mr. Sawyer, but to which, I am bound to say, he had never devoted much of his time or attention. They touched upon the last misadventure brought under the notice of Sir Cresswell Crosswell—discussed the agricultural prospects of the season, and on this theme it would be difficult to say which was most incapable of giving an opinion—argued on the importance of a movement for taking the duty off agars, and lastly got involved in the interminable question of what use the Volunteers would be, in the event of an invasion, and whether or not they would be killed to a man, when their conversation was cut short by an obvious bustle and confusion about a mile ahead of them, denoting that a fox had not only been found, but gone away.

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such as are with them; these have, nevertheless, leisure to observe your movements, and to wonder why you are not amongst them. They are all your own particular friends, and you know you will be called upon, next hunting morning, to answer that difficult question—"What became of you, after we left you in the road at So-and-so?" Diana seems to delight in the rule of contrary. Like the rest of her sex, she takes you up and persecutes you, when you don't want her; and when you are most ardent and zealous in her pursuit, she rebuffs you and puts you down.

Nothing could be further from Mr. Sawyer's wishes than to find himself, on the occasion, in a conspicuous position with the Quorn hounds. Had he wanted to be singled out in front of all that talent and beauty, Marathon was certainly the last animal he would have chosen on which to make an appearance in such choice company; nevertheless, the force of circumstances is beyond the control even of men like Mr. Sawyer, and however averse he might be to "achieve greatness," he found, most unwillingly, "greatness thrust upon him." For awhile he had lost sight of everybody, and was in the act of pulling out his cigar-case to enjoy one of his Larnagags in solitude and repose, proposing to hang on the line, keeping a little down wind, and as soon as he should spy the second-horses, mount the grey, and send Marathon straight home. Crasher, he thought, would buy the horse without asking any more questions.

Scarcely, however, had he got his weed fairly under weigh, than the music of a pack of hounds broke suddenly on his ear from behind a high impervious bullfinch that sheltered one side of the grass-lane along which he was proceeding so leisurely. "Confound the brutes!" said Sawyer to himself, "here they are again!" As he opened the gate through which the track led into a sixty-acre pasture, the whole pack swept under his horse's nose, running with sufficient energy to denote what sportsmen call a holding scent; they carried a capital head, and were forcing their fox at a pace which kept him going, but was not good enough to come up with him.

It was just the sort of gallop that enables people who ride to hounds to look about them, and enjoy not only the sport, but the accompanying humors of the scene.

In these days, a real quick thing is such an affair of hurry, that the lucky few who are in it cannot spare a moment's attention from anything but their horses' ears.

Had he been riding a donkey, it was not in Mr. Sawyer's nature to abstain from turning the animal's head towards the hounds under such temptation; moreover, he distinguished amongst the first flight his Harborough companions, including the pale face of the Honorable Crasher, who by "bucketing" Boadicea most unmercifully, had got there somehow, and appeared quite satisfied with his situation. What could our friend do, but cut in, and go to work at once?

Marathon, excited by the turmoil, was fain to set his back up once more. He found, however, that the kicking was now all the other way. Taking him in a grasp that would have lifted a ton, Mr. Sawyer drove his spurs into the half-bred brute, and set him going close to the hounds at the best pace he could command. For a short distance, and when held well together, Marathon could stride away in a very imposing form. The sensation of having a lead is, in itself, provocative of emulation; behind our friend were four or five intimate companions who were not likely to let him hear the last of any sentence of shirking that should come under their notice. Close on their track were the flower of Leicestershire; and these again were succeeded, so to speak, by a whole army of camp-followers, "maddening in the rear." Had the styx been in front of him, he must have charged it "in or over."

Instead of the waters of Acheron, however, there was nothing more formidable in his line than a straggling, over-grown bullfinch at the far end of the field; just such a fence, indeed, as Marathon was in the habit of declining, but yet which he hoped the turmoil behind, the general excitement, and the persuasive powers of his own spurs, would enable him to induce his horse to face. He had plenty of time to scan it as he approached. Half a mile or so of ridge and furrow, even at a hunt's best pace, gives leisure for consideration. Ere the hounds had strung through it in single file, he was aware of a wide ditch to him; on the further side was obviously a grass-field, and an uncertainty.

Marking him with his eye the weakest place, through which, nevertheless, he could

was amusing though alarming. Four imperial crowners at one and the same instant—four loose horses galloping wildly away—four red coats rising simultaneously from Mether Earth—eight top-booted legs shuffling in ludicrous haste after the departing steeds. Had our friend been Briareus himself, he could not have caught all their horses. He was a man, however, who seldom lost an opportunity, and was not likely to miss such a chance as the present. Selecting Boadicea, he galloped after her, and succeeded in pinning her against a pound: notwithstanding that the mare lashed out at him more than once, he brought her back in triumph to her panting owner.

Meanwhile, the four dismounted sportsmen condoled breathlessly with each other, as they labored over the grassy slope.

"I'm but a poor hand at this game," observed Struggles, who did not fancy carrying his own weight across country.

"I wish I'd gone faster at it," said Sawyer, who had been grinding his teeth and hardening his heart the whole way up the field.

"My chestnut mare would have jumped it!" exclaimed Major Brush, inwardly registering a vow to abstain from "oxers" for the future; whilst the Honorable, though he held his tongue, was thinking what a capital horse that was of Sawyer's and dismally reflecting that if Boadicea hadn't kicked at him when he was down, he never would have been such a tailor as to let her go.

"Catch hold!" said Mr. Sawyer, throwing the mare's reins to her owner, whose gratitude he thereby earned for the rest of his life. "There's no hurry," he added, as the Honorable, in a coat plastered with mud and a hat stove, dived wildly at his stirrup; "they've over-run it a mile back, and checked in the next field."

The latter part of the sentence was true enough. His quick eye had shown him the pack at fault, as he secured Boadicea in the corner where the pound stood; the former was a bit of what theatrical people call "gag." It was as much as to say, "Whilst you fellows are hustling and spurring, and tumbling about, I am so well mounted that I can observe matters as coolly as if I was hunting in a balloon."

It was not without its effect on his listener. As they rode through the hand-gate together in the enclosure where the hounds were at fault, the Honorable Crasher no longer scanned Marathon with the eye of a purchaser. He looked on the horse now as his own property. He was determined to have him.

By some mysterious law of nature, whenever one individual succeeds either in what is termed pounding a field, or in getting such a start of them that nobody shall have a chance of catching him whilst the pace holds—and this, he it observed, is no everyday occurrence in countries where the best riders in England congregate for the express purpose of riding as well as they can—it invariably happens that the immediate failure of scent, or some such untoward contingency, robs the lucky one of his anticipated triumph. On the present occasion, much to Mr. Sawyer's delight, they never lit off their fox again. By degrees, the tail of the field straggled up, having found their way by every available gate and gap; then came the second horses, carefully ridden, cool, and comparatively clean, not having turned a hair; lastly, arrived a man in a gig, by a convenient bridle-road, hotter than any one present, wiping his face on a coloured handkerchief, which he afterwards put in the crown of his hat.

Whilst sandwiches were being munch'd, and silver horns drained of their contents, ginger-cordial, orange-brandy V. O. P., and other enticing fluids, Mr. Sawyer giving The Boy stringent orders about taking Marathon home. He could not feel thoroughly comfortable till that imposter was fairly out of sight, and he should find himself established on the assuming little grey.

When he had made up his mind, the Honorable Crasher was a man of few words. Refreshed by a mouthful of sherry, not unacceptable after a rattling fall, and comfortably perched on the back of Confidence, a delightful animal that a child could ride, and perhaps the best and safest hunter in his stable, he ranged alongside of our friend, and plunged at once in *medias res*.

"So you want to sell the bay horse you have just sent home?" said he, with none of the hesitation and beating about the bush to which Mr. Sawyer had hitherto been accustomed in his horse-dealing operations. "If you do, and will name the price you ask for him, altogether."

CHAPTER XVII.

"TEMPTED TO BUY."

And now for the well-pleased John Star-dish Sawyer, came in what may be called the "sweet of the day." His horse disposed of, two hundred and sixth-two pounds ten shillings in his pocket, for the Honorable Crasher's word was as good as a bank-bill, and the wiry little grey under him, an animal for which he had not given a fourth of the above sum, and yet in whose pace and fencing he had the utmost confidence, with the additional delight of a certain find for the second fox—all these influences combined were enough to put a man in thorough good humor with himself. To do our friend justice, he was not of a mercenary disposition, but having been kept exceedingly short of funds during his youth, and in those hard times hunted under considerable pecuniary difficulties, he had insensibly imbibed a horror of what he called "riding under too much money." "A man must have good nerve," he used to say, "who is not afraid to risk a couple of hundred every time he jumps a fence;" and I really believe he would shove a forty-pound screw along with greater satisfaction than the winner of the Liverpool. The grey was a right good little nag, easy to turn, quick at his fences, and thoroughly accustomed to his master's hand. It is wonderful what a deal of time is saved by a horse that is pleasant to ride, and how rapidly a moderate galloper, with a fine mouth, and quick upon his legs, can slip over a country compared with an animal that may have the pace of a racehorse, but requires a segundo bridle, and a hundred-acre field to turn him in. Mr. Sawyer drew the curb-rein gently through his fingers, struck his heels down, and mingled in the crowd upon the best possible terms with himself.

As the smoking, laughing, chattering cavalcade trotted merrily along, he had an opportunity of scanning many well-known individuals whom his business advocations of the morning had prevented his hitherto recognizing. "The talent," as it is called, was present, from Melton—Melton, once the very metropolis of the hunting world, now, thanks to railroads, rivalled, if not surpassed, by Leicester and Market Harborough; and yet, what a nice place it is! Who that has ever spent a season in the cosy, cheerful, joyous little town, but would wish to turn the stream of time, and live those golden days and pleasant nights over again?—would wish to be galloping his covert-hack once more through the fragrant air and under the dappled sky of a February morning, with a good horse to ride from Ranksborough Gorse or Barkby Holt, as his day's amusement, and a choice of at least a couple of invitations, offering him the pleasantest society and the best dinner in England, for his evening's gratification?

It is not more than thirty years since Nimrod wrote his celebrated "Quarterly Review Run"—the best description of fashionable hunting that has ever yet been printed, though many a hand, as light upon the bridle as the pen, has portrayed the same subject since then—not more than thirty years, certainly and the ways of Melton are but little changed, only, of the *dramatis personæ* there are not many left. Of those who charged the flooded Whissendine so boldly, the majority have already crossed the Styx. Nevertheless, a few of the old lot may still be seen ready, when the hounds run, to face "wood and water," as of yore.

Mr. Sawyer, for an unimaginative man, was the least thing in the world of a horse-worshipper. As he rode along, contemplating from behind them the fine powerful frame and the slim and graceful figure of two Meltonians, who for many years have shone, a couple of *lucida sedira*, in the front rank, and of whom, indeed, so fast have they always gone it may almost be said that

"Fasting Time toils after them in vain,"

he was accosted by the pleasant, gentleman-like personage with whom he had spent an agreeable quarter of an hour in the hotel, on that memorable day when his ambition had so completely "cooked the goose" of Hotspur with the Pychley.

"Good morning, sir," said this affable individual, bringing his horse alongside of our friend, with a bow such as nobody in the Old Country could ever have perpetrated. "I thought you'd be out to-day, so I've a couple here for you to look at."

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He had ridden The Dandy very leisurely to court, in consideration of the animal's services before dawn, and had sent on the grey with an occasional helper from the inn, under the superintendence of The Boy, who was perched on Marathon; old Isaac, who wanted to buy some hay cheap, having given himself leave of absence for the day. The helper, with many injunctions to go steadily, was entrusted with the homeward-bound bay, and The Boy shifted to the second horse, whilst Mr. Sawyer himself bestrode the redoubtable bay. All these arrangements with the accompanying pulling up of curb-chains and letting down of stirrup-leathers, took some little time. Before our friend was fairly mounted and under way, the hounds had gone on to draw, and he found himself nearly the last of the lengthening cavalcade. Under existing circumstances, this was no great disadvantage, and the quieter he kept the bay, he thought, the best was his chance of selling him; yet he could not help wishing old Isaac had left the whole business alone. He might then have been forward with the hounds, looking out for a start on whichever horse he liked best, unimpeded by a man always should be, ready to enjoy fox-hunting—by the said considerations of Isaac.

Marathon was very fresh, and set his back up, squeaking in a most undignified manner, and swishing his heavy tail till it reached his ears.

A horse galloping up from behind set him peering with a violence that was scarcely pleasant, even to so practised a rider as our friend. He returned the greeting of the new comer—no less a personage than the Hon-

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But a few of us can have hunted much without remarking a peculiarity connected with the chase, that occasions constant irritation and annoyance to its votaries. Have you never observed, that if you loose your chance of getting away with hounds, whether for procrastination, inattention, or the laudable objection entertained by a rational man to ride at a large fence, do what you will, you only succeed in increasing the distance between yourself and the object you wish to reach? In vain you "nick," and "skirt," and ride to points that you think likely to be affected by a fox running for his life; in vain you "harden your heart," and sail away boldly over the line of gaps already established by your predecessors; you are only tiring your horse, and risking your neck in a wild goose chase. You diverge to a distant halloo, and find it raised by a boy scaring crows. You succeed by extraordinary exertions in reaching the group of scarlet coats and bobbing hats you have been following so long, and learn that they have been "trowen out" like yourself, and the further you go, the further you are left behind: till you hate yourself, as much as your horse hates you for not having judiciously joined the band of second-horse riders, and so jogged contentedly along in ease and safety, sure to come up with the first flight at last.

On the other hand, we will suppose that you have tired your best hunter early in the day, or he has fallen lame on that weak point where everybody said he would be lame when you bought him, or you have a hundred and fifty other reasons for wishing to speak quietly home, out of the observation of your friends. Those plaguy hounds seem to follow you as if you were the Wild Huntsman himself, and you begin to appreciate the severity of the punishment inflicted on that wicked German Baron. They draw covers that lie on your homeward way. They find, and hunt with provoking persistency alongside the very lane up which you would fain jog in solitude, crossing it more than once under your nose. There is sure to be a fair holding scent, not good enough to enable them to run clear out of your neighborhood and have done with it, yet sufficient to afford plenty of enjoyment to

the lucky few who are in it cannot spare a moment's attention from anything but their horses' ears.

Had he been riding a donkey, it was not in Mr. Sawyer's nature to abstain from turning the animal's head towards the hounds under such temptation; more over, he distinguished among the first flight his Harborough companions, including the pale face of the Honorable Crasher, who by "bucketing" Boadicea most unmercifully, had got there somehow, and appeared quite satisfied with his situation. What could our friend do, but cut in, and go to work at once?

Marathon, excited by the turmoil, was fain to set his back up once more. He found, however, that the kicking was now all the other way. Taking him in a grasp that would have lifted a ton, Mr. Sawyer drove his spurs into the half-bred brute, and set him going close to the hounds at the best pace he could command. For a short distance, and when held well together, Marathon could stride away in a very imposing form. The sensation of having a lead is, in itself, provocative of emulation; behind our friend were four or five intimate companions who were not likely to let him hear the last of any sentence of shirking that should come under their notice. Close on their track were the flower of Leicestershire, and these again were succeeded, so to speak, by a whole army of camp followers, "maddening in the rear." Had the styx been in front of him, he must have charged it "in or over."

Instead of the waters of Acheron, however, there was nothing more formidable in his line than a straggling, over-grown bullfinch at the far end of the field; just such a fence, indeed, as Marathon was in the habit of declining, but yet which he hoped the turmoil behind, the general excitement, and the persuasive powers of his own spurs, would enable him to induce his horse to face. He had plenty of time to scan it as he approached. Half a mile or so of ridge and furrow, even at a hunter's best pace, gives leisure for consideration. Ere the hounds had strung through it in single file, he was aware of a wide ditch to him, on the further side was obviously a grass-field, and an uncertainty.

Marking him with his eye the weakest place, through which, nevertheless, he could not see daylight, Mr. Sawyer, crammed his hat on his head, and set his horse resolutely at the fence; Marathon, according to custom, shutting up every stride he went. Had it not been rather downhill, even his master's consummate horsemanship would have failed to bring him close to it. The fall of the ground, however, and the pace he was going forbade the bay to stop. Crash! he plunged into the very middle of the fence—broke through it from sheer velocity, to jerk both knees against a strong oak rail beyond—blundered on to his nose over that—slid half-a-dozen yards on his head—nearly recovered himself—stumbled once more, and finally got up again, with his curb-rein turned over his ears; the rider's feet out of both stirrups, hat off, a contusion on his left eyebrow, and the horses' nostrils full of mud, but no fall!

"By the powers, that's a rum one!" said Mr. Sawyer, as he cantered slowly up the opposite slope, repairing damages the while, and turned round to see the first flight charge the obstacle, which had so nearly disposed of his own chance.

Lusty as eagles, ravenous as wolves, jealous as girls, down came the four gluttons at the fence, each man having chosen his own place, and scorning to deviate one hair's breadth from his line. None, however, had made so judicious a selection as Mr. Sawyer. The rail, which had so nearly discomfited the latter, would neither bend nor break, but he had the luck of getting it where it was lowest and nearest to the fence; everywhere else it was not only high, but stood out a horse's length into the field, just the place which must catch the cleverest hunter in the world, if ridden to do it all in his stride.

The scene that met Mr. Sawyer's eyes

fault, the Honorable Crasher no longer scanned Marathon with the eye of a purchaser. He looked on the horse now as his own property. He was determined to have him.

By some mysterious law of nature, whenever one individual succeeds either in what is termed pounding a field, or in getting such a start of them that nobody shall have a chance of catching him whilst the pace holds—and this, be it observed, is no everyday occurrence in countries where the best riders in England congregate for the express purpose of riding as well as they can—it invariably happens that the immediate failure of ascent, or some such untoward contingency, robs the lucky one of his anticipated triumph. On the present occasion, much to Mr. Sawyer's delight, they never hit off their fox again. By degrees, the tail of the field straggled up, having found their way by every available gate and gap; then came the second horses, carefully ridden, cool, and comparatively clean, not having turned a hair; lastly, arrived a man in a gig, by a convenient bridle-road, hotter than any one present, wiping his face on a coloured handkerchief, which he afterwards put in the crown of his hat.

Whilst sandwiches were being munched, and silver horns drained of their contents, ginger-cordial, orange-brandy V. O. P., and other enticing fluids, Mr. Sawyer giving The Boy stringent orders about taking Marathon home. He could not feel thoroughly comfortable till that impostor was fairly out of sight, and he should find himself established on the assuming little grey.

When he had made up his mind, the Honorable Crasher was a man of few words. Refreshed by a mouthful of sherry, not unacceptable after a rattling fall, and comfortably perched on the back of Confidence, a delightful animal that a child could ride, and perhaps the best and safest hunter in his stable, he ranged alongside of our friend, and plunged at once in *medias res*.

"So you want to sell the bay horse you have just sent home?" said he, with none of the hesitation and beating about the bush to which Mr. Sawyer had hitherto been accustomed in his horse-dealing operations. "If you do, and will name the price you ask for him, altogether."

"I don't think I ought to part with him," said he reflectively; "it strikes me he's about the best in my stable."

Crasher fell back apparently satisfied. It was evident he did not attach so much importance to the act of "exchange or barter" as did our friend. Mr. Sawyer picked himself up without loss of time. "I shouldn't like to sell him to everybody," said he affectionately, "but if you fancy him very much I wouldn't mind letting you have him," he added, after a pause, and in the tone of a man who makes a painful sacrifice in the cause of friendship.

"If I give you two hundred and fifty for him," drawled out the Honorable, with apparently about as much interest as he would have felt in paying three-and-sixpence for a pair of gloves.

"Guineas!" stipulated Mr. Sawyer; "Guineas," was the answer; and in this simple manner the deal was concluded.

My readers will agree will Isaac and his master, in thinking that Marathon was not the only one of the party who was pretty well sold. The old groom laughed in his sleeve a week afterwards, when he heard that on giving him "a spin" with Chance, just to keep his pipes clear, the mare went away from him as if he was standing still.

Mr. Tiptop couldn't make it out at all.

* Very Old Pale—a tempting label attached to certain black bottles containing the best French brandy; an excellent liquor, doubtless, and wholesome, provided you don't drink too much of it. Opinions vary, however, as to what is too much. The modest quencher of 9 p.m. growing to a superfluous stimulant at the same hour the following morning.

cheerful, joyous little town, but would wish to turn the stream of time, and live those golden days and pleasant nights over again?—would wish to be galloping his covert-hack once more through the fragrant air and under the dappled sky of a February morning, with a good horse to ride from Hanksborough Gorse or Barkby Holt, as his day's amusement, and a choice of at least a couple of invitations, offering him the pleasantest society and the best dinner in England, for his evening's gratification?

It is not more than thirty years since Nimrod wrote his celebrated "Quarterly Review Run"—the best description of fashionable hunting that has ever yet been printed, though many a hand, as light upon the bridle as the pen, has portrayed the same subject since then—not more than thirty years, certainly and the ways of Melton are but little changed, only, of the *dramatis personae* there are not many left. Of those who charged the flooded Whissendine so boldly, the majority have already crossed the Styx. Nevertheless, a few of the old lot may still be seen ready, when the hounds run, to face "wood and water," as of yore.

Mr. Sawyer, for an unimaginative man, was the least thing in the world of a hero-worshipper. As he rode along, contemplating from behind them the fine powerful frame and the slim and graceful figure of two Meltonians, who for many years have shone, a couple of *lucida sedira*, in the front rank, and of whom, indeed, so fast have they always gone it may almost be said that

"Panting Time toils after them in vain,"

he was accosted by the pleasant, gentleman-like personage with whom he had spent an agreeable quarter of an hour in the hovel, on that memorable day when his ambition had so completely "cooked the goose" of Hotspur with the Pytchley.

"Good morning, sir," said this affable individual, bringing his horse alongside of our friend, with a bow such as nobody in the Old Country could ever have perpetrated. "I thought you'd be out to-day, so I've a couple here for you to look at."

When a nobleman not only touches his hat, but takes it off to you, at the same time offering you "a couple of horses to look at," as if he were about to make you a present of them, such politeness, thought Mr. Sawyer, is rather overwhelming than assuring. He returned the greeting, however, with his best air, and took off his hat in return, somewhat disconcerted, however, by the rude behavior of Struggles and Brush who were riding beside him, and who both bared out laughing.

The illustrious stranger, too—who, by the way, though still wearing a black coat, was "got up" with the utmost splendor of which a hunting costume admits—looked rather surprised, and winked at the two irreverent laughers as they are certainly not in the habit of winking in the House of Peers.

"Is that a favorite one you are riding?" inquired Mr. Sawyer, who fancied he must say something, and could think, at the moment, of no more opposite remark.

"I don't know much of him," was the reply. "He's only a five-year-old; and I haven't had him a fortnight. A thundering well-bred one, though, and can jump like a deer! I gave a hat full of money for him, without getting on his back; but we'll see what he's made of this afternoon, I hope. I should say, now, that he'd carry you alarming!"

Mr. Sawyer, whose conversational powers were soon exhausted, made no reply, but, more out of civility than curiosity, contented himself with scanning the five-year-old from his ears to his tail.

The illustrious unknown seemed to have no dislike to inspection; on the contrary, he courted further companionship, by producing the gorgeous cigar-case, and offering Mr. Sawyer a weed.

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ENGLISH WINNING JOCKEYS OF 1876.

FROM THE SPORTSMAN, NOV. 27.

Saturday's sport at Warwick and Manchester brought the flat racing season of 1876 to a close. In no more we place before our readers the usual statistics of jockey's mounts. The present year will long be remembered by the elder Archer. His victories this year make his total number of mounts 603, and this is the third season he has been at the top of the list. He was only two wins behind Constable in 1873, since which time the latter jockey has occupied second place. Archer commenced this year by riding on the first day of the Lincoln meeting, and every week from that time he has added to his total, until Saturday brought his mounts to the enormous number of 602, of which 206 were wins. His principal were the City and Suburban on Thunder, the Ebor Handicap on Lillian and the Cesarowitch on Roseberry, while for Matthew Dawson's stable he has secured upward of fifty races. He was actually first past the judge 208 times, but he has suffered disqualification twice—in the first instance at the Warwick September Meeting, where, with Emerald, he went the wrong side of a post, and more recently at Shrewsbury, where he was unable to draw the weight after riding King Death. He was engaged in no fewer than eight dead heats, and, as an instance of his extraordinary prowess, we may mention that he was within an ace of winning all the races at Wolverhampton Spring Meeting, little Thompson beating him by a head for the principal handicap, while at Chester he took five races in succession. He received quite an ovation on Wednesday last at Warwick, when he secured his 200th win on Le Promeneur, and curiously enough he won the two following events on Lady of the Lea and Instantly. By very severe work he managed to scale 7 at 5 lbs. for Roseberry in the Cesarowitch, and as he is not likely to exceed that by many pounds we fully expect to see him well in front next season. Constable, although second, is a long way behind, with seventy-three wins, two more than last year, his principal successes having been on Controversy, in the Lincoln handicap and all his matches, while with Roseberry he pulled off the Cambridgehire. At the Brighton autumn meeting Constable rode The Rabbi, who was backed for a lot of money, but was disqualified for carrying overweight without declaring it, and he has increased so much of late that he could not get below 8 st. 2 lbs last week. Bruckshaw has secured third place with fifty-seven wins, and Morgan, who won seven races last week, comes next with 55, a score that has been equalled by Weedon, while Newhouse is close up to them. The last named was in fine form at Manchester Summer Meeting, where he won six races, five successive mounts being on winners. James Goater has a very good average, and his victories include the Doncaster St. Leger, Middle Park and Dewhurst Plates. Tom Cannon is well to the fore with 52 "firsts," many of his races having been secured by his determined riding, and the same may be said of H. Jeffery. Goates was doing very well until he unfortunately broke his leg at Sandown Park, and he is, we believe, still in St. George's Hospital. J. Macdonald, who was brought up in Osborne's stable at Middleham, has advanced in a wonderful manner, while his brother, who is attached to Humphrey's stable, bids fair to become a fine horseman, and his total would have been larger but for breaking his collar bone at Alexandra Park. Accidents have been rather frequent this year. E. Martin meeting with a rather severe one at Leicester, while C. Morton broke his collar bone at Liverpool when riding Kinton in a gallop; but the most serious occurrence was the death of that promising lad Thompson, who was seized with small-pox after riding at Aberdeen. John Nightingall, of Epsom, sustained a severe loss by the death of his eldest son, who was killed by Sancho Panza bolting with him on the Downs, and dashing the lad against a tree. Of the extreme light weights the most promising are Hopkins and Lemaire, in Blanton's stable, the former having won the Royal Hunt Cup on Hopbloom, and the Liverpool Cup on Footstep, while he was a good second in the Cambridgeshire on Hopbloom. C. Willis, in John Day's stable, and Watts, apprenticed to T. Cannon, are very good horsemen, while J. Morrell, from the Heath House stable, has shown good form on Matthew Dawson's horses. Luke, too, was almost unknown before he won the Two Thousand on Petrarch, a victory that has secured him plenty of riding, he having since then carried off the Steward's Cup at Goodwood on Monaco, and in the following week the Lewes Handicap on Admiral Byng.

PRINCIPAL JOCKEYS' WINNING MOUNTS FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.

| | 1871 | 1872 | 1873 | 1874 | 1875 | 1876 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Archer, F..... | 3 | 27 | 107 | 147 | 172 | 206 |
| Constable, H...34 | 67 | 109 | 89 | 71 | 73 | |
| Bruckshaw, T...4 | 6 | 37 | 49 | 61 | 57 | |
| Woodon, T..... | 1 | 17 | 20 | 56 | 55 | |
| Morgan, H..... | — | — | 8 | 48 | 55 | |
| Cannon, T.....59 | 83 | 82 | 37 | 37 | 52 | |
| Newhouse, W...42 | 75 | 46 | 41 | 58 | 51 | |
| Goater, J.....14 | 18 | 21 | 33 | 59 | 49 | |
| Wobb, F.....16 | 33 | 36 | 35 | 38 | 41 | |

however, disclose the true nature of the case and relieve anxiety, as the minor disorders are much more easily removed than the true mange.

When fleas or lice have been present for any length of time, they are not only visible to the eye, but the skin is also made rough and scabby by the inflammation they cause. Of course, the remedy lies in their complete and absolute removal, the surest and quickest agents being found in Keating's Persian Insect Powder, or Ballard's Flea Killer, both working effectually and with perfect safety to the dog.

Blotch or surfeit comes from high living, the blood, being heated thereby, causing an eruption to appear, generally upon the spine, sides or head, and occasionally upon the inside of the thighs and skin of the belly. Lumps of matted hair are first noticed, and after a day or two these fall off leaving the skin raw and wet with a thin watery discharge. As we have said, puppies are very liable to surfeit from the superabundance of food given with the desire to force their growth. It is evident then that to effect a cure the diet must be radically changed and the system lowered by alteratives and cooling food. A dose of castor oil or other mild aperient should first be given, and after this has taken effect, a vegetable diet and plentiful, regular exercise should be insisted on. If the dog refuses to eat from the lack of the things upon which he has formerly feasted, let him alone. Present the food once or at most twice a day, and if it is rejected, remove it at once and wait till hunger prompts its acceptance. The dog will not starve: a little abstinence will do him good and hasten the return of health. This disease unlike mange, is not contagious, and from this fact furnishes a fair, though not absolute, proof of its real nature, the exceptions being those individuals occasionally met with that appear to enjoy an immunity to the ill canine flesh are heir to.

True mange is caused by a parasite of either animal or vegetable origin which attacks the skin, burrowing therein and depositing its eggs beneath the surface. This disease is, as a rule, highly contagious, and when it once attacks a kennel, prompt measures are necessary to save all its inmates from inoculation. There is also no question that mange, if neglected, so poisons the blood of its victim, that a permanent taint is established, almost impossible to eradicate, and transmissible to the produce even after all show of disease has disappeared from the original sufferer.

Mange is divided by some authorities into several kinds, but it seems probable that there are but three distinct varieties, the others being off-shoots or abnormal forms of these. The ordinary divisions are foul mange, virulent mange and red mange. Of these the first is far the most to be dreaded, since before it can be established the blood must have become impure, and the disease constitutional. The cause is generally a gross condition of the system, induced by continued high living, with little or no exercise, resulting in a complete derangement of the blood and the organs which form the natural drains of the body. Surfeit, if neglected, will sometimes produce foul mange, though the latter differs essentially in its exhibitions, so that it need never be mistaken for the former. Foul mange is shown by a constant and terrible itching, which causes the dog to scratch incessantly. The skin thickens in places and cracks open, with an offensive discharge and ulceration round the edges of the scabs. This discharge dries and forms scales upon the hair, which are torn off by the dog, leaving the surface raw and often honeycombed with small holes. The first object in treating this disease should be to establish normal secretions, by which the impurities may be thrown off, and at the same time to deprive the dog of all food which by heating the blood will protract the trouble. A strong aperient should first be given, and continued till the bowels are well opened. Small quantities of food should be allowed, consisting of vegetables only, alternated with oatmeal porridge, and the dog must be starved until he will eat these. When the stomach has been somewhat toned down by a few days abstinence from a meat diet, Fowler's solution of arsenic should be given three times a day, commencing with a dose of one drop for each four pounds the dog weighs, and after a day or two, increasing this a drop at a dose, till the dog loses his appetite or the whites of his eyes become injected. This will show that the medicine has taken hold of the system, and should now be discontinued for forty-eight hours and then taken up with a somewhat smaller dose and continued as before, for weeks and even months till a complete restoration is accomplished. For an external dressing, nothing is better than an ointment of red precipitate two ounces, Venice turpentine three ounces, beeswax one and a half ounces and lard four ounces. (This must, however, be used with great care, only a little being applied at a time and this thoroughly rubbed in to prevent the dog licking it off. The result of this treatment is often a weakening of the system so that a course of tonics will be required to restore its former vigor. One of the best is compound tincture of bark, two ounces, decoction of yellow bark, fourteen ounces. The dose being for a good sized dog three tablespoonfuls twice a

scratching proportionately great. Nor is the general health of the dog affected. The disease comes from overfeeding and too warm quarters. A bed of wheat straw is also said to induce it if the broken stalks and dust are not removed. The treatment is precisely the same as that for virulent mange, except that in bad cases the arsenic solution may be used to advantage, though it is not necessary to carry this on to the extent resorted to in foul mange. A small quantity of spirits of turpentine may also prove beneficial, mixed with the iodide of mercury and lard.

Proper care and attention to the kennels will secure freedom from attacks coming from such source, and though when dogs are taken into the public streets or other places where they mingle with their kind, it is not always possible to avoid contact with mangy animals, the disease may be detected in its early stages if frequent examination is made as it should be. Beyond this, and proper attention to the food, no precaution is possible; but no time should be lost, or neglect allowed, in applying remedies as soon as trouble is noticed.

A COMING HORSE.

There can be no doubt of the fact that among the celebrated trotters that have reflected credit upon the American turf the Texas pony crockett may be set down as a coming animal. His best efforts are as yet unknown to the sporting craft, and excepting the exhibition he has made of his speed at Dallas and at Austin he may be set down as an obscurity. There is a history connected with him which, considered with the hopes his admirers have of his future, it is believed will be read with pleasure by those who have seen him move, and, better still, hold his own alongside of some of the fastest trotters in the West.

Some two years ago Crockett was brought to Galveston by Messrs. Burnett & Kipatrick, who knew nothing of his qualities, and who were in ignorance of the fact that he was destined at this time to stand as the champion of the Texas turf. Mr. Drennan traded for him, giving for him a saddle horse for which he paid \$40. Prior to this change in his owners Crockett had been used as a dray horse, and was worked every day to a cart hauling sand for this city. He had no gait except a pace, which was his natural gait, and to forget which and adopt the new step, which promises to lead him to national distinction, he was subjected to an ordeal that tried no less the patience of his trainer than the mettle of his own bottom. Mr. Drennan placed him in the hands of Mr. Robert Fleming, an experienced horseman, with instructions to "fix him up" and sell him. During the process Mr. Fleming discovered that he was no ordinary animal, and had him sold in January last for \$275. Regretting his bargain almost instantly, he succeeded in cancelling the sale, and at once began the work of developing his qualities. To break him of pacing Mr. Fleming carried him every day to the beach and drove him in water two feet deep until he had acquired the trotting gait. From this difficult beginning he continued his efforts until he has him fairly acquired with his duties on the course. He was first exhibited before the public at the Dallas fair, where he showed up to such an advantage as to attract an offer of \$12,000 from a gentleman who ranks among the first turfmen in the West. He was next exhibited at the Austin fair, where he won all the purses for which he was entered, making up for himself a record of 2:31. His next performance was on the Oleander Park course, Saturday, December 2, when he gave his heels to Lady Star and Pilot Temple, and in three straight heats announced himself the victor over these well known trotters. Crockett has the build of a thoroughbred, is clean limbed, fine coated, and bears the ear marks of good blood. Of his pedigree nothing certain is known, although indirectly he has been traced back to a race mare which was brought to the State during the war from Charleston, South Carolina. He is fifteen hands one inch high, weighs 900 lbs., is a light chestnut sorrel, several years old, and it is thought may yet place his record inside of 2:20.—Galveston News.

SLEEPING WITH A BOA CONSTRUCTOR.

Sam Johnson, of Kansas City, formerly Deputy Constable, came very near losing his life lately, and if he had there would have been a general expression of opinion that he tempted his fate by an exhibition of singular fool-hardiness, and a strange contempt of the most ordinary prudence. For some time Johnson has had the care of an immense

ceeded at last in uncoiling its hateful folds from his body, dragged the struggling box to its box, and safely secured it in its old quarters. A severe nervous attack succeeded the fright and horror the strange combat had occasioned, and not another wink did Johnson sleep that night. He can congratulate himself that he escaped so easily, and that senseless temerity did not receive the fatal punishment it invited.

OMENS.

The Chicago Sunday Times has a long three column article on "Pointers," exemplifying the universal proneness of gamblers to be guided by the most trivial things in their ventures, by giving the conversations between a number of them, and the reporter of that paper. The extract we give brings the information of the death of a general favorite of the frequenters of Bro's rooms in Clark street when we left Chicago, and one thing we can corroborate that the "bad-luck" which so persistently had followed the brothers, came to an end with the advent of the mouse in the scene. These men came from the mountains with a large amount of money, and met with such a run of ill-fortune that they were nearly "busted" when they had their rooms gotten up and furnished. Notwithstanding the frowns of Dame Fortune they were well thought of by all the business men of Chicago, for their squareness in conducting the game, and, outside of their calling nothing could be said against their characters. All three of them were men of brains, fairly educated, and their manners gentlemanly. In putting up of their rooms on Clark street they felt to be their last venture, and these rooms were fitted up in the most gorgeous manner. They employed the best cook they could find, and their daily, or rather evening dinners, enticed many of the *gourmets* of the city by the Lake to frequent visits. The writer, whenever spending the night in the city, generally gratified his taste for the good things furnished, by accepting the warm invitation of the proprietors, and, like a great many others who were regular frequenters of the place, though never playing faro further than to "pik" away a stack of the chips of the smallest denomination, were heartily welcomed. Soon after opening the rooms, the mouse made his appearance in the dining hall. There was a heater formed of numerous hot air pipes enclosed in an iron frame perforated with apertures to permit the heated air to radiate. About 11 o'clock was the hour which the little animal fixed upon to make his appearance, and at first he answered Burns beautiful description:

Wee sleekit, tim'rous cow'rin beastie
O, what a panic's in thy brea-
You need na' rin awa sae hastie
Wi' bick'ring brattle,
I wad be laith to rin and chase thee
We murd'rin patle.

And "Jeff," "Al," and "George" would have been as loth to injure it as the immortal bard. As the winter progressed Monsieur became more at home, and when he was picking up the crumbs in the carpet was as nonchalant as could be. Apart from the superstitious feeling which prompted the protection, and which received a close watch that it should not be injured, these brothers were naturally hospitable, and as honest a welcome was awarded them which never joined the throng before the lay out, as those who lost or won thousands of a night, and thus kindly feeling extended to animals as well. It would have been a bold man who would have ill-used any of their canine pets, at least were he acquainted with the two youngest brothers, as sure punishment would follow. Gaily the mouse flourished that winter, and a heavy bank account, the credit being on the right side, was the state of affairs in the spring. The denouncement is so well told that it is useless to do more than copy it, as we do, we are sorry for the untimely fate of the "luck mouse," and also regret that its end should have marked an era of ill-fortune for the brothers.

"Are there any other 'omens' that influence you?"
"Yes, there are a lot of 'pointers' that control me in gambling. There are some that influence all gamblers alike. They are in a manner traditions of the craft, but generally every gambler has some that are peculiar to himself, and now ones come up continually in a way that I suppose we couldn't ourselves explain. For instance, some time ago a mouse got into our place, and made itself very familiar. I instantly took a fancy to it,

had a room opened for a fast countess before. The incident made quite a stir in the rooms, and it made me feel

VERY UNCOMMON.

I turned to the gentleman who sat in the back chair to watch the game, and in the interest of the bank, and said, "That's a bad luck for me. And so it proved, for from the word go. We had been doing big winning business for weeks, and I had been dealing to win all night, but from that moment the luck changed, and I lost it all along. We kept losing right along day after day, and finally, as you know, every thing being house in town was closed.

The Ring.

MADE AND BIG FRANK.

MADE'S STRONG POINT IN A BATTLE WITH HOW AN ENGLISHMAN SECURED HIS FIRST.

At 11 o'clock Made and Big Frank were announced. They opened with cautious sparing on both sides. Then Frank let out with his left, which Made stopped neatly and countered as quick as lightning. Frank in the stopping the blow with his right, and the planting a stinger on the champion's temple which brought forth a round of applause. Frank had the advantage of a tremendous reach, and his style of sparring was more scientific and effective, except when counter were being exchanged at close quarters. Then he gave way before Made's quick returns. Frequently the men closed at close reach and exchanged half a dozen counter each before they separated, at which time a diencue would stand up and cheer enthusiastically. After a few rounds both men seemed a little winded from their work, and the round was a short one. Made was surprised to find himself winded so shortly, but the rarity of the atmosphere at this altitude was, of course, explained. The style adopted by Made of ducking the head to avoid blows was always been considered one of his strong points. Some years ago a heavy English luttar remarked in Made's presence that a face was not hard enough for a long fight, and one good blow would demolish it. Made was standing against a wall at the time, and replied that he would hold his hands by his side and let the other hit him square on the nose if he wanted to, and he would guarantee that his nose would stand it. The Englishman let fly a terrific blow, which Made dodged, allowing the misguided man smash his hand against the wall.—From the City Chronicle.

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Summer Meeting, where he won six races, five successive mounts being on winners. James Goater has a very good average, and his victories include the Doncaster St. Leget, Middle Park and Dewhurst Plates. Tom Cannon is well to the fore with 52 "firsts," many of his races having been secured by his determined riding, and the same may be said of H. Jeffery. Loates was doing very well until he unfortunately broke his leg at Sandown Park, and he is, we believe, still in St. George's Hospital. J. Macdonald, who was brought up in Osborne's stable at Middleham, has advanced in a wonderful manner, while his brother, who is attached to Humphrey's stable, bids fair to become a fine horseman, and his total would have been larger but for breaking his collar bone at Alexandra Park. Accidents have been rather frequent this year, E. Martin meeting with a rather severe one at Leicester, while C. Morton broke his collar bone at Liverpool when riding Kinton in a gallop; but the most serious occurrence was the death of that promising lad Thompson, who was seized with small-pox after riding at Aberdon. John Nightingall, of Epsom, sustained a severe loss by the death of his eldest son, who was killed by Sancho Panza bolting with him on the Downs, and dashing the lad against a tree. Of the extreme light weights the most promising are Hopkins and Lemare, in Blanton's stable, the former having won the Royal Hunt Cup on Hopbloom, and the Liverpool Cup on Footstep, while he was a good second in the Cambridgeshire on Hopbloom. C. Willis, in John Day's stable, and Watts, apprenticed to T. Cannon, are very good horsemen, while J. Morrell, from the Heath House stable, has shown good form on Matthew Dawson's horses. Luke, too, was almost unknown before he won the Two Thousand on Petrarch, a victory that has secured him plenty of riding, he having since then carried off the Steward's Cup at Goodwood on Monaco, and in the following week the Lewes Handicap on Admiral Byng.

PRINCIPAL JOCKEYS' WINNING MOUNTS FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS.

| | 1871 | 1872 | 1873 | 1874 | 1875 | 1876 |
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| Archer, F..... | 3 | 27 | 107 | 147 | 172 | 206 |
| Constable, H...34 | 67 | 109 | 89 | 71 | 78 | |
| Bruckshaw, T... 1 | 6 | 37 | 49 | 61 | 57 | |
| Wooden, T..... | 1 | 17 | 20 | 56 | 55 | |
| Morgan, H..... | — | — | 8 | 43 | 55 | |
| Cannon, T.....59 | 83 | 82 | 87 | 87 | 52 | |
| Newhouse, W...42 | 75 | 46 | 41 | 58 | 51 | |
| Goater, J.....14 | 18 | 21 | 33 | 59 | 49 | |
| Webb, F.....16 | 33 | 36 | 35 | 88 | 41 | |
| Wood, C..... | 2 | 15 | 12 | 43 | 34 | |
| Cooke, G..... 5 | 22 | 48 | 44 | 49 | 32 | |
| Glover, T..... 2 | 7 | 28 | 63 | 49 | 82 | |
| Osborne, J....35 | 41 | — | 52 | 34 | 82 | |
| Chaloner, T...43 | 29 | 18 | 24 | 18 | 30 | |
| Parry, H.....20 | 16 | 24 | 33 | 23 | 26 | |
| Morby, E..... | — | 10 | 25 | 37 | 24 | |
| Jarvis, J..... | — | 3 | 7 | 28 | 24 | |
| Snowden, J....80 | 24 | 30 | 18 | 28 | 24 | |
| Jeffery, H....60 | 30 | 48 | 29 | 21 | 24 | |
| Mordan, S....26 | 33 | 45 | 54 | 17 | 24 | |
| Osborne, T....37 | 60 | 44 | 23 | 15 | 24 | |
| Sheard, E..... | 2 | 11 | 18 | 23 | 22 | |
| Skellon, T....34 | 13 | 23 | 14 | 35 | 19 | |
| Griffiths, J...17 | 26 | 27 | 24 | 24 | 17 | |
| Thompson, J...— | — | — | 19 | 32 | 16 | |
| Loates, G..... 7 | 24 | 18 | 6 | 17 | 15 | |
| Maidment, C...86 | 79 | 41 | 37 | 13 | 2 | |
| Wyatt, R.....28 | 34 | 55 | 4 | — | 7 | |
| Fordham, G....86 | 66 | 86 | 57 | 41 | — | |

MANGE.

BY ARNOLD BERGES, IN CHICAGO FIELD.

A few references to our answers to correspondents will reveal the fact that mange in one or the other of its forms, is a very frequent as well as most unwelcome visitor to the kennel. Few men, however, understand its treatment, and many do not know even the origin and character of the true disease, but from the bare fact that it is a cutaneous disorder, they are led to imagine that all eruptions must of necessity be mange. Bad as the case really is, it is not so bad as this, and a great portion of the troubles ascribed to this source are really only surfeit or the irritation caused by fleas or lice. Young dogs are even more subject to these attacks than older ones, since the peculiarities of their constitution and manner of life especially predispose them to such. An examination of the coat and knowledge of past antecedents will,

and red mange. Of these the first is far the most to be dreaded, since before it can be established the blood must have become impure, and the disease constitutional. The cause is generally a gross condition of the system, induced by continued high living, with little or no exercise, resulting in a complete derangement of the blood and the organs which form the natural drains of the body. Surfeit, if neglected, will sometimes produce foul mange, though the latter differs essentially in its exhibitions, so that it need never be mistaken for the former. Foul mange is shown by a constant and terrible itching, which causes the dog to scratch unceasingly. The skin thickens in places and cracks open, with an offensive discharge and ulceration round the edges of the scabs. This discharge dries and forms scales upon the hair, which are torn off by the dog, leaving the surface raw and often honeycombed with small holes. The first object in treating this disease should be to establish normal secretions, by which the impurities may be thrown off, and at the same time to deprive the dog of all food which by heating the blood will protract the trouble. A strong aperient should first be given, and continued till the bowels are well opened. Small quantities of food should be allowed, consisting of vegetables only, alternated with oatmeal porridge, and the dog must be starved until he will eat these. When the stomach has been somewhat toned down by a few days abstinence from a meat diet, Fowler's solution of arsenic should be given three times a day, commencing with a dose of one drop for each four pounds the dog weighs, and after a day or two, increasing this a drop at a dose, till the dog loses his appetite or the whites of his eyes become injected. This will show that the medicine has taken hold of the system, and should now be discontinued for forty-eight hours and then taken up with a somewhat smaller dose and continued as before, for weeks and even months till a complete restoration is accomplished. For an external dressing, nothing is better than an ointment of red precipitate two ounces, Venice turpentine three ounces, beeswax one and a half ounce and lard four ounces. This must, however, be used with great care, only a little being applied at a time and this thoroughly rubbed in to prevent the dog licking it off. The result of this treatment is often a weakening of the system so that a course of tonics will be required to restore its former vigor. One of the best is compound tincture of bark, two ounces, decoction of yellow bark, fourteen ounces. The dose being for a good sized dog three table-spoonfuls twice a day.

Virulent mange owes its origin either to contagion or to a lack of cleanliness in the kennel. If the dogs are closely confined and the kennel neglected, so that filth accumulates tainting the air and the coat, this form of mange, but may be either vegetable or animal in its character. The former is more apt to attack young pups while the latter is indiscriminate, though usually selecting adult animals for its victims. The symptoms are a dry rough skin, with dull coat, falling off of hair in large patches of irregular form, constant itching, unusual thirst, and a fever of low type. With the animal parasite the irritation of the skin from scratching causes scabs to form, from which a watery discharge flows; but this manifestation is not so marked when the vegetable parasite is present, as the itching is not so acute. The latter form is somewhat more obstinate in its resistance to treatment, but yields to the same remedies if persisted in. As in other cases, aperients must first be resorted to, followed by vegetable diet and an external application of green-iodide of mercury one part, lard sixteen parts, well rubbed into the roots of the hair. This ointment is also poisonous, and great caution must be used to prevent the dog licking it off, and also to keep him warm and dry for some days after the application. It too should be used in very small portions at a time. A course of the tonic already prescribed will probably be beneficial.

Red mange is very different from the varieties just described, being evidently a disease affecting the coloring matter of the hair, since this is altered, as the name would indicate. White dogs become of a brickdust color, and black or dark colored ones assume a brownish red tinge. The inside of the fore legs and the elbows are first attacked, later the inside of the thighs, and finally the back if the disease is allowed to spread. The skin does not present the scabby appearance noticed in the other forms, unless the itching is more than usually severe and the

distinction, he was subjected to a... that tried no less the patience of his trainer than the mettle of his own bottom. Mr. Drennan placed him in the hands of Mr. Robert Fleming, an experienced horseman, with instructions to "fix him up" and sell him. During the process Mr. Fleming discovered that he was no ordinary animal, and had him sold in January last for \$275. Regretting his bargain almost instantly, he succeeded in cancelling the sale, and at once began the work of developing his qualities. To break him of pacing Mr. Fleming carried him every day to the beach and drove him in water two feet deep until he had acquired the trotting gait. From this difficult beginning he continued his efforts until he has him fairly acquired with his duties on the course. He was first exhibited before the public at the Dallas fair, where he showed up to such an advantage as to attract an offer of \$12,000 from a gentleman who ranks among the first turfmen in the West. He was next exhibited at the Austin fair, where he won all the purses for which he was entered, making for himself a record of 2:31. His next performance was on the Oleander Park course, Saturday, December 2, when he gave his heels to Lady Star and Pilot Temple, and in three straight heats announced himself the victor over these well known trotters. Crockett has the build of a thoroughbred, is clean limbed, fine coated, and bears the earmarks of good blood. Of his pedigree nothing certain is known, although indirectly he has been traced back to a race mare which was brought to the State during the war from Charleston, South Carolina. He is fifteen hands one inch high, weighs 900 lbs., is a light chestnut sorrel, several years old, and it is thought may yet place his record inside of 2:20.—Galveston News.

SLEEPING WITH A BOA CONSTRUCTOR.

Sam Johnson, of Kansas City, formerly Deputy Constable, came very near losing his life lately, and if he had there would have been a general expression of opinion that he tempted his fate by an exhibition of singular fool-hardiness, and a strange contempt of the most ordinary prudence. For some time Johnson has had the care of an immense snake of the boa constrictor species. This sweet boon was left in Johnson's charge by the proprietor of one of the side shows that was with Howe's Circus on its late visit to this place. The snake had been sick, and fearing that it would die if it was carted about from place to place, its owner made an arrangement with Johnson to take care of it until such time as it should be sent for, to again appear in the exhibition. Sam has paid all needed attention to his snakeship, and the huge "boa" has quite recovered from his illness under his considerate attention. Johnson had tried to establish friendly relations with the snake, and flattered himself that he had succeeded very well. Two or three nights ago, when the weather turned so suddenly and severely cold, Johnson found that the boa was benumbed with cold, and apparently half dead. With a strange disregard of consequence he took the half-frozen snake from its box, and placed it in his own warm bed from which he had risen. He then returned to bed, intending, when the snake should revive from its chilled and benumbed condition, to replace it in its box. Unfortunately Johnson fell into a doze, and then into a deep sleep. From his sound slumber he was awakened by a horrible sense of suffocation about his chest. He awoke to find himself in the terrible coils of the boa constrictor, which had been warmed to life and fury in Johnson's bed. The unfortunate man comprehended in an instant his fearful danger. Great drops of sweat started to his brow as, in an agony of horror, he realized the nature of the peril. With the energy of despair he grasped the snake with both hands, and with almost superhuman strength, and in a manner he can scarcely recall, suc-

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O, what a panio's in thy brouche.
You need na' rin awa sae haste
Wi' bick'ring brattle,
I wad be laith to rin and chase thee
We murd'rin pattle.

And "Jeff," "Al," and "George" would have been as loth to inquire it as the immortal bard. As the winter progressed Mouse became more at home, and when he was picking up the crumbs in the carpet was as nonchalant as could be. Apart from the superstitious feeling which prompted the protection, and which received a close watch that it should not be injured, these brothers were naturally hospitable, and as honest a welcome was awarded them who never joined the throng before the lay out, as those who lost or won thousands of a night, and this kindly feeling extended to animals as well. It would have been a bold man who would have ill-used any of their canine pos, at least were he acquainted with the two youngest brothers, as sure punishment would follow. Gaily the mouse flourished that winter, and a heavy bank account, the credit being on the right side, was the state of affairs in the spring. The denouncement is so well told that it is useless to do more than copy it, as we do, we are sorry for the untimely fate of the "luck mouse," and also regret that its end should have marked an era of ill-fortune for the brothers.

"Are there any other 'omens that influence you?"

"Yes, there are a lot of pointers that control me in gambling. There are some that influence all gamblers alike. They are in a manner traditions of the craft, but generally every gambler has some that are peculiar to himself, and new ones come up continually in a way that I suppose we couldn't ourselves explain. For instance, some time ago a mouse got into our place, and made itself very familiar. I instantly took a fancy to it, and somehow it occurred to me that it would bring us luck. I regarded it as a pointer, and when the boys undertook to kill it, I told them to let it alone. In time everybody that frequented our place began to know that mouse,—

OUR 'LUCK MOUSE

as they called it—and it made so free in the rooms that I thought before long it would come and eat out of my hands. Well, I think we never had such luck in our lives as we had while that mouse was with us. I would not have had that little thing killed for a thousand dollars. Upon my soul, I wouldn't have taken that sum for it. Well, one night a very curious thing happened. I can't understand or account for it even now. You must know that we have an ante-room that the visitor must pass before he is admitted to the rooms devoted to gambling. Therefore, between the gambling rooms, where the mouse was, and the outside—that is the hall—there are two doors. The first one closes of its own accord with a spring, and therefore is never open except when held open, while inner one is always locked, except when opened by the porter to admit visitors. This is the rule, and the exceptions are rare indeed. I could hardly suggest any circumstance under which both doors would be open at the same time, unless it was that we received a 'friendly' call from the police. Well, the occasion to which I refer was not one of that kind. We were playing at faro; I was dealing, when suddenly a big black cat jumped into the room, gobbed the mouse, and in the next moment was gone. I ran to the door that led to the hall, and found it locked, and the porter swears that it

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A SAD FATE.

One of the most gallant English officers in India, Capt. Boydell, was recently killed by a tiger, near Simla, the summer retreat of the Viceroy. The tiger, after killing several animals, crept away to a neighboring wood, whether the Captain accompanied by one native, followed him. They overtook him by a brook, just at nightfall, as he was devouring a dead horse. Both red at once and the tiger fell, as though heless, in the brook. The Captain, who thought he was dead, approached him and touched him with his gun. Suddenly the tiger rose up on his hind feet, growling and opening his jaws, and seizing the Captain by the throat and shoulders, tore great pieces of flesh from his body. The native, who meanwhile had reloaded, fired again, and the tiger received his death wound. But in his dying struggle he crushed the legs of Capt. Boydell with his teeth, and, when the Indian lifted up his master, he found him dead.

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| Cleveland, O..... | July 24 to 27 |
| Springfield, Mass..... | July 24 to 27 |
| Buffalo, N. Y..... | July 31 to Aug. 3 |
| Freeport, Ill..... | July 31 to Aug. 8 |
| Rochester, N. Y..... | 2d week in Aug. |
| Prophetstown, Ill..... | 2d " " |
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| Utica, N. Y..... | 3d " " |
| Barlville, Ill..... | 4th " " |

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TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Every thing used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

A DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

The time is rapidly approaching for our turf managers to take some steps, if they deem the object a desirable one, towards forming a Dominion Association for the government of running and trotting in this country. Our views are already well known

of course. We now ask two or three of our leading associations to issue a call for a meeting of all those interested to be held at some central point on an early day to initiate the much required reform. Once give it a start, and all afterwards will be easy work. Apathy should not be permitted to allow this question to remain in abeyance any longer. Its beneficial results are recognized on all hands, and it is only a feeling of delicacy, probably, which prevents some one or two of our clubs from making the primary move. The smallest Association in good standing in the country has a equal right with its more extensive neighbor to take part in or initiate the primary movements.

The ratio of expense has been considered in carrying on this institution, and it has been found that the average would be no greater than the smallest annual fee demanded by the National Association of the United States. This is a very modest sum, \$25—and would be saved by each and every Association in the compact in any one individual meeting.

This question of forming a Dominion Association is in which every racing association in the country is deeply interested. Its financial advantages are not to be overlooked—while its guarantee to the public of equity and a consideration for their rights must be entertained and not underestimated. Everything is in its favor, and when on its feet and in proper working order, horsemen will wonder why such a good thing had been held so long in abeyance. The earnest attention of each association, individually, should be directed to this matter, and the work of its formation should be prosecuted as if its success or failure depended upon the single-handed exertions of each member. Let a start be made, and, our word for it, more than half the work has been accomplished, and the trouble of the details will be found to be a labor of love to the few who are appointed to carry them out.

MORRISEY'S REASONS.

In an interview with a New York reporter Mr. John Morrissey gave his reasons for retaining the commission on pools on the Presidential election. It will probably be as well to give the report as clipped from the paper. "He says he was at an expense of about \$700 per month for his room, and paid his principal pool-seller \$1,000 for two months' services; besides which he had ten other men under pay. The work has all been done, he says, and I have been at expense, the same as if the wagers had been decided, and it is clear that I should be paid the same. The main thing is the responsibility of holding so much cash, the dangers from thieves and the depositing in unsound banks. And he thinks his commission will amount to about \$4,000."

Notwithstanding the high-handed manner in which the pools were declared "off" by the Hon. John, and which we think, admits of no defence, being void of either reason or authority; there is something to be said in favor of retaining the commission. The labor involved in the transaction is even greater when the money is paid back individually than when handed over to the winners, as then settlements have to be made with two or more parties instead of one. And as the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is not too much for the patrons to repay the pool-seller for his time, trouble, risk and expense.

From the action of one of the leading American authorities it is almost absolutely certain that the rule of retaining the commission in all cases will be established next season as a principle of the system. If such had been the law at present it would have saved a large amount of trouble, misunderstanding and bad feeling between the con-

days and trying him and the horse not suiting him, he brought it back to the defendant, but on receiving further assurances from the defendant that the horse was all right and said he had not sufficiently tried him, he took the horse home with him, again and kept him about ten days. On the day after he took the horse back he paid the defendant the price, \$125, according to his original agreement. The horse, however, did not answer the warranty, so he returned him again to the defendant, and brought this action to recover the \$125 paid for him. The defendant, about two weeks after the horse had been returned to him, put him in the pound, and upon the plaintiff hearing of this he went and took the horse out of the pound in order to prevent the horse being sacrificed, and he kept the horse until the trial, but he laid no claim to the horse and expressed his willingness to deliver the horse up on being paid his money, and his position was in no way prejudiced by taking the horse back. His Honor left it to the Jury, whether or not the plaintiff had a right, under his contract with the defendant, to return the horse if he did not answer the defendant's warranty, and if so to find a verdict for the plaintiff for \$125. The Jury then retired, and after a short deliberation brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$125.

A FAREWELL.

The many friends of J. B. Gracey, Esq., of Weston, will be sorry to hear of his intended departure to the United States, where he means to take up his future abode. Mr. Gracey was one of our most energetic and practical agriculturists, and took a deep interest in the breeding of the thoroughbred horse. He is the owner of the fine stallion War Cry, by War Dance, the first Canadian Derby winner. On the evening of the 21st inst. a farewell supper was given at the Eagle Hall, Weston, to this esteemed gentleman. It was extended to him by a large number of his friends, including leading farmers from various parts of the county, and many citizens of Toronto. Mr. Gracey has purchased an extensive farm in Virginia, and the acknowledgement of a farewell supper, which partook largely of a public character, was but due to his merits as a gentleman. His departure is an event to be regretted, taking with him from Canada, as he does, a large family and over \$15,000 in capital. He carries with him the best wishes of numerous friends for his future prosperity in the States.

SALE OF TROTTING STOCK.

Mr. A. F. Lee, of Brantford, informs us that his sale of trotting stock advertised in the *SPORTING TIMES*, and which took place on the 14th inst., was quite satisfactory, the stringency in money matters and the winter season being considered. Prices, he describes, as good, and the attendance large. Considerable interest was taken in the sale by adjacent breeders, as it was presumed the transactions at this sale would prove some kind of an index to the demand for young trotting stock; and this class, who were there more as spectators than purchasers, appeared to be heartily pleased at the prices realized. The stock was in good condition, and showed carefulness in selection. The Hambletonian stallions were not exposed to public competition, but will be disposed of by private sale.

THE MAYORALTY.

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Sporting Gossip.

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Mr. N. Ray, of Whitby, has added his stallion Sir John to the list of geldings. At present he is thought to be a promising candidate for the Queen's Plate for 1877.

By the American papers we see it is stated that Mr. Fry, of Aurora, paid \$1,500 for his new importation Longstreet, whose arrival we chronicled a few weeks ago.

The finely-bred race mare Passion by Red Eye he by Boston; dam Sympathy by imp. Seythian, is offered for sale, as will be seen by an advertisement in to-day's paper.

A snow race took place on the 21st on Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, for \$400, between Fanny D, owned by Mr. J. D. Devlin, the well-known horseman of Buffalo, and Carrie and Lightning Jack of Toronto (?) Fanny D, who was driven by her owner, was the winner." The above is from a Buffalo source; but who is Carrie and Lightning Jack of Toronto?

Put a blanket on your horse whenever you leave him standing at a hitching post.

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Billiards.

MR. HILL RISES AND EXPLAINS.

CONROUG, Dec. 25, '76.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

SIR—I was much surprised at the summing up you gave of the Billiard tournament in Hamilton. In it you characterize my conduct as scandalous, and also say that I was ruled out for throwing my games. Nothing could be further from the truth. I was not ruled out, but retired from the tournament because I could not get a fair show; in simple justice to me I hope that you will make this correction, and I think if you will make further enquiries at Hamilton you will find that I did nothing that would in the slightest merit your censure. It was to my interest to win every time and I tried to do so, but as I said, I thought I was not getting fair play and therefore resigned.

Yours truly,
JOHN HILL.

OPENING OF A NEW ROOM.

On the 25th, Messrs. Riley & May opened a new billiard room at No. 98 Yonge Street, up stairs, in the premises formerly occupied by the City Steam Press. The room is elegantly and tastefully fitted up, and contains nine tables, all of this firm's manufacture, with the exception of one table which has been imported from France, but has been refitted with cushions by Messrs. Riley & May. Several novelties are observable in the room, not only as respects the tables, and fitting, but also in the method of business. The situation of the room is particularly central, and with the many attractions it possesses, cannot but be a success.

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ICE RACES.

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TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Every thing used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

A DOMINION ASSOCIATION.

The time is rapidly approaching for our turf managers to take some steps, if they deem the object a desirable one, towards forming a Dominion Association for the government of running and trotting in this country. Our views are already well-known on this subject, having been often stated. We deem it as much now as ever an absolute necessity for the future welfare of the turf, than an organization of some kind for mutual and reciprocal protection should be formed. Every one at all interested in this subject, and who has given it a little of the consideration it deserves, will readily acknowledge the pressing need of such an affiliation. Horsemen demand it equally with associations, the benefits to both classes are mutual, and both are looking forward to some initiatory movement to which they can give their adherence.

But everything must have a beginning—large oaks from little acorns grow—and no matter how small the movement for the formation of an Association may be in its inception, it will grow in strength with its age, and will gradually extend the circle of its influence until the whole of the racing interests of the country are brought within its folds. And to arrive at this much desired point in our turf history, it is but meet that our Associations, large and small, should not stand on the order of making a move, but do so at once. From the tenor of expressions which have come to our knowledge, there can be no doubt the country is ripe for such an amendment to the old style of things, and the one requisite to secure a successful organization is but to make a beginning. The sequel will follow as a matter

MORRISEY'S REASONS.

In an interview with a New York reporter Mr. John Morrissey gave his reasons for retaining the commission on pools on the Presidential election. It will probably be as well to give the report as clipped from the paper. "He says he was at an expense of about \$700 per month for his room, and paid his principal pool-seller \$1,000 for two months' services; besides which he had ten other men under pay. The work has all been done, he says, and I have been at expense, the same as if the wagers had been decided, and it is clear that I should be paid the same. The main thing is the responsibility of holding so much cash, the dangers from thieves and the depositing in unsound banks. And he thinks his commission will amount to about \$4,000."

Notwithstanding the high-handed manner in which the pools were declared "off" by the Hon. John, and which we think, admits of no defence, being void of either reason or authority; there is something to be said in favor of retaining the commission. The labor involved in the transaction is even greater when the money is paid back individually than when handed over to the winners, as then settlements have to be made with two or more parties instead of one. And as the laborer is worthy of his hire, it is not too much for the patrons to repay the pool-seller for his time, trouble, risk and expense.

From the action of one of the leading American authorities it is almost absolutely certain that the rule of retaining the commission in all cases will be established next season as a principle of the system. If such had been the law at present it would have saved a large amount of trouble, misunderstanding and bad feeling between the contracting parties. We have been informed all the leading pool-sellers in the States are having printed on their tickets a condition that provides for the retention of the percentage in such contingencies, only paying back the gross amount deposited in cases where the horse does not start; so, this amendment will next season be the practice, whether it is recognized by the authorities to be the rule or not. We were one of the first to advocate this change on principle, and now its justness is recognized by most of the sporting journals in the country.

A GUARANTEE HORSE CASE.

The particulars of the following case, which was tried at the late Wellington Assizes, in Guelph, we clip from the Herald of that town. The case has some peculiar points about it, and its reading will prove interesting to horsemen in this country:

DAY VS. BOWLES.

The parties are both young men living in Erasmus, and are cousins. The plaintiff during the month of August last purchased a horse from the defendant for the sum of \$125, with a guarantee that the horse was sound and true to draw and not breachy, and there was, as he contended, a condition in the bargain that if the horse did not suit he was to have the right to return the horse to the defendant and receive back his money. The plaintiff took the horse as he considered on these conditions, and after keeping it a few

and the acknowledgment of a far-well supporter, which partook largely of a public character, was but due to his merits as a gentleman. His departure is an event to be regretted, taking with him from Canada, as he does, a large family and over \$15,000 in capital. He carries with him the best wishes of numerous friends for his future prosperity in the States.

SALE OF TROTTING STOCK.

Mr. A. F. Lee, of Brantford, informs us that his sale of trotting stock advertised in the SPORTING TIMES, and which took place on the 14th inst., was quite satisfactory, the stragglery in money matters and the winter season being considered. Prices, he describes, as good, and the attendance large. Considerable interest was taken in the sale by adjacent breeders, as it was presumed the transactions at this sale would prove some kind of an index to the demand for young trotting stock; and this class, who were there more as spectators than purchasers, appeared to be heartily pleased at the prices realized. The stock was in good condition, and showed carefulness in selection. The Hambletonian stallions were not exposed to public competition, but will be disposed of by private sale.

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CANADIAN HORSES FOR THE ENGLISH MARKET.

It will be of interest to the farmers of Wentworth County to know that Dr. Orton of Ancaster is now engaged purchasing horses for the English market. He shipped a dozen fine animals to Liverpool, and another batch will be sent to the same destination. The best horses for breeding, the Doctor states, are heavy draught horses, weighing from 1,400 to 1,800 pounds; stylish carriage horses, with high knee action, speed not being so much a consideration; in color bay, brown and rich chestnut are preferable, and the less white about them the better; saddle horses bred from good Canadian mares and thoroughbred horses. As the prospects are improving for the establishing of a good market in England for Canadian horses, farmers would do well to make a note of the above facts.

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Several important cases were then brought before the meeting, and elicited an instructive discussion. The President read a paper which he had just received from Mr. Alexander Farthill, V.S., of Louisville, Kentucky (a graduate of the Ontario College), on the successful treatment of extreme cases of fatal colic by puncturing.

The Association, with a view of giving a stimulus to veterinary education, resolved to give at the examination of the students of the Ontario Veterinary College in April next, a gold and a silver medal.

The usual winter examinations of students of the College took place on Friday, when the following third-year's students were awarded the diploma of the Council of the Agricultural and Arts Association, viz:—J. B. Wright, Colchester; Golding, Weston; and J. R. Ross, Lucknow.

The next meeting of the Association will take place in April.

Three new tables were put in the White Rose room, Toronto, last week.

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It looked badly for Rudolphe, who retired on his next play with 5 points. Dion followed up his large lead with a run of 62 points, which left him but 5 to make. It took him five innings to make the desired number.

The following is the score:
 J. Dion—1,12,4,0,5,5,82,0,8,0,2,0,8,46,0,1,0,8,14,9,1,6,15,0,0,2,88,5,2,18,1,59,0,5,1,8,0,0,8,1,0,27,4,125,18,62,1,1,0,0,3—600. Average, 11 7-18.

Rudolphe—3,9,4,5,4,44,0,32,4,84,38,0,0,1,1,1,4,0,5,5,2,0,2,35,1,0,1,2,22,2,16,0,2,48,0,4,20,0,0,1,5,0,0,1,2,5,1,0,2,18,0—371. Average, 7 7-52.

Mr. John Hickey has been giving a series of exhibitions in Brockville, Quebec, and other eastern burghs, and expects to be in Toronto at an early day.

Mr. Whalen, of the White Rose Billiard Saloon, Jarvis Street, Toronto, has in contemplation a tournament for first-class Provincial players, at which \$500 will be given in premiums. Messrs. Wm. Jakes, Jas. Bennett, John Hickey, Sam Jakes, Frank Dion, Jas. Phelan, Sam Davis, Thomas Russell, Jos. Capron, &c., &c., we are informed have promised to take part in the proceedings.

The contemplated match between Hickey and Jakes has fallen through, and it is not likely these players will come together till some of the tournaments this winter.

Aquatic.

NICHOLSON AND LUMSDEN.

A DEAD HEAT.

The meeting on Monday last between two such well-known scullers as Wm. Lumsden, of Blyth, and Wm. Nicholson, of Stockton, in an open boat race for £100 a side, over the mile course on the Tyne, extending from the High Level Bridge to Waterston's Gates, proved one of exceptional interest to north-country aquatic patrons. The contest which then took place was productive of as fine a race as has ever been witnessed on the great northern river, and ended in a most remarkable way; the distance judge declaring that the men were dead level at the finish—a hitherto unexampled occurrence in an important race on the Tyne. Lumsden, for his race of Monday, was trained by James Taylor, who is his principal backer, and, in addition, J. R. Hymes, of Stockton, has accompanied the Blyth sculler in his exercise on the river. The present match was made some two months ago, and, according to the articles, Mr. J. H. Clasper, of Oxford, was commissioned to build specially for the men a couple of open boats, and in due course the Oxford builder forwarded two handsome craft. Mr. Thomas Jones, of Newcastle, was appointed referee. The start was fixed for half-past three o'clock on Monday afternoon; but long before that time the vicinity of the starting point, and indeed the whole line of route to the finish, was a continuous mass of people. Six heavily-freighted steamers accompanied the competitors. Lumsden was piloted from the bow of the official steamer by James Taylor, and James Percy, who is Nicholson's principal supporter, fulfilled a similar duty for the Stockton sculler. Consequently upon the recent heavy rainfall there was a lot of "fresh" in the river, and the flood tide ran very sluggishly, while the slight breeze which prevailed blew from the east in favor of the men. Wagering was carried on to a heavy extent at evens, though when it became known that Lumsden had won the toss for stations, a shade of odds was offered on him, and he started a decided favorite at 12 to 10. After three ineffectual attempts the scullers broke away, Nicholson, on the south station, getting the first catch of the water, and showing an advantage of a few feet in the opening strokes; but Lumsden, rowing faster, though shorter, took the lead in the first half-dozen strokes, and, making his boat travel at a great pace, was half a length ahead at the Mansion House. Here there was a marked disparity in the style of the men; for Nicholson, getting good length, was rowing five strokes only to Lumsden's six—the latter's style of going not being so machine-like as the well-finished sweep of the Stockton man. In the race to the Skinner Burn Nicholson steered a little bit wildly, and was a length and a quarter behind soon after passing it; Lumsden meanwhile steering a course straight as an arrow, and keeping up his wonderfully fast stroke. Half way up the Grindstone Quay Nicholson, seeing himself left behind, made his first spurt, which was indeed a useful one; for he was rapidly closing with Lumsden, and looked as if he would pass him, as the latter appeared to be troubled at the rapid manner in which his opponent was overhauling him. When Nicholson ceased spurring he was within a quarter of a length of the Blyth man, who, however, by a great effort shot through the Redheugh Bridge (time 8 min. 7 sec.) with a bare lead of half a length. Lumsden, immediately after shooting the structure, veered sharply in to the north shore, which was altogether unnecessary, as, had he kept his boat on the same line as he had steered to the bridge, he would have gained a bit; but Nicholson did not take advantage of this, for he again pulled too strongly with his left hand, and went almost into mid-stream. Lumsden, in the race past the Lead Works up to Hall's boathouse (three quarters of a mile) improved upon his lead, through Nicholson's indifferent steering. At length Percy got Nicholson to take notice of his signalling to keep more towards the north shore, and, responding to the call, the latter came with another grand rush, and was within half a length of the leader at Hall's boat-house. The race here upwards afforded a magnificent struggle, each man spurring against the other, Nicholson alternately drawing upon his opponent, and dropping half a length behind again as Lumsden responded to his opponent's efforts. A couple of hundred yards from home, Lumsden was in distress, but he kept gamely on to the finish. Meanwhile

an American club; but the match, if made, will entail, in justice to the English club, painstaking and training for weeks, just as if for an important regatta or match. It is flattering on the part of Americans and other foreigners to be so anxious to measure strength with English clubs; but English clubs certainly do not appreciate the flattery. If the system goes on there is no saying where it will stop. German and Japanese students will next want to try their hands, and the university boating clubs will not be able to call their vacation their own. If Oxford should choose to accept such challenges the public will be glad of the sport and of the self-sacrifice which it entails; but if Cambridge decline to be bothered by the intrusion we cannot blame them.

PRIVATIONS OF SPORTSMEN.

A friend thus graphically describes the mal-adventure of two individuals in the early part of November last. "They arrived home on a Saturday after having caused their friends no little uneasiness during their absence. It appears that on the preceding Monday they started by rail from Newcastle for Green Brook, a branch of the Bartibogue, on a shooting excursion. They camped for the night on reaching their destination, and after having a comfortable sleep proceeded up the brook in the morning, but travelling a mile or so without finding any game they retraced their steps to the railway along which they proceeded until they came to the clearing and house of a pioneer named O'Brien. After informing them that partridges were scarce thereabouts, he directed them to take an easterly course which would take them to Bartibogue, where game was very plentiful. They travelled as directed, and when they had accomplished about two miles it began to snow, but they pushed on as the snow turned to rain. Night then began to come upon them, but they failed to come upon Bartibogue, so they camped as well as they could, spending a most comfortable night, and resuming their journey the next day, after partaking of a chilling breakfast. They proceeded onward in hope of reaching the river and some habitation, but the day passed without their hopes being realized, and, to make matters worse, they saw plenty of game, but their guns got so wet in the rain, which had fallen incessantly, that they would not go off, and when at night they tried to light their camp-fire they were dismayed by the discovery that their matches had shared the same fate. After spending a night even more uncomfortably than the preceding one, they found themselves in the morning still lost in the woods, but followed a stream downward, though their limbs were weak from exposure, failing them so much as to cause them to stumble and fall very often. About 10 o'clock on Thursday they heard a cow bell, the supposed direction of which they followed for about two miles, when, at noon, they came to the house of Mr. Quigley, about twelve miles from Chatham. Mr. Quigley received them hospitably and cared for them till Saturday, when they proceeded homeward." The guns used were muzzle-loaders. Had they been breech-loaders, with metallic cartridges, half the suffering would have been avoided.

THE ENGLISH TURF.

Freeman, the veteran son of Kettlebrum and Haricot, died very suddenly December 1, from inflammation of the lungs, a disease from which it was not suspected he was suffering when he took part in the Midland Counties Handicap the week previously. The iron-limbed veteran, who looked fresh and vigorous when he took part in the event won by Pageant, was seized with inflammation of the lungs some time after returning to Russley, and died very suddenly on December 1. Freeman was bred by Colonel Towneley, and was sold as a yearling to Robert Peck for forty guineas. He ran indifferently several times as a two-year-old, until he earned a name by winning the Ercaman's Nursery at Newcastle. With age, however, he developed into a most useful handicap horse, and being sent by Peck to Mr. Merry, won for the last named gentleman the Great Northern Handicap in successive years, as well as the Roxburgh Handicap at Kelso, after a dead heat with Falkland. Being also disappointed with his running Mr. Merry disposed of him to Mr. Herbage, after he had run second to Pirate for the Great Yorkshire Handicap, and for his new owner last year won the Chester Cup,

giving an appearance of smoke, and it is thought that this caused the alarm of fire to be raised. Several hundreds left after the excitement abated, owing to a groundless report that the gallery was not safe. No person was hurt, and a general rush was prevented from the upper gallery in time.

The Trigger.

SHOOTING AT BRAMPTON.

A shooting match between two teams took place at Brampton, on Christmas afternoon, six birds each; 21 yards rise. The following is the

SUMMARY.

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| J. Burton | 111011-5 |
| Geo. Beck | 001000-1 |
| Geo. Harris | 010011-3 |
| Jas. Hunter | 011010-8 |
| Total..... | 12 |

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| D. Ellison | 101010-8 |
| J. Palon | 000111-3 |
| Jas. Packham | 010010-2 |
| Geo. Kidd | 011100-8 |
| Total..... | 11 |

Immediately afterwards a sweepstake of the value of \$10 was shot, 5 birds, 21 yards. The money was divided into two prizes; J. Burton won first money, with a score of 4 out of 5; Geo. Beck, second money, 3 out of 5.

A MATCH AT WOODSTOCK.

On the 21st, a match for \$20, was shot at Woodstock, between Messrs. Geo. Harwood, and John Forbes, 21 yards rise, at 15 birds. The result shows that the former was an easy winner.

SUMMARY.

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| Geo. Harwood..... | 11111010111111-18 |
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BOGARDUS AND ORRINTON ROBINSON.

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GENERAL.

MONTREAL—At the Academy of Music the Naiad Queen has been the attraction all week. The piece has been mounted in keeping with Mr. McDowell's well-known abilities in this line, and has been the success of the season. On the opening night, Monday, a slight panic took place caused by a false alarm of fire, but owing to the presence of mind of Mr. McDowell and his assistants no serious damage ensued. Prof. and Clara Baldwin were at Mechanics' Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, with their spiritual *expose*. They have had large houses.

OTTAWA—Miss Ada Gray, supported by Brent's Star Company, commenced a season of one week at Gowan's Opera House. Business so far has been reported good.

HAMILTON—The Variety Theatre continues to attract good audiences. The stock is none too heavy, but additions are promised. Tonight (Friday), the Garrick Club (local amateurs), occupy Mechanics' Hall, the bill being Found in a Four Wheeler, and the burlesque of Guy Raux.

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on the water, and showing an advantage of a few feet in the opening strokes; but Lumsden, rowing faster, though shorter, took the lead in the first half-dozen strokes, and, making his boat travel at a great pace, was half a length ahead at the Mansion House. Here there was a marked disparity in the style of the men; for Nicholson, getting good length, was rowing five strokes only to Lumsden's six—the latter's style of going not being so machine-like as the well-finished sweep of the Stockton man. In the race to the Skinner Burn Nicholson steered a little bit wildly, and was a length and a quarter behind soon after passing it; Lumsden meanwhile steering a course straight as an arrow, and keeping up his wonderfully fast stroke. Half way up the Grandstone Quay Nicholson, seeing himself left behind, made his first spurt, which was indeed a useful one; for he was rapidly closing with Lumsden, and looked as if he would pass him, as the latter appeared to be troubled at the rapid manner in which his opponent was overhauling him. When Nicholson ceased spurring he was within a quarter of a length of the Blyth man, who, however, by a great effort shot through the Rednough Bridge (time 8 min. 7 sec.) with a bare lead of half a length. Lumsden, immediately after shooting the structure, veered sharply in to the north shore, which was altogether unnecessary, as, had he kept his boat on the same line as he had steered to the bridge, he would have gained a bit; but Nicholson did not take advantage of this, for he again pulled too strongly with his left hand, and went almost into mid-stream. Lumsden, in the race past the Lead Works up to Hall's boathouse (the quarters of a mile) improved upon his lead, through Nicholson's indifferent steering. At length Percy got Nicholson to take notice of his signalling to keep more towards the north shore, and, responding to the call, the latter came with another grand rush, and was within half a length of the leader at Hall's boat-house. The race here upwards afforded a magnificent struggle, each man spurring against the other, Nicholson alternately drawing upon his opponent, and dropping half a length behind again as Lumsden responded to his opponent's efforts. A couple of hundred yards from home, Lumsden was in distress, but he kept gamely on to the finish. Meanwhile Nicholson, who was sculling strong, came with a final bid for victory, and was just level as Waterson's Gates were reached, the time being 6 min. 20 sec.—the fastest on record for an open boat race over the same distance. The referee declined to say who had won, as his boat was behind the man when they finished: and it was not until Mr. James Hall, who had been appointed distance judge, declared that it was a dead heat, that he could come to any conclusion about the issue. A meeting of the principal backers of the men took place after the contest, and they agreed for the men to row again on the same conditions. Accordingly the referee named to-day (Saturday) for the men to row, the start to take place at 9.20 a.m.—*The Field*, Dec. 9.

UNIVERSITY ROWING MATCHES.

THE REFUSAL OF CAMBRIDGE TO ROW AGAINST YALE AND CORNELL NEXT AUGUST.

The American universities of Yale and Cornell have at last formally and separately challenged Cambridge to row four-oar matches on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake in August next. Cambridge, however, has declined the offer, as it did when Harvard challenged it together with Oxford in 1869. It is to be regretted if the refusal of Cambridge to row should be interpreted, as very likely it will be, into a confession of fear of the prowess of American oarsmen. But the truth is that these foreign aspirations are a nuisance to university men. If accepted the long vacation is sacrificed, and that for a game which is not worth the candle. It is felt that there is no special honor to be gained by rowing and defeating

saw plenty of game, but their guns got so wet in the rain, which had fallen incessantly, that they would not go off, and when at night they tried to light their camp-fire they were dismayed by the discovery that their matches had shared the same fate. After spending a night even more uncomfortably than the preceding one, they found themselves in the morning still lost in the woods, but followed a stream downward, though their limbs were weak from exposure, failing them so much as to cause them to stumble and fall very often. About 10 o'clock on Thursday they heard a cow bell, the supposed direction of which they followed for about two miles, when, at noon, they came to the house of Mr. Quigley, about twelve miles from Chatham. Mr. Quigley received them hospitably and cared for them till Saturday, when they proceeded homeward.

The guns used were muzzle-loaders. Had they been breech-loaders, with metallic cartridges, half the suffering would have been avoided.

THE ENGLISH TURF.

Freeman, the veteran son of Kettle drum and Haricot, died very suddenly December 1, from inflammation of the lungs, a disease from which it was not suspected he was suffering when he took part in the Midland Counties Handicap the week previously. The iron-limbed veteran, who looked fresh and vigorous when he took part in the event won by Pageant, was seized with inflammation of the lungs some time after returning to Russley, and died very suddenly on December 1. Freeman was bred by Colonel Towneley, and was sold as a yearling to Robert Peck for forty guineas. He ran indifferently several times as a two-year-old, until he earned a name by winning the Freeman's Nursery at Newcastle. With age, however, he developed into a most useful handicap horse, and being sent by Peck to Mr. Merry, won for the last named gentleman the Great Northern Handicap in successive years, as well as the Roxburgh Handicap at Kelso, after a dead heat with Falkland. Being also disappointed with his running Mr. Merry disposed of him to Mr. Benjago, after he had run second to Pirate for the Great Yorkshire Handicap, and for his new owner last year won the Chester Cup, just missed landing the Great Northern Handicap for the third time through the bad riding of his jockey, but carried off the Goodwood Stakes after being a good deal interfered with. During the past season he was within an ace of winning the Chester Cup a second time, and showed even improved form at Ascot, where he won the three miles Alexandra Plate. Freeman was seven years old.

THEATRE PANIC IN MONTREAL.

A FALSE CRY OF "FIRE" IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

In the Academy of Music, on Christmas evening, the play "Naiad Queen," dedicated to the Countess of Dufferin, drew a tremendous house. Over 2,000 persons were in attendance, every available space of standing room being occupied. The gallery contained about 800 persons. About nine o'clock a cry of fire from some unknown party alarmed the audience, and a slight panic ensued. It is stated that a piece of framework fell down on a person seated in the dress circle, which also excited the audience. Two ladies tripped and were nearly trampled upon. A general rush from the upper gallery ensued, several falling headlong down stairs. The ushers in attendance partially quieted the audience, and the play was stopped for a second and then begun again. Several individuals pulled down the screens from the windows in their excitement. It is stated by those who sat in the dress circle that the gallery cracked. The audience were quieted and the play resumed. Several ladies fainted, and one or two went into hysterics. From the ventilators on the roof the hot air from the vast audience issued,

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"Undine" has been the attraction at the Royal Opera House this week, and it has been a success beyond a doubt. The cast is very strong, while the scenic effects really are deserving of more than ordinary mention. The whole production of the

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Miscellaneous.

An aim in life will make a name in life.
 "This is the 'old' year for bets," says the truthful Chicago Journal.
 A number of English sparrows were seen in Chatham the other day.
 A man in Ashfield, Ont., chopped 3 cords of hardwood, maple and beech, in 7 hours.
 Ten sheep and buffalo were killed in the Bow River (Montana) country this year.
 Sarna has taken a new curling rink 75 x 150 feet, of which 10 x 150 feet is under cover.
 In June, 1876, Great Britain contained 1,374,576 horses, against 1,340,129 in 1875.
 The dog-star is so designated from its being a sky-terrier.
 A deer, nearly all white, was lately chased by boys into the barn of Mr. D. Buch, of Minden, Ont., and captured alive by that gentleman.
 Mr. P. Buckley has imported a span of young iron grey horses from below Montreal, for which, we are told, he paid \$1,000. They are a very handsome span of horses.

A friend of Troy, N. Y., nineteen years of age, dreamed that he was to become a gambler. This so affected his mind that he blew his brains out.

The Picton Gazette. "Some gentlemen of this country last week procured some white fish spawn at Salmon Point, which they intend depositing in East Lake as an experiment."

Nearly twenty albatrosses are said to have followed the British war ship "Challenger" from the coast of Japan to within two days sail of Honolulu, a distance of about 4,000 miles.

Mr. Tom King, once well-known in the prize ring, showed some chrysanthemums for competition at the Brixton show the other day, and they were among the best exhibited, his gardener, Mr. Lee, obtaining two of the most important prizes for out blooms.

"Talk of fiddling," said Ephraim, "Why, the dog-gonest base-viol you ever saw, was two turkey buzzards a-sawing of a yard of gut across the paunch of a dead deer. Ef it didn't make the music come you kin shout to."

A singing quail is the latest novelty in natural history. One was caught in Rivorhead, England, nine years ago, and it has been so successfully tamed that it will sing for any visitor, its notes being distinctly audible all over the house where it is kept.

Quite an extensive business is done by Belgians smuggling tobacco across the border into France by means of trained dogs, who are intelligent and swift-footed, and know precisely the use, routes and where to take the tobacco that is tied about them.

Canadian cattle exported to England are selling well. Some taken over a month or so ago by Mr. Gilman, of Beleville, realized \$160 a head. Canadian oxen were sold at six shillings per stone of eight pounds (and sink the offal) in the London market, being the same price as the best Scotch beef made.

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently presented himself at the entrance of the reading room in the British Museum, but he had forgotten his ticket, and, though several directors offered to vouch for him, the Superintendent refused to ignore his instructions and let him pass.

Mr. John Morrissey has been polite to the special correspondent of the London Times, who says concerning him: "I had the honor of being presented to him, and found him, like most really great men, very affable and unaffected. I say 'honor' advisedly, for I look upon him as one of the most stupendous products of New World civilization, much in ethical or political what Niagara is in physics."

Some few years ago our fishermen throw away some of the fish sounds taken out of cod, haddock and hake; but recently there has been quite a demand for this part of the fish, especially those from hake, which are valuable for the manufacture of isinglass. It is said that some \$80,000 or \$40,000 per year is paid Nova Scotia fishermen by exporters of those sounds.

The Messrs Switzer, of Orangville (formerly of Marville), passed through Little Toronto the other day with eleven deer—ten bucks and one doe. One of the men had been out eight and the other sixteen days, in north-east Luther, during which time they killed twenty-three deer altogether twelve of which they sent home previous to going themselves. Deer are unusually numerous in that region this year, as many as a dozen having been seen together in a drove at one time.

Ostrich farming is carried on with the best success at the Cape of Good Hope. Choice birds are worth \$350 each. They feed on grass like cattle, and require very little care. Usually they are tolerably docile, but at the breeding season they become irritable, and will often attack a person who ventures too near them. Each bird yields from \$150 to \$200 worth of feathers per year. Those from the female are gray, and those from the male black, except a single white plume which grows under each wing, and which is the most valuable of all.

Descriptions of a wonderful automaton, called Psycho, have come to this country from London, where it is exhibited by a conjuror. It represents a squatted Turk, who plays a game of cards and does many things seemingly requiring intelligence. It is placed on top of a glass cylinder, so that a clear view between it and the table is given. Thus it seems to have no connection with any exterior power. So ingenious is Psycho that articles discussing it have been published in the English magazines. Now it is said that the figure is worked by varying the pressure of air inside the cylinder, the compression of air acting like a push and the partial exhaustion like a pull. The air enters and leaves through the baize covering of the table, and acts on delicate clockwork.

COOKING FISH IN CLAY.

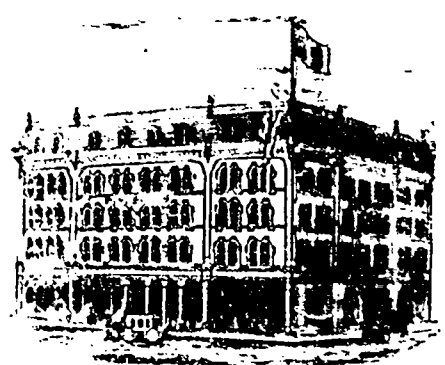
After preparing, cover the fish with clay two inches thick, and throw it into a hot fire. The clay hardens almost instantly, and the fish in its tough oven bakes through and through, retaining all its juices. The clay is then poked out of the fire, cooled with a dash of water, and a sharp stroke with a stick separates it from the fish. The fish's skin peels off with the clay, and the dish is ready. Brown bread and potatoes constitute the rest of the meal. A little experience will enable one to cook a fish perfectly in this way. The clay is a good absorbent of the strong odors of the fish, and takes away all but the sweetest and best flavors. Game is also delicious cooked in clay.

A LONG FAST.

In December, 1871, I had a number of turkeys put in a barn to kill for Leadenhall Market, which were, as we thought, duly killed; when packing them we were one hour short. Every search was made, but it could not be found, and we consequently credited some one with a dinner at my expense. In this barn a quantity of sainfoin seed was standing in sacks, and when having this removed in February, 1872, the long-lost turkey was found among it. Strange to say, it had crept so far that it could not turn to come out, and was closely fixed in between three sacks, so it could not advance, and there it had existed fifty-two days. When lost it was fat, and weighed about eleven pounds, and when found it weighed four pounds. It was impossible for it to get any food or drink during this time. It could just stand, and was able to feed as soon as brought to the light and offered food. I nursed it carefully, and it regained its previous weight, lived about six months, laid a few eggs, and then wasted away.

A LONG SWIM.

After a week of duck hunting on the St. Clair Flats, Goff Stenton, Capt. Mott and J. E. Barber, with a spaniel dog owned by the last named, started in a sail boat on Friday afternoon to come to Detroit. When about three miles from the light house at the head of Detroit River, with the darkness of night shrouding the water, the men in the boat were startled by sudden and loud barking from the spaniel, and upon attempting to stop him were more surprised to see the dog with a long leap dash into the lake. Before the sail boat could be brought around to fol-



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A LONG FAST.

In December, 1871, I had a number of turkeys put in a barn to kill for Leadenhall Market, which were, as we thought, duly killed; when packing them we were one hour short. Every search was made, but it could not be found, and we consequently credited some one with a dinner at my expense. In this barn a quantity of sainfoin seed was standing in sacks, and when having this removed in February, 1872, the long-lost turkey was found among it. Strange to say, it had crept so far that it could not turn to come out, and was closely fixed in between three sacks, so it could not advance, and there it had existed fifty-two days. When lost it was fat, and weighed about eleven pounds, and when found it weighed four pounds. It was impossible for it to get any food or drink during this time. It could just stand, and was able to feed as soon as brought to the light and offered food. I nursed it carefully, and it regained its previous weight, lived about six months, laid a few eggs, and then wasted away.

A LONG SWIM.

After a week of duck hunting on the St. Clair Flats, Goff Stenton, Capt. Mott and J. E. Barber, with a spaniel dog owned by the last named, started in a sail boat on Friday afternoon to come to Detroit. When about three miles from the light house at the head of Detroit River, with the darkness of night shrouding the water, the men in the boat were startled by sudden and loud barking from the spaniel, and upon attempting to stop him were more surprised to see the dog with a long leap dash into the lake. Before the sail boat could be brought around to follow the canine he had been left in the darkness, and half an hour of loud calling failed to bring back the lost animal. Mr. Stenton and his companions finally resumed their trip home, feeling rather disconsolate over the loss, as they supposed, of Mr. Barber's dog, which is valued at \$100. Early Saturday morning Messrs. Stenton and Barber stood at the corner of Ripelle street and Jefferson avenue conversing, and while they stood there who should come bounding along but missing spaniel. The only explanation of his appearance is that he must have indulged in a swim of nearly four miles.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury recently presented himself at the entrance of the reading room in the British Museum, but he had forgotten his ticket, and, though several directors offered to vouch for him, the Superintendent refused to ignore his instructions and let him pass.

Mr. John Morrissey has been polite to the special correspondent of the London Times, who says concerning him: "I had the honor of being presented to him, and found him, like most really great men, very affable and unaffected. I say 'honor' advisedly, for I look upon him as one of the most stupendous products of New World civilization, much in ethnics or politics what Niagara is in physics."

Some few years ago our fishermen threw away some of the fish sounds taken out of cod, haddock and hake; but recently there has been quite a demand for this part of the fish, especially those from hake, which are valuable for the manufacture of isinglass. It is said that some \$30,000 or \$40,000 per year is paid Nova Scotia fishermen by exporters of those sounds.

Mr. Angus Stewart, of the 8rdth concession, Nassagaweya, has lately met with several severe losses. About two weeks ago he lost a valuable horse through inflammation. A week after he lost another from some foot disease. The two other animals were valued at \$250. On Saturday last he met with another loss, having had several sheep destroyed by unknown dogs.

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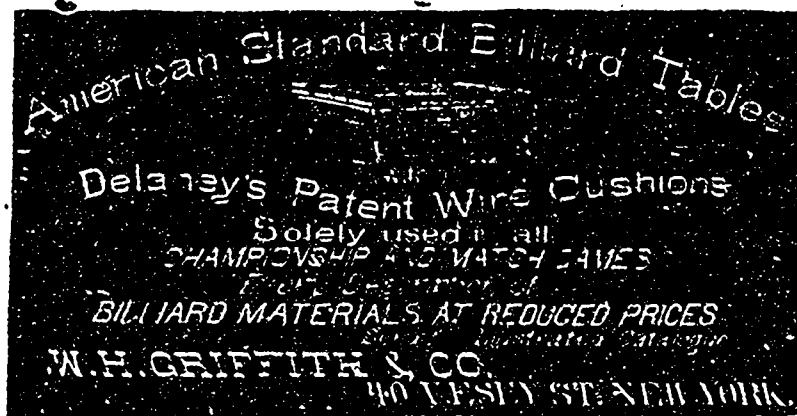
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