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American Turf.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Second Day, Dec. 6—The Orleans Stakes for colts and fillies then 3 years old; \$25 entrance, \$1000 for the winner, \$400 added; second horse to receive \$75. Two miles.

W. H. Higgins entered Ella Bowet, by Uncle Vic, dam Momona, by imp Sovereign, \$1000 & J. H. Phillips entered the General Phillips, by imp Glensig, dam La Polka, by Lexington.

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Billiards.

TOURNAMENT IN MONTREAL.

Next Monday evening a handicap tournament will commence at Nordheimer's Hall, Montreal, under the management of Mr. Brand, the well-known billiard-room proprietor of that city. The names of the players to whom it is open and the figures given to each will be found in our advertising columns to-day. About all the players who would be likely to take part in a contest of this nature are comprised in the list, and the system of handicapping adopted will probably be the means of furnishing more entrants than if each one had to go in on his own merits. Mr. Brand is to be complimented on his enterprise in this matter, and it is to be hoped his venture will not only turn out a financial success, but be the means of giving an impetus to the king of games in the commercial metropolis of the Dominion which will be felt for some time.

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 1 1 0 2 0 1 18 2 8 13 5 4 0 2 1 0 1 9 23
 0 8 0 32 39 6 98 11 0 0 1 0 21 0 2 6 1 4
 0 27 22 12 8 0 1 1 1 1. Total, 509.

Slosson.—5 0 1 0 8 4 7 14 4 85 0 27 0
 27 0 20 1 2 0 36 6 0 0 1 49 9 36 78 2 1
 7 1 5 13 4 1 1 8 16 0 3 3 1 0 7 0 8 0 0
 0 9 81 2 8 1 55 0 18 8 12 10 7 8. Total, 600.

Sexton—39 18 8 58 80 67 0 0 7 2 0 22
 0 30 1 19 2 0 12 0 5 0 58 5 0 24 4 48 0
 7 0 0 54 6 0 0 0 1 0 70 8 2 1 1. Total, 600. Average, 13 28-44.

Gallagher—2 9 0 16 0 0 2 1 22 85 20 1
 22 8 20 2 4 0 124 7 0 1 14 3 1 3 15 15
 8 15 57 0 11 1 3 0 5 4 6 3 4 17 0 114.
 Total, 594. Average, 15 22-44.

Slosson—0 3 80 53 1 11 0 9 6 45 0 134
 4 6 11 0 54 33 13 18 0 114. Total, 600.

race ensued to within twenty yards of the tape. Here Clark broke down, and McLeavy had all he could do to beat Wood by a yard. Time, 4m. 28½s.

A NOVEL RACE.—A very curious contest was decided at the Lillie Bridge grounds, London, Eng., on the 17th ult. Edward Turner and Thomas Hope were the contestants, and the conditions of the match were that Turner should run 100 yards while Hope hopped 69 yards, using one leg only. The former won by a yard and a half. Time, 10 8-5s. The next event was for the men to hop 80 yards on level terms. Again did Turner prove successful, doing the distance in 11½s.

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Curling.

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A CANADIAN TRAINER'S EXPERIENCE WITH BITS.

CHATHAM, Ont., Nov. 24, 1877.

DEAR SPIRIT: The natural instinct of the horse causes him to fear man, and as he does not possess the power of reason can neither overcome this fear nor cause him to obey his commands, without the use of some kind of restraint. And as the horse possesses greater physical power than man, man is unable to restrain or cause him to obey his commands without the aid of some mechanical means. And on this account man has been forced to invent an instrument with which he could restrain the horse, and through which he could make impressions that would cause the horse to know and obey his will, and man has displayed much skill in the construction of the various kinds of bridles now used on horses to control and guide them. Owing to the position the bit occupies in the mouth when used on the horse, it is in that the chief part of the effectiveness of the bridle lies. Owing to this, many different kinds of bits have been invented and used, to make the bridle more effective and useful.

If it was only necessary to use a bit on a horse for the purpose of restraining him, so would have but little trouble in choosing bits to suit our horses. But when we take into consideration the fact that the bit is the chief means through which a man can communicate his ideas to the horse, owing to the horse not possessing the power of reason, we can at once see that our task is not at all easy one.

The kind of bit that it may be necessary to use on a horse much depends on what we may want to use him for, and more especially on the gait we may require him to go at. A bit that may suit to drive a horse with when he is required to pull from 300 lbs. to 500 lbs. weight in the shape of a driver and wagon, may not suit him when he is only required to pull a 50 lb. sulkey and driver. Owing to the running gait being the most natural, as well as the fastest gait the horse has, it is much easier to suit a horse that is only required to be used on the race-track for running purposes with a bit, than it is to suit a horse with a bit that is required to go fast at a trotting gait.

It is much easier to suit a horse with a bit that is used for racing purposes, at a running gait, than it is to suit a horse with a bit that is wanted to be used for ordinary saddle purposes, and it is much easier to suit a horse with a bit that is used for ordinary saddle purposes, than it is to suit a horse with a bit that may be wanted to speed fast at a trotting gait. Running being the fastest gait the horse has, there is but little danger of a horse changing his gait when running, and if he does, his rider can easily catch him with either whip or spur, and these same instruments assist the rider in guiding the horse when properly used. Consequently, there is much less required of a bit when used on a running horse, than when used on a trotting horse. When a horse is used for saddle purposes, either for pleasure or business, it is considered

tooth, or cause his neck to be curbed, so as to interfere with his breathing, consequently great injury may arise; and in this way a large bit on some horses may prove to be more injurious than a smaller one would. Many horses are made hard pullers by having large bits used on them. Some horses soon learn when a large bit is used on them, that their driver has but little control over them, and should they lose their gait, they will refuse to be pulled to it again, but on putting on a smaller bit, the same horse becomes a good breaker.

As man conveys many of his ideas to the horse through the sense of feeling, and as the bit is the chief medium through which the driver can reach the sense of feeling in the horse, it is necessary that the horse should take a firm and steady hold on the bit, yet it is not desirable that the horse should keep up a hard pull, and he does he will stop the circulation in the parts of his mouth that the bit comes in contact with, and by so doing he will leaden the muscles of his mouth, and thus, of course, will prove detrimental.

We may know the peculiar kind of bit that suits a horse, yet we cannot tell what size of mouth-piece will suit him best until we have experimented with different sizes on him. One horse may work well in a bit with a seven-eighths mouth-piece in it, while another horse will do away if he has worked in the same bit. A certain horse may refuse to take hold of a bit that has a three-eighths mouth-piece in it, yet if a bit of the same pattern is put on him with a seven-eighths mouth-piece in it he may perform well in it. An eighth of an inch difference in the size of a mouth-piece in a bit may cause a great difference in the actions of the horse, and it is well to know. On this account it is necessary that a trainer should have various sizes of all the different kinds of bits he can use. Some horses have wider mouths than others and on this account the trainer should have bits of different lengths. When a horse is long for a bit he gives it too much play in his mouth, and when a bit has too much play in a horse's mouth it is more liable to be rubbed off when a bit is too short for a horse's mouth it causes the cheek-piece to press in against the cheeks and lips, and on equalling the horse becomes injured. It is better to have a horse's mouth too large than to have it too small, for if a horse's mouth is too small, it will only be until he breaks, and then you will be left with a broken horse.

SALE OF FINE TROTTERS.

An auction sale of trotters, belonging to the under the control of James Irving and J. S. Summons, came off on Wednesday of last week at the private stable, No. 127 West Fourth street, N. Y. Considering the small number of horses, they were nearly all sold at once. The mare Bella, however, attracted much attention, and was sold for \$2000. She had a record of 2:22. The other horses and purchases were as follows:—

A K Richards entered ch e Typhoon, by War Dance, dam (Spindrift's dam) by Wagner...
 Emore & Stokes entered bf Little Sis, by Frogtown, dam by Yorkshire...
 William Cottrill entered Aunt Betsy, by Longfellow, dam Lilly Ward, by Lexington...
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 Dixon & Wimmer entered gf Blue Gown, by Scotland, dam La Bluetta, by imp Australian...
 Dixon & Wimmer entered ch f Bradamante, by War Dance, dam Buena, by Knight of St. George

Time—3:55.
 Same Day—Purse \$250. One mile.
 Mr Weesiger's b c Incommodo (3), by Melbourne, Jr, dam Income...
 Messrs Carr & Co's b f Buff and Blue (4), by War Dance, dam Balloon...
 Mr Pickwell's blk c Startle (5), by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth...
 Miss Tilton, H Lucklin, Kilburn and Oily Cannon also started.
 Third Race—Club purse \$500, for all ages. Two mile heats.
 J A Grinstead's ch h St. Martins (5), by Phaeton, dam Tokay...
 Mr Moore's b g Trumps (4), by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth...
 Owner's Tenpin

Time—3:49, 4:00.
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 A K Richards's b c Bedding, 5 yrs, by Harry of the West, dam by Joe Stoner...
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 Mr Lloyd's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella...
 Dick Adams, Lambay and Jim Hinton also ran.

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 Aunt Betsy, Bradamante, H. Locklin, and Jim Hinton not placed.

Time—3:15.
 Same Day—Club Purse \$500, for all ages; \$400 to first, 100 to second; mile heats, best three in five.
 J A Grinstead's br f Janet, 4 yrs, by Lightning, dam Kelpie...
 Mr Pickwell's blk c Startle, 5 yrs, by West Roxbury...
 Mr Lilly's b f Belle Barclay, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Capilla...
 Mr McMahon's ch h Kilburn, 6 yrs, by Ringmaster, dam Ontario...
 Time—1:49, 1:49, 1:49.

BUNNING AND TROTTERING ON LONG ISLAND.

Brooklyn Driving Park, Parkville, L. I. Dec 3.
 —Purse and stake \$200; hurdle race; mile heats, over four hurdles; catch weights.
 Col Bennett's ch c Dandy, 3 yrs, by Oyster; man, Jr, dam Bet Arlington...
 McGuire's ch b New York, 5 yrs, by Planet, dam Hester...
 John McGovern's ch h Weasel, 5 yrs, by Narragansett, dam Maidstone...
 Time—2:26.
 Same Day—Trotting Sweepstakes \$100; mile and repeat, under the saddle.
 Egbertson's gr g Harry Miller...
 Dickerman's ch m Dolly...
 E Jarvis' br m Mollie Barker...
 Time—2:52, 2:49.

Same Day—Mile heats; catch weights.
 Bennett's ch g Dandy, pedigree above...
 McGuire's ch h New York, pedigree above...
 McGovern's ch h Weasel, pedigree above...
 Time—2:03.

SALE OF AUBURN.—Mr. Wm. Drennon has sold to Mr. James Coates the ch c Auburn (per Heidsieck), 8 years old, by Revolver, sired of Regards, v imp Australian, for \$1,000.

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Mons. Adrian Izar, the wonderful finger player, will give an exhibition of his skill at Albert Hall, this Friday evening.
 The Union House billiard rooms, Ottawa, were re-opened on the 3rd inst., under the management of Mr. J. C. Corning. "Merk" played a 200 point match game with John Haig, and won by 15 points. The game lasted about two hours.

Pedestrianism.

THE ENGLISH ONE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The one-mile sweepstake, with J. McLeavy, J. Wood, and A. Clark as contestants, which took place at the Springfield Recreation grounds, Glasgow, Scotland, on the 17th ult., produced a very fine race between McLeavy and Wood, the former winning by a bare yard. Clark broke down. The trio were sent away to a beautiful start, Clark making the running for the first hundred yards, when he gave way to McLeavy, who finished the first quarter in 59½. Wood was two yards behind Clark. Soon after entering the second quarter Clark spurred up to McLeavy's shoulder, but the latter again dashed away, Wood still in the rear. McLeavy was four yards ahead of Clark at the half, which was reached in 2m. 8s. They raced in this manner to the three-quarter pole, which was made in 8m. 17s., no change having taken place in the positions of the men. McLeavy then tried to go away, but Clark stuck to him, and a furlong further on Wood joined issue with them, and a terrific

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CHECKERS.

A match was played last week at Ottawa, between the Upper and Lower Towns, with the following result:

UPPER TOWN	G	D	LOWER TOWN	G
W Stewart	3	1	P Theriault	4
W Hutchison	3	1	R Hastie	1
D Smillie	2	2	C Cayotte	4
J Edmondson	5	2	W Amund	6
J McTavish	3	3	Ahornothy	4
W Jamieson	6	1	G Ambridge	3
W Chalmers	2	2	Goupille	8
Thos McKay	6	0	Collins	11
John Boos	7	1	P Beanpro	9
D Farquhar	5	1	J McLean	1
Fannie	6	2	J M Taylor	3
Geo Clarke	6	1	M J Whalen	8
Jan Ritchie	10	2	Robert Lang	4
D Goyer	9	2	W McLaren	5
T Borbridge	4	0	J Steward	4
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A MULE RUNNING DOWN A DEER.

One day last week a deer was chased from the mountain into Jackson's River, closely followed by a pack of hounds. The deer crossed the river and jumped into a field close by, belonging to A. T. Stephenson, Esq. A small mischievous mule was grazing in the field, and as soon as he spied the deer, took up the chase, followed it closely until the fence on the opposite side was reached, which the deer attempted to clear, but failed and fell to the ground, whereupon the mule struck it with its fore feet and held it there until the dogs came up and captured it. The feat was witnessed by several gentlemen of Jackson's River, who will testify the fact.

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When a horse is used for saddle purposes, either for pleasure or business, it is immaterial about his changing his gait. In fact, a horse that can travel at the most gaits, is generally preferred for a saddle horse; and on account of it being necessary frequently to stop a saddle horse very suddenly, a severe bit is generally used on him, so as to enable the rider to restrain and change the horse's gait with ease. There are several different kinds of bits, formed so as to have curb chains used on them, and some of them are so arranged as to allow the bridle to be used in connection with them. These are the kinds of bits mostly used on saddle horses.

The chief qualities that tend to render a bit superior when it is wanted for a saddle horse, tend to render it inferior when it is wanted to be used on a trotting horse. No driver, it matters not how much practice he has had in the use of bits, can tell exactly what kind of bit will suit a trotting horse best, until he has experimented with different kinds of bits on him. This is evident from the fact that a certain horse may trot and act well in a certain kind of bit, while another horse may refuse to trot at all in the same bit; yet there are many established facts, when taken into consideration, that will aid a driver in selecting a bit to suit his horse.

In choosing a bit for a trotting horse we should choose the one that will enable us to restrain him with the least danger of hurting his mouth, for when a trotting horse does not feel easy in a bit, he is liable to change his gait, so as to enable him to get rid of the cause of his uneasiness, and in so doing, he is liable to let go of the bit; and in case in has been hurting him, he will refuse to take hold of it again, and during his efforts to avoid taking hold of it, many bad results are liable to occur. Some horses during the time of these efforts will bolt, others will buck jump, while some will even attempt to run away. Horses frequently acquire many bad habits from the improper use of bits, which are hard to get rid of when once acquired. The bit that has the largest sized mouth piece in it is not always the easiest on the horse's mouth; such a bit is not as likely to injure those parts of the mouth that it comes into contact with, as much as a smaller bit; and on this account the horse is liable to pull harder on it than he would on a smaller bit, and by so doing, he may cause his cheeks to be forced in against h

and steady hold on the bit, yet it is a fact that the horse will not keep up a tight hold on the bit unless he will stop the circulation in the parts of his mouth that the bit comes in contact with, and by so doing he will leaden the sense of feeling in those parts, and this, of course, will prove detrimental.

We may know the precise kind of bit that suits a horse, yet we cannot tell what size of mouth-piece will suit him best, until we have experimented with different sizes of him. One horse may work well in a bit with a seven-eighths mouth piece in it, while another will work in a way if he has worked in the same bit. A certain horse may refuse to take hold of a bit that has a three-eighths mouth piece in it, yet if a bit of the same pattern is put in him with a seven-eighths mouth piece in it he may perform well in it. An eighth of an inch difference in the size of a mouth piece in a bit may cause a great difference in the actions of the horse when it is used in him. On this account it is necessary that a trainer should have various sizes of all the different kinds of bits he may want to use. Some horses have wider mouths than others, and on this account the trainer should have bits of different lengths. When a bit is too long for a horse it gives it too much play in the mouth, and when a bit has too much play in a horse's mouth it is more liable to sore it, and when a bit is too short for a horse's mouth it causes the cheek pieces to crowd in against his cheeks and lips, and consequently they would become injured. But still, as circumstances have now forced me to stop this bit and make a break, I will say up until next best

Yours,
 S. T. B.

SALE OF FINE TROTTERS.

An auction sale of trotters, belonging to or under the control of James Irving and E. E. Simmons, came off on Wednesday last week, at the private stable, No. 127 West Twenty eighth street, N. Y. Considering their superior breeding, they were nearly all sold at a low rate. The mare Bella, however, about whom some sensation was stirred up some years ago, sold well. She has a record of 2:22. Below are the prices and purchasers' names.

Bella, b m, foaled 1869, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, dam by Jupiter. Dr Hunter, Galveston, Texas	\$5,500
Surprise, b g, foaled 1869, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, dam by American Star	410
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Fanny Crauz, b m foaled 1870, by Volunteer, dam the dam of Rutledge. George E. Anderson, Buffalo	400
Andalusian, b s foaled 1866, by Corning's Henry Clay, dam by Alexander's Abdallah. P. D. Schmidt, Baltimore	370
Mack, br g, foaled 1869. J. A. Andrews, Cincinnati	1,000
Brown colt, foaled 1873, by Socater, dam by General Knox. Z. E. Tilleston, Paterson, N. J.	240
Brown mare, foaled 1872, by Woburn, dam by American Star. Joseph B. Francisco, Newark, N. J.	310
Mattie Wilder, b m, foaled 1870, by American Clay, dam by Mambrino Chief. J. M. Snyder, New York	165

Total (nine head).....\$8,345

DEATH OF CALIFORNIA'S CHAMPION RIDER.

On Friday, the 23rd ult., a letter was received in San Jose, California, addressed to the wife of Nelson H. Mowry, the champion long-distance rider, and leader of the California Polo Club, announcing that Mowry died at New Orleans on the 7th of November, of yellow fever, after a few days' illness. He, as he was familiarly called, was a splendid specimen of manhood, and at the time of his death was 37 years of age. He was an educated gentleman, and of an open-hearted, generous nature, which make him a favorite wherever known. He is supposed to have been on a professional visit to New Orleans when he met his death. He leaves a wife and one child in San Jose, and a mother residing in San Francisco.

THE MONTE KING.

ANOTHER REMINISCENCE OF THE GREAT CARD-SHARP, CANADA BILL.

A travelling correspondent of the Leavenworth Times, writing from Dodge city, narrates the following anecdote of the late "Canada Bill":

On the cars, a short distance out from Kansas City, I fell in with a detective, employed upon one of the western railroads, and while engaged in the endeavor to put up him of anything which might possibly prove of interest, he favored me with an anecdote of the late "Canada Bill," the famous three card monte man who died a short time ago. The conversation was general at first, and while discoursing upon various subjects the detective said: "I see by the papers that Canada Bill's dead. Well, I knew him pretty well; met him often. He was as gentle as a woman, and as cunning as a fox; he could beat any man at his own game, and there wasn't but one instance to my knowledge where he got left. You know Ramsay? Killed out near Stockton, in Rooks county, or somewhere near there, about two years or so ago. Bill didn't, like Ramsay at all; hated him worse'n poison, 'cause Ramsay had treated him rough, at least Bill thought it was rough, and put him off Union Pacific train once for robbing passengers. One day Bill was operating on the train, he was out on the P. U. then, and was getting his nest feathered pretty snugly, when he ran across a young feller sitting in a seat by himself. Bill saw he was green, so he slaps him on the shoulder in a careless sort of a way and asks him his name. The lad thought he had struck a friend, so he told him he was a nephew of Alex. Ramsey, sheriff of Ellis county, and was going out to Hays. Bill didn't want any better chance than this to get even with Ramsey, so he sits down and in a few minutes he had the young fellow's money, watch and everything, and didn't leave him enough to get his supper. After he had fleeced him, he turned to the boy and says: 'You go home now and tell Ramsey that Canada Bill got all your money. Don't forget now; told him that Canada Bill got your money for old acquaintance sake. Tell him you had to go without your supper 'cause I had your money, and that I haven't forgotten the time when he put me off that Union Pacific train and made me walk.'

"When the boy got to Hays and told Ramsey about it you can bet he was mad. So he goes up on the road either with Jack Bridges or met Jack there, I don't remember which, and they got on the same car, flourishing around, when Jack and Ramsey came in. Jack sat down in the corner, and Ramsey, pulling his hat over his eyes, goes to the seat where Canada Bill was playing and bets on the game. Of course he lost, but didn't say anything until about \$1,000 was put up, when Ramsey pulled two big six-shooters down on Bill and says, 'Turn down that card. You know me. Hand that money over d—n quick?' Bill wasn't scared at all; he was too cool for that, but simply passed the cash over, with the remark, 'Of course the money's yours, you won it. You hold the winning cards in your hand.' It broke Bill, that play of Ramsey's did, but he knew it wasn't worth fooling with Ramsey. Bill was good-hearted, but he liked to snake in the greensies."

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another trade. He had entered into a compact with a number of guides to clothe himself in a bear's skin, "which, I can assure you, is as hot as purgatory in such weather as this," and plant himself in one of the mountain paths. "When one of my associates comes along this road with a tourist, I suddenly show myself. The foreigner is ready to die with fright, but the courageous guide rushes at me and drives me away, naturally receiving a very handsome douceur for his bravery in risking his own life in order to preserve that of his employer." In the evening the bear and guide generally met at an inn and divided the spoil. The bear pleaded so piteously that the artist did not have the heart to have him arrested.

WILD TALK ABOUT ROWING.

A press despatch from Omaha reports that Mr. E. H. Buckingham, of the Yale class of 1873, District-Attorney of the Third District of Nebraska, died yesterday of heart disease, at the age of twenty-nine, and that "a council of physicians has decided that the disease was the result of violent boating exercise while attending at Yale College." We may as well put an end to this inference of the 'council of physicians' promptly. It was probably arrived at in this wise: The patient had attended Yale College; at Yale College there is boating; over-exercise in boating may induce heart disease; the patient had heart disease; therefore he had over-exercised himself in boating at Yale College. As a mere matter of fact, Mr. Buckingham, who was the son of an Ohio clergyman, and was fitted for college at Andover, never rowed in a boat race at Yale, never trained for a boat race at Yale, was not a boating man at all, not a base-ball player or a foot-ball player, or interested personally in any description of athletic sports. He was, while at College, a great smoker of tobacco. Possibly, when the Western newspapers have done with the moralizing about "boating colleges," which the ridiculous statement attributed to a "council of physicians" will lead them into, they will be able to make their point as effectively against "smoking colleges."—*N. Y. World.*

CURVE PITCHING.

Hitherto scientists have contended that the curving of a ball through the air, except under the influences of attraction and gravity, was an impossibility; but the experiments made during the baseball season of 1877 led to the discomfiture of the college professor of mathematics, the practical demonstration of the fact by several of the leading curve-pitchers of the season opening the eyes of the learned men of the country to a fact in the science of motion of which they were previously in ignorance. It was practically demonstrated in Cincinnati before over a thousand witnesses, including several prominent mathematicians, and the experiments made were thoroughly successful. The trial occurred Oct. 20, and the result was published in *The Clipper* at that time.

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"A right-handed pitcher can easily curve the ball to strike near the handle of the bat by revolving the ball to the right, but as pitching the ball out of the reach of the batter is desirable it must revolve and curve to the pitcher's left. Here is where a left-handed pitcher has the advantage, as most batters are right-handed. For a right-hand pitcher to do this there are several ways; one is to draw the thumb as far as possible towards the little finger in holding the ball, and in drawing the arm back to pitch to turn the hand outward; when the arm is brought forward the hand is turned over towards the left, by which the ball revolves to the left, and again the revolving is increased as much, if not more, by the action of the thumb in its position turning the ball as it leaves the hand."

THE MONEY CONSIDERATION IN GIVING THE SECOND HORSE A RECORD.

This question, "Will it reduce his money value?" we take it, embraces the pith of the opposition to the proposed measure of timing the second horse. It is possible some men may oppose it merely for the sake of maintaining a kind of mystery about their horses, without having any special object beyond that; but men are all cast substantially in the same mould, and we think the only argument, either solid or specious, that can be urged, is the financial one. To the effect of the question then we have

makes money, ten others lose; and where one trotter brings a fabulous price, because he has been dishonest, ten others are greatly depreciated thereby.

The conclusion of the whole matter then is, that, in timing the second horse you not only cut up by the roots of a most fruitful source of trickery and fraud, but, at the same time, you put money in the pockets of nine out of ten men who own trotting-horses.—*Wallace's Monthly.*

TAMING THE MAN-EATER.

A FAMOUS REFRACTORY HORSE IN CALIFORNIA BRIDLED WITH DOUBLE-GEARED LIGHTNING.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Record stables on the new city hall lot, in exhibition of an electric bit, for subduing refractory horses, was given. It is the invention of a gentleman of this city, who watched with much interest Prof. Tapp's attempts to subdue C3-mae, the Palmdam man-eater, and finally concluded that such horses could be tamed by the application of electricity. The process is simple. The bit is made of solid leather or rubber, both being non-conductors. At each end of the bit copper wire is wound around the leather, leaving only about three inches in the centre of the bit devoid of wire, so that it is impossible to establish a current through the bit. Extending from both sides of the bit are two wires running along the two reins, being imbedded in the leather, terminating at the rivets in the reins, near the driver's hand. In the driver's pocket is a small battery, about the size of a large pocket-book, from which two wires extend, each of these wires terminating in a copper-plate sewed in each of the thumbs of the driving gloves. This is the whole apparatus. It is simple, but it is terrible, for it is literally double-geared lightning. The horse becomes frightened or vicious and tries to run away. The driver, with a seraphic smile, calmly presses both his thumbs on the rivets in the reins. The electric currents start from the battery in his pocket, run along the wires, and complete their circuit through the horse's jaw-bones, giving that equine such a shock that he thinks the top of his head is blown off. The battery can be charged at various degrees, for a light shock which will only amaze the animal and one of sufficient weight to knock him down. The apparatus is also designed for horseback riding, the wires running from the battery into the spurs and through the animal's body. If the horse is very unruly a circuit is established from the crupper under his tail to his mouth, thereby sending a stream of chain lightning along his spine that doubles him up like a jack-knife. It is claimed that a few shocks will effectually bring any horse, however ugly, to terms. The bit will be tried on Cognac on Sunday afternoon. Prof. Tapp, who has made Cognac his study, states that the man-eater's propensity for taking a slice out of every man he sees is directly caused by cruel blows on the head given him by former owners. These blows deranged his brain and rendered his head tender, and instead of fighting with the feet, as is the natural way for horses to battle, he fights with his mouth in order to protect his sore head. Tapp further thinks that the electricity, in addition to keeping the man-eater in check, will also tend to regulate his brain. At any rate, the result of the exhibition on Sunday will be another brick in the tower of electric science. The experiment was tried on a mustang at the stables yesterday with gratifying results. But Cognac is blissfully unconscious of the forthcoming earthquake in his mouth.

HOW A HORSE KEPT WARM.

The Meriden (Conn.) Republican tells this story:—"One cold morning last week, Dr. Wilson drove up to a house on Crown street, and left his horse without hitching it. The horse waited a few moments, and his master not returning, he began to dance a double shuffle, presumably to get his feet warm. Finding this rather monotonous, he started up toward Olive street, keeping up a kind of Kentucky break-down. When he had gone several rods, he cramped the buggy, backed, and turned round as neatly as though guided by a skillful driver, and pranced back to the hitching-post. Here he waited about five minutes, and then started toward Main street, going through several kinds of paces. Near the corner he stopped and turned round as skillfully as before, and frightened a boy, who had tried to stop him, almost out of his wits, by pursuing said boy with open mouth and bent back ears, as though his usual habit was to eat every small boy that he came across. He then continued his antics until he had reached the house where he had been left, and when Dr. Wilson came out he was standing at the hitching-post, as demurely as though he had never thought of leaving it."

W. H. VANDERBILT'S NEW HORSE.

A few days ago Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt despatched his agent, Mr. W. D. Warren, of New York, to Chicago with instructions to open negotiations with Mr. George Higbie, of Canton, Ill., and Mr. Frederick Schulenberg, of St. Louis, the owners of the trotting horse Little Fred for his purpose. Mr. Warren reached Chicago November 28, having been forwarded in a special car, and met Messrs. Higbie and Schulenberg at the Grand Pacific Hotel. A trip to Canton, where the horses was stabled, showed that he was in first class condition, and the trade was soon concluded. Mr. Warren, on behalf of Mr. Vanderbilt, paying \$10,000 in cash for "the little red horse." He was shipped November 30 in a special car, over the Michigan Southern road, and is now at Mr. Vanderbilt's stables. There is no doubt that Little Fred is one of the speediest horses in the country, and as he is remarkably handy and trots out of his breaks with amazing speed, he cannot fail to be a great assistance to any horse with which he is harnessed. As Little Fred has now in all probability been permanently retired from the turf, a brief summary of his performances will be of interest. He was bred in Iowa, and sired by a horse known as Eastman Morgan, his dam being a mare by Simpson's Blackbird. In 1873 he was purchased at Davenport by Fred Schulenberg, after whom he is named, for \$600, and the following season brought out by Morris Higbie, obtaining a record of 2:30 at Peoria. In 1875 he began to appear prominently as a fast trotter. His first appearance that season was at Dexter Park, where on July 23, he defeated Lady Turpin, York State, and eight others in 2:28½, 2:25, 2:27. At Rochester, August 11, he won a race in straight heats from Adelaide, Eva and five others in 2:25, 2:25, 2:25. At Buffalo, August 7, he defeated Albert, who won the first heat; Eva, who won the fourth, and ten others, in 2:26½, 2:26½, 2:26½, 2:28, 2:29½. In 1876 he started through the Eastern circuit in the 2:24 class, and at Cleveland defeated Leece, Carrie, May Bird, Brassfield, Amy B., Sleepy John, Little Gypsy, Richard and Blue Mare in 2:21½, 2:23½, 2:21½. At Buffalo on the following week he won a still harder race, the field consisting of himself, Amy B., May Bird, Richard, Blue Mare, Belle Brassfield, Nellie Erwin and Breeze. Fred won the first heat in 2:23, Amy B. the second in 2:19½ and the third in 2:24. May Bird took the fourth heat in 2:25½, and Little Fred the 5th and sixth in 2:23½, 2:26. The next week at Rochester he trotted the three best heats of his life, beating Blue Mare, Little Gypsy, May Bird, Amy B. and Breeze in 2:21, 2:22, 2:21. This year he again started in the Eastern circuit, and at Buffalo obtained a record of 2:20. He was then prostrated by a severe cold and did nothing of consequence afterward.

GIBB CUTS DOWN THE FIGURES.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, a ten-mile race for a challenge cup presented to the London A. C. by F. S. Weall came off at the grounds at Stamford Bridge, London Eng. More than usual interest was evinced in this race, it being generally anticipated that J. Gibb would accomplish a wonderful performance. His only opponents were W. E. Fuller, P. H. Stenning, and W. A. Tyler, and they were not in the hunt after the first "quarter." Gibb, without being pressed, ultimately winning by nearly half a mile, completing the ten miles in 54min 46sec, or 1min 18sec faster than any amateur had previously run the same distance. Gibb finished remarkably fresh, and wonderful as the performance is, there is no doubt that had it been necessary, he could have made even better time. His times for the following distances were also the best on record: Six miles, 32:07; seven, 37:46; eight, 43:30; nine, 49:15.

CRANE ON CRANE.

Mr. W. H. Crane, the well-known actor, who "learned his business" in this city, unbosomed himself of sundry reminiscences to a reporter for a Boston paper the other day: "I was always wild on music," said Mr. Crane, "and fond of singing; so when, on leaving school in 1863, at the age of eighteen I had an opportunity of joining the Holman Opera Troupe, I jumped at it, and I un-der-

that fearful 'impromptu' just as it began, and hastily tumbling it upon my chest, I fell the front once more. As I turned, a sort of howl arose from all parts of the house, and I had stuck the long, grey turf on cross-ways, and the sight was too much for the civility of the audience. I thought they had had entertainment enough, and dashed behind the scenes without stopping to bow my acknowledgements. I do not often lose my self-possession on the stage, but sometimes it has been sorely tried. Once, during a three months' vacation from the Holman troupe, I went to Girv's theatre in Wellington, and while there I was cast for the first play in 'Hamlet.' I knew my part, but several members of the company insisted in prompting me, and came on during my run. In the scene between Hamlet and the players I had to say:

When he finds me
Striking too short—Greece, etc.

Just as P. Q. had given me my cue, one of my mischievous friends prompted me in this wise:

When he finds me
Striking at too short Greece.

It was only by an immense effort that I escaped making a laughing stock of myself, faltered and almost stopped short at the word 'striking,' but managed to read the line correctly, and nursed my wrath as best I could through the remainder of the scene."

BURYING A PRIZE-FIGHTER.

THE MAN WHO DIED IN PRISON AFTER BEATING AN OPPONENT TO DEATH.

Some five or six hundred idlers, none of whom had probably witnessed the funeral cortege of a defunct prize-fighter, were congregated around the humble home of the dead Weeden's parents, on McKean street, above Eleventh, yesterday afternoon. The interior of the house was also thronged with relatives and friends of the deceased. The body was laid out in the front room or parlor in a plain black coffin. A profusion of flowers was scattered over the white shroud, and at the feet was a wreath of immortelles, in the centre of which the words "At Rest at Last" were tastefully woven. The face of the dead man was calm and bore few traces of the prolonged illness through which he had passed. There was perceptible little or no emaciation of the frame. Altogether Weeden looked as robust as when he faced Walker in the ring at Pensville. He seemed rather to be asleep than dead.

At the foot of the coffin his mother sat weeping, while to the assemblage the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Macedonian Baptist Church, spoke of the lesson which was taught by the life and death of her misguided son. His eloquent warning fell upon the ears of many who had been Weeden's companions and admirers during his career as a pugilistic. They all listened respectfully and some were moved to tears.

Arthur Chambers was on hand, the acknowledged master of ceremonies. He had been the first friend of Weeden, and his eyes were red with weeping. Fred Smith, a well-known "boxer," was also present, as was Frank Gernley, who refereed in the fight at Pensville, where Walker met his death, and "Bill" Coates and Noah Morgan, of Harry Hyatt, and William Early, all well known to fame in the world of factious pugilists.

At the appointed hour the lid of the coffin was screwed down, and the remains returned to the hearse. The pall-bearers were Arthur Chambers, Harry Hocken, Stephen Clark, and Mike Clery. The last named was a man who was once the opponent of Walker in the ring. At 3:30 o'clock the hearse, followed by four carriages, rolled slowly to Mount Moriah Cemetery.

Weeden died of heart disease, and his consumption as was generally supposed. His illness came upon him suddenly, and he was undergoing imprisonment in the Trenton Penitentiary for the killing of Walker, and was probably induced by the terrible body punishment inflicted on him during the fight with Walker, or Keen, which he had fought at the Blacksmith on Market & Taylor streets. Walker, or Keen, was a heavy fighter, and a very powerful man.

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A SHREWD DODGE OF SWISS GUIDES.

An artist has recently published in a French journal an account of his Swiss sketching tour. On a beautiful afternoon in last June he left his hotel in Interlaken, went out alone with his camp stool and easel, and strayed as far as the foot of the Jungfrau. As he was about to begin his sketch he was started by seeing in front of him a huge bear, that growled ferociously. He seized a revolver and levelled it at the beast, but before he could fire he heard the words, "Halt! halt!" The bear sat on his hind legs and wrung his fore paws. "What," cried the artist, "do bears speak English?" Then, holding the revolver close to the nose of the pretended beast, he demanded, "What dost thou in this accursed costume?" The rogue in the bear's skin replied that he was merely making his living. He was a driver by profession, but the season had been a very bad one, and he was obliged to take

the eyes of the learned men of the country to a fact in the science of motion of which they were previously in ignorance. It was practically demonstrated in Cincinnati before over a thousand witnesses, including several prominent mathematicians, and the experiments made were thoroughly successful. The trial occurred Oct. 20, and the result was published in *The Clipper* at that time.

The theory of the curve is a very simple matter when it is examined into. The curve is produced by imparting to the ball a rotary motion, which causes it to revolve on its axis, similarly to the spinning of a top. By this motion double the amount of friction through the air is induced on one side of the ball to what is produced on the other, and thereby the horizontal curved line through the air is the result. The *modus operandi* of imparting this curve to the ball is thus described by R. H. Hammond, of Cincinnati. He says:

'A right-handed pitcher can easily curve the ball to strike near the handle of the bat by revolving the ball to the right, but as pitching the ball out of the reach of the batter is desirable it must revolve and curve to the pitcher's left. Here is where a left-handed pitcher has the advantage, as most batters are right-handed. For a right-hand pitcher to do this there are several ways; one is to draw the thumb as far as possible towards the little finger in holding the ball and in drawing the arm back to pitch to turn the hand outward; when the arm is brought forward the hand is turned over towards the left, by which the ball revolves to the left, and again the revolving is increased as much, if not more, by the action of the thumb in its position turning the ball as it leaves the hand.'

THE MONEY CONSIDERATION IN GIVING THE SECOND HORSE A RECORD.

This question, "Will it reduce his money value?" we take it, embraces the pith of the opposition to the proposed measure of timing the second horse. It is possible some men may oppose it merely for the sake of maintaining a kind of mystery about their horses, without having any special object beyond that; but men are all cast substantially in the same mould, and we think the only argument, either solid or specious, that can be urged, is the financial one. To this phase of the question, then, we have two or three very brief considerations to present.

First.—Associations holding trotting meetings can have no regard for what record a horse may be compelled to make, in order to win any part of the purse. If they are honest men, they must administer the race so that the best horse will win.

Second.—If a horse goes through a campaign, winning second place and the second share of the public money, and at the end of the campaign has a great price fixed upon him merely because he has no record, all that amount above what his price would have been with his just record is so much money dishonestly obtained.

Third.—The additional price placed upon the successful campaigner without a record is determined by the unfair advantage he may have over slower horses in slower classes. This point is self-evident, and needs no argument.

Fourth.—This fictitious money price of the horse has not only been obtained by unfair means, but, in preparing to obtain it, he has robbed slower horses out of what they would have won if he had been in his proper class. It not only has this retrospective aspect, but it looks to the future, and counts his chances for sweeping the slower classes where in justice he should have no right.

Fifth.—The increased price of a successful second-place campaigner is made up out of the depreciation of the horses with which he is brought into competition. This is the point to which we wish to call special attention. Mr. A. has a valuable young horse that has trotted in thirty and a fraction, and next year he expects to send him well down into the twenties. Mr. B. has a horse with no record below thirty, but he has frequently lapped the winner out in twenty-three or twenty-four, and these two horses will be in the same class through the next campaign. Everybody knows that a dozen men stand ready to buy B.'s horse at a great price, while A. could hardly find a man willing to take his horse as a gift, and trot him in the circuit against B.'s horse. In this simple illustration we have the whole matter; where one man

along his spine that double-edged knife. It is claimed that a few shocks will eventually bring any horse, however ugly, to terms. The bit will be tried on Cognac on Sunday afternoon. Prof. Tapp, who has made Cognac his study, states that the man-eater's propensity for taking a slice out of every man he sees is directly caused by cruel blows on the head given him by former owners. These blows deranged his brain and rendered his head tender, and instead of fighting with the feet, as the natural way for courses to battle, he fights with his mouth in order to protect his sore head. Tapp further thinks that the electricity, in addition to keeping the man-eater in check, will also tend to regulate his brain. At any rate, the result of the exhibition on Sunday will be another brick in the tower of electric science. The experiment was tried on a mustang at the stables yesterday with gratifying results. But Cognac is blissfully unconscious of the forthcoming earthquake in his mouth.

HOW A HORSE KEPT WARM.

The Meriden (Conn.) Republican tells this story:—"One cold morning last week, Dr. Wilson drove up to a house on Crown street, and left his horse without hitching it. The horse waited a few moments, and his master not returning, he began to lance a double snuff, presumably to get his feet warm. Finding this rather monotonous, he started up toward Olive street, keeping up a kind of Kentucky breakdown. When he had gone several rods, he cramped the buggy, backed, and turned round as neatly as though guided by a skillful driver, and pranced back to the hitching-post. Here he waited about five minutes, and then started toward Main street, going through several kinds of paces. Near the corner he stopped and turned round as skillfully as before, and frightened a boy, who had tried to stop him, almost out of his wits, by pursuing said boy with open mouth and bent back ears, as though his usual habit was to eat every small boy that he came across. He then continued his antics until he had reached the house where he had been left, and when Dr. Wilson came out he was standing at the hitching-post, as demurely as though he had never thought of leaving it."

A DANGEROUS CREATURE.

A SERPENT SEEN IN THE DESCHENES LAKE.

About two weeks ago, as Mr. Bradley and his son, both residents of Eardley, were crossing from Buchan's Bay to McLean's Landing, about 17 miles above this village, they were suddenly startled by a hissing sound coming quite close to them. On turning round they saw a large serpent, or something of that nature, coming up the river at a great speed. It passed within three or four feet of their boat, with its head and neck protruding above the water about four feet. A strong westerly breeze was blowing at the time, but he says it made great headway, going as fast as a steam tug, and seemed to be heading for the Chatts Rapids. He was so scared for the time that he scarcely knew what to do—it passed so near his boat he could have struck it with his oar. It being about seven o'clock in the evening he could not distinguish its color, but from the bend in its neck, he says it resembles a horse very much. Mr. Bradley and his son are both willing to testify to the above.—*Aylmer Times*.

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fourth heat in 2:23, and Little Fred the 5th and sixth in 2:23, 2:26. The next week at Rochester he trotted the three best heats of his life, beating Blue Mare, Little Gypsy, May Bird, Amy B. and Breeze in 2:21, 2:22, 2:21. This year he again started in the Eastern circuit, and at Buffalo obtained a record of 2:20. He was then prostrated by a severe cold and did nothing of consequence afterward.

GIBB CUTS DOWN THE FIGURES.

On Saturday, Nov. 17, a ten-mile race for a challenge cup presented to the London A. C. by F. S. Weill came off at the grounds at Stamford Bridge, London Eng. More than usual interest was evinced in this race, it being generally anticipated that J. Gibb would accomplish a wonderful performance. His only opponents were W. E. Fuller, P. H. Stenning, and W. A. Tyler, and they were not in the hunt after the first quarter. Gibb, without being pressed, ultimately winning by nearly half a mile, completing the ten miles in 54min 46sec, or 1min 18-sec faster than any amateur had previously run the same distance. Gibb finished remarkably fresh, and, wonderful as the performance is, there is no doubt that had it been necessary, he could have made even better time. His times for the following distances were also the best on record: Six miles, 32.07; seven, 37.46; eight, 43.30; nine, 49.15.

CRANE ON CRANE.

Mr. W. H. Crane, the well-known actor, who "learned his business" in this city, unbosomed himself of studious reminiscences to a reporter for a Boston paper the other day: "I was always wild on music," said Mr. Crane, "and fond of singing, so when, on leaving school in 1863, at the age of eighteen I had an opportunity of joining the Holman Opera Troupe, I jumped at it, and immediately secured an engagement. I was with that company seven years, and obtained a thorough dramatic schooling, besides ample facilities for developing and training my voice. When I first joined, my salary was 'nothing a month and found,' with victuals and clothes thrown in, and I worked harder then I did last year for \$200 a week. Presently, however, I got a 'rise,' and when I reached \$20 a week, I felt rich as a king. But I had to earn it, I assure you. Why, I have a bill out home, which shows that on one night at Toronto I sang the part of Count Arnheim in 'Bohemian Girl,' played 'Handy Andy,' introducing Irish jigs and a song, and 'Paddy Miles' Boy,' and besides that sang and danced between the acts. There's a night's work for you! I have had some curious experience in parts of an entirely different character. I remember once I played Balder in 'Streets of New York,' and sang Mephistopheles in 'Faust,' on the same evening. I shall never forget my first part. It was about three months after I joined the Holman company, and, as it happened, the only bass voice available that night was mine. So I was cast for Count Arnheim. I had no wig and filled my hair with powder, and stuck a grey moustache and long "imperial" on my beardless face. I was very nervous—my friend Robson says, by the way, that I am the most nervous first-nighter he ever knew—but I got on very well until I went out to sing 'The Heart Bowed Down.' I faced the footlights, and all the horrors of situation burst upon me. I perspired like rain at every pore, and to add to my distress, the gum arabic with which my 'imperial' was fastened on began to dissolve, and the long piece of false hair commenced to slip down. I stumbled in the song, forgot my words, and skipped from the first verse to the last of the second. Then turning my back to the audience, I caught

were fastened upon him. The two dead men were calm and bore few traces of the prolonged process through which they had passed. There was perceptible emaciation of the frame. Altogether Walker looked as robust as when he faced Walker in the ring at Pennsville. He seemed rather to be asleep than dead.

At the foot of the coffin his mother was weeping, while to the assemblage the Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Macedonian Baptist Church, spoke of the lesson which was taught by the life and death of her misguided son. His eloquent warning fell upon the ears of many who had been Woodmen's companions and admirers during his career as pugilistic. They all listened respectfully, and some were moved to tears.

Arthur Chambers was on hand, the acknowledged master of ceremonies. He had been the first friend of Woodson, and his face was red with weeping. Fred Smith, a well-known "boxer," was also present, as was Frank Germley, the referee in the fight at Pennsville, where Walker met his death, and "Bill" Coates and Neph Megaw, and Harry Hyatt, and William Early, all well known to fame in the world of East-ward.

At the appointed hour the hearse, which was screwed down, and the remains removed to the hearse. The pall-bearers were Arthur Chambers, Harry Helen, Stephen Clarke, and Mike Clery. The last named young man was once the opponent of Woodson in the ring. At 3:30 o'clock the hearse, followed by four carriages, rolled slowly off to Mount Moran Cemetery.

Weeden died of heart disease, and not consumption as was generally supposed. His illness came upon him when he was undergoing imprisonment in the Trenton Penitentiary for the killing of Walker, and was probably induced by the terrible body punishment inflicted on him during the fight when he killed so disastrously. He was a true blacksmith in Morris & Parker's foundry, Walker, or Koma, was his helper. The extraordinary physical development of young men attracted attention of sports people, and they were induced to fight for money. Weeden was the victor, but the friends of Walker were confident of his ability to win if better trained, and a second battle was fought between them. The latter conflict was one of the most brutal of all the brutal business, and cost both men their lives.

FRESH EGGS IN WINTER.

Fowl must have warm quarters if they are expected to lay anything in the egg line during winter. If it is to run the barn yard and roost in open sheds, it will be all they can do to exist through the extreme winter. To do their best as layers, they should have a frost-proof house with a glass front facing the south. If thus provided and supplied with good food, water, and lime, and a lot of sand and ashes, they will lay as well in the summer. It is held by some that hens will only lay a certain number of eggs during the year, and that to stimulate laying in winter is like stimulating house-plants to bloom indoors during cold weather. In hot cases, there must be a period of rest at some other season. Granting this, it is desirable to have at least a part of the stock set as to lay in winter. It is then that fresh eggs are most welcome on the breakfast table, and it is then that they command the highest price in the market. A little extra expense and trouble are well expended in securing a supply of now-laid eggs during winter.

One lady in Maine boasts hair eight feet and one inch in length, and that she has refused an offer of \$2,000 for it.



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CANADIAN.

Oshawa.....May 24
Clinton.....May 23 to 24

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Charleston, S. C.....Feb 5 to 9
St Louis, Mo.....June 4 to 8

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Freeport, Ill.....May 30 to June 2
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Springfield, Mass.....Aug 20 to 23
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Mystic Park, Boston.....Sept 3 to 6

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advance, and when we wait for a year or two consider ourselves very illly repaid when we receive an excuse instead of the money, and have the cost of sending and returning the draft to pay besides. It is our intention to collect this money, and if subscribers in arrears will not recognize our drafts, we will be obliged to proceed in a more unpleasant and costly way.

MINATURE STOCK EXCHANGES.

The speculative element which appears to be inherent to human nature will show itself despite what sumptuary laws may be made to repress it. No sooner are restrictions placed on one channel of popular speculation than it develops itself in another. What is looked upon as a legitimate business, when carried on to a degree sufficiently great, drops into the worst kind of gambling when it becomes reduced in its proportions of capital to such an extent as to permit the *holli polli* to partake of its pleasures and profits, its vicissitudes and laws. The fascination of gaming is as great for the lowly as the wealthy, and if the sums wagered are not equal in commercial value—still they may represent similar individual wealth. A capitalist of \$100,000 will invest \$50,000 in a stock speculation, and it is a legitimate business; but if a man who has only \$10 in his possession attempts to place \$5 at a risk similar to his more fortunate neighbor, the power of the law is asked to prevent him exercising his liberty. The tenor of our remarks applies just now to the States, and will be better understood by what follows, when we show what is being done in New York City under the name of miniature stock exchanges.

When undue and unhealthy speculation takes possession of the public almost universally, it may be politic for the good offices of the government to interfere for its repression. Years ago, lotteries were in vogue and carried on under the implied protection of the authorities, but in time the system became so universal, and so many abuses became connected with the drawings, that the strong arm of the law was invoked for the abolition of the system. Pool-selling then became rife, and so long as it was confined to the middle class, was accepted as an institution of the country; but as soon as it was brought within the means of all classes at all times and places it became a scandal, and the institution was not directed from further usefulness or harm. Fortunately, in Canada pool-selling was never degraded as it had been in New York City, and the foolish and uncalled for ban placed on it here was both unnecessary and unjust.

The latest development in popular speculation in New York is to be found in the miniature stock exchanges. Their system of working is precisely the same as that used at the regular board. The exception is in the details. While at the regular board a respectable sum is demanded as a margin, in the "minatures" as small an amount as one dollar can be invested as a margin at 1-16 per cent. commission. The papers contain alluringly worded advertisements calling the attention of the reader to the advantages of such investments, and the wonderful profits which are likely to be shared in. Stocks or grain can be traded in now on such an infinitesimal capital. The result of it is that everybody—men and boys—are becoming stock gamblers—bulls and bears. The minatures are yet young, can scarcely be said to have an existence, but so great already has been their success that the Law Committee of the New York Stock Exchange has called upon the District Attorney to exercise his power and authority to suppress

men by the operation of our law. The consequence of this dissimilarity in the provisions of the laws of the two countries was, that the American fishermen were able to pursue their avocation to the manifest prejudice of the Canadians, who were obliged to stand idly by, hands in pockets, and look on at their neighbor across the river drawing their seines and carrying on their business as usual. This disability being brought under the notice of the Ottawa Government, such changes as were demanded in the interests of the fishermen on the Detroit river were made, when the parties engaged in the fishing business on both sides of the river stood on the same basis. The source of prejudice against the Canucks, being removed they were able at all times to compete with their neighbors across the river. This difficulty being overcome, no further trouble was anticipated in the fish trade in that section.

But our American cousins were determined to have the best of the trade, and to drive the finny resources of the river into their nets. A knowledge of the habits of the fish enabled the Americans to devise a scheme by which the fish from the Canadian shore would be driven over to the other side. This was accomplished by what is technically known as "shingling." It may be as well to state what "shingling" is. Small pieces of board are anchored several inches below the surface of the water, and these are tossed to and fro by the current, thus frightening the fish away from the places in which the boards are anchored. Hundreds of these "shingles" were placed close to the Canadian shore, the effect of which was to frighten the fish from the Canadian to the American side, reducing the catch on this side materially this season.

This being brought under the notice of the Dominion authorities, they instructed the local inspectors to take such measures as would prevent a continuance or a repetition of the practise, but for this season the injury had been already inflicted, and the damage to the fishing interest on the Canadian shore has been much greater than would be imagined by such a simple device. It is thought the injury will not be permanent, but with a stoppage of "shingling" the fish will return to the Canadian shore, and the supply will be equal to what it was before this piratical scheme came into vogue. "Shingling" the fish, is the last *casus belli* between the Canadian and American fisherman, and we trust it has been removed.

HANLAN—COURTNEY.

The bold proposition made by a gentleman of this city, in last week's SPORTING TIMES, to match Courtney against Hanlan two races, (one of three miles and one of five miles) for \$2,500 a side, each race, is not likely to meet with an immediate response from Hanlan's friends. It has been represented to us that they have no intention of making any engagements for Hanlan until spring, when, if the proposition is still open, they will give it the attention it deserves. Hanlan, himself, in speaking to us, expressed his willingness to row Courtney, or any other man. If the match had been got on this winter, it would have done much to keep up the interest in aquatic matters in this city, created by the Hanlan-Ross race, and which may die out before next season. Present appearances indicate Hanlan will not have to rest on his oars waiting for a competitor.

DEATH OF MR. HUGH SMITH.

Mr. Hugh Smith, of Detroit, Mich., died in that city on the 27th ult. He had been in feeble health for some time, and was being cared for by his sister at Trosson near that

PAROLE WILL NOT GO WEST.

Mr. P. Lorillard has addressed a letter to the Turf, Field and Farm, in which he states he does not propose to send Parole or any of his horses to Louisville, Ky., next spring. He says he has a large number of horses in training and only one trainer, and it would be impossible for him to divide his stable.

So far as Parole is concerned, this would decidedly indicate that any chance of him meeting Ten Broeck in the West is not to be considered, so that if these horses are to come together next season it must be on some Eastern track—Saratoga or Jerome possibly. There is not much probability of Mr. G. Lorillard sending Tom Ochiltree West; so if the mountain will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet must come to the mountain. If the defeat of Ten Broeck at Baltimore this fall is to be wiped out it must be done after he takes a trip across the Ohio.

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. James Sutherland, of Woodstock, has been elected Captain of Operative Fire Co., No. 3, in that burg.

We want items of information from every city, town and village where a trotter or race-horse is kept. Drop us a note in your own style telling us how and where the horses are wintering.

The stallion Hyperion, record 2:37, was burned at Peter Ackerman's opposite Hackensack, N. J., on Dec. 7. He was valued at \$20,000. Besides there were destroyed a brood mare with foal which cost \$6,000, and six other valuable young horses.

The board of appeals of the national trotting association, at Hartford, decided to continue the reinstatement of Dan Mace, made at Rochester races last summer; also to absolutely remove the expulsion of Frank Van Ness, of Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. F. J. Chubb, of Guelph, Ont., in the Turf, Field and Farm, claims the name of Abdallah Chief for his chestnut colt, foaled 1878, by Caledonia Chief, dam Maggie by old Abdallah.

A man by the name of Hollingham, calling himself a veterinary surgeon, has been victimizing the good people of Walton, Ont. He put up at Bornein's hotel, and after remaining a couple of weeks, one night quietly folded his tent and gently slipped away, without as much as saying good-bye.

Messrs. Bennett & Switzer, of Sebringville, Ont., shipped on Tuesday last sixteen fine draught horses for New York. They will continue to buy during the winter at the same point.

A change in the business has taken place in the Windsor Hotel here. Mr. Scully has retired, and now Mr. P. Finnigan is the sole proprietor. The Windsor is one of our best houses, and deservedly enjoys a large share of public patronage.

Mr. Geo. B. Baker, of Stoutsburg, P. Q., has recently purchased from Mr. Danl. Spencer, of Cranston, R. I., the young stallion Lord Warwick, 4 yrs, by Lord Byron (son of the Winslow horse), dam Empress, by the same sire. The Winslow, or Fitch horse, as it is sometimes called, was by Rysdyk's Humbletonian.

Mr. P. Wakem, of Whitby, shipped from Toronto on Monday last a car load of heavy draught horses to the oil regions in Pennsylvania. They were purchased principally in the Co. of Ontario.

Mr. Geo. Clarkson writes rather despondingly of Kentucky. He says what he has seen of it and the people does not compare over favorably with Canada and the

THE BRIGHTWOOD AFFIDAVITS.

The following are the affidavits by which the man Cumber inveigled the Earlville and other associations in the Illinois circuit into paying him the money won by Brightwood at their meetings. Subsequent events have shown that the horse described in the affidavits and Brightwood or Clover were different animals. However, through the means of the accompanying evidence, Cumber was able to perpetrate what may be characterized the fraud of the year:—

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.—I, Charles D. Holmes, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, in Canada, hotel-keeper, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, do hereby depose, declare, and affirm, that I did, on the second day of July last past, sell to Timothy Cumber one bay gelding, of about six years old, with one white hind foot, little white in the forehead, roach backed, sloped rump, and short in the neck; had fair mane and tail, stood fifteen hands and one-half, or thereabouts, in height. I bought the said horse from Peter J. Pilkey, of Brantford, Ont., in the fall of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six. I did not purchase him for trotting purposes for he mixed his gait, but used to show very fast on the road in his manner of going, but he became quite steady before I sold him by putting toe-weights on him. He never trotted for money up to the time I sold him to Mr. Cumber, neither did he have record of name until Mr. Cumber named him Brightwood. I usually called him my colt, and further, I deponent, say not, and have signed CHARLES D. HOLMES.

Sworn before me, at the said City of Montreal, this twenty-second of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

H. BRODIE, of Montreal, Notary Public.

I, Peter J. Pilkey, of the city of Brantford, County of Brant, in the Province of Ontario, being duly sworn, do hereby depose, declare, and affirm, that I did, in the month of September, seventy-six, sell to Charles D. Holmes, then hotel keeper in Sherbrooke, Can., now hotel keeper in Montreal, one bay gelding, then five years old, now being six years old past; said horse I bred, sire Clear Grit, dam Royal Revenge, said sire Clear Grit, owned by one D. Mitchell, of this place, said dam owned by myself. I also have two other colts of same breeding; the said colt, which I sold to Mr. Holmes, was a bright bay, fifteen and one-half hands, slim neck and sloped rump. Was, at the time I sold him, a broken-gaited colt—what would be termed mixed gaited. Had a common mane and tail, was very peculiar gaited; in fact, I thought but little of him; sold him for a small price; did not think him of any account; was quite fast at his way of going; never heard from him until lately since I sold him, but of late I hear he has become steady, also that Mr. Holmes sold him to Mr. Cumber, who has had trouble about his not being eligible to compete for slow races. I also affirm that said horse was never hitched to a sulky while I owned him, neither had he name or record when I sold him to Mr. Holmes. P. J. PILKEY.

Declared before me, at Brantford, this 25th of September, A. D. 1877.

ALFRED J. WILKES, a Commissioner.

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.—I, Jean Baptiste Lepine, of the place called Hochelaga, in the County of Hochelaga, in the district of Montreal, in the said Province of Quebec, in Canada, hotel keeper and owner of the Lepine Park, at Hochelaga, aforesaid, do hereby make oath and say that I know of a horse which was formerly owned by Chas. D. Holmes, of the City of Montreal, in said Province of Quebec, hotel keeper, of a bright bay color, stood 15½ hands, short-necked, somewhat inclined to be hump-backed, sloped in the rump, little white spot in the forehead, his gait being somewhat mixed, could go very fast, his ordinary way of going; looked as though he would fall to pieces; that is to say, when going slowly, but looked all right when going fast. I have seen said Chas. D. Holmes drive said horse on my track, and I understand said Holmes sold him, said horse, to Timothy Cumber, and said horse had a white hind foot. The foregoing facts are to my own knowledge, and I make my mark of a cross, not being able to write.

Jean Baptiste [his X mark] LEPINE.
Sworn before me, at the said city of Montreal, this 21st day of September, A. D. 1877.

H. BRODIE, Notary Public.

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A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

The third year of our proprietorship of the *SPORTING TIMES* is drawing to a close. During the time it has been under our management it has been a regular, and we hope acceptable, visitor to the reader. It has been our practice to issue drafts in September on those who were in default with their subscriptions; but this year, instead, made a call through the columns of the paper requesting all who were indebted to remit the amounts due. With regret, we are obliged to acknowledge the appeal was not responded to with that alacrity which we anticipated would be shown. During this and next week we will issue drafts upon all of our subscribers who are in arrears for subscriptions, that can be reached through Express offices, and we expect they will be promptly paid. There are thousands of dollars due us, and the want of this money seriously impedes our efforts to bring the paper up to our ideal. Those who are indebted for over a year will, we hope, see the necessity of prompt payment. The terms of subscription are in

years ago, editors were in vogue and carried on under the implied protection of the authorities, but in time the system became so universal, and so many abuses became connected with the drawings, that the strong arm of the law was invoked for the abolition of the system. Pool-selling then became rife, and so long as it was confined to the middle class, was accepted as an institution of the country; but as soon as it was brought within the means of all classes at all times and places it became a scandal, and the institution was interdicted from further usefulness or harm. Fortunately, in Canada pool-selling was never degraded as it had been in New York City, and the foolish and uncalculated ban placed on it here was both unnecessary and unjust.

The latest development in popular speculation in New York is to be found in the miniature stock exchanges. Their system of working is precisely the same as that used at the regular board. The exception is in the details. While at the regular board a respectable sum is demanded as a margin, in the "manatures" as small an amount as one dollar can be invested as a margin at 1-16 per cent. commission. The papers contain alluringly worded advertisements calling the attention of the reader to the advantages of such investments, and the wonderful profits which are likely to be shared in. Stocks or grain can be traded in now on such an infinitesimal capital. The result of it is that everybody—men and boys—are becoming stock gamblers—bulls and bears. The minatures are yet young, can scarcely be said to have an existence, but so great already has been their success that the Law Committee of the New York Stock Exchange has called upon the District Attorney to exercise his power and influence to suppress them. That legal functionary admitted he did not see any difference between the gambling at these places and the New York Exchange, except in the amount staked, and could not do anything in the matter. Thus the trouble stands, and possibly will, until some hypocritical legislator from the rural part of the State forces a bill for its repression through the house at Albany, in the same manner as the pool-bill was passed, by appealing to the morality of the members, and urging the immediate necessity of suppressing such a vice in the interests of the commonwealth. But how to choke off the little ones without destroying the big ones is a problem which may be difficult of solution. The whole system will have to be attacked, as it would be manifestly improper to legalize gambling by wholesale, while the same speculations in retail would be considered *contra bonos mores*.

"SHINGLING."

For ways that are dark and tricks that are vain, our American cousins will take rank in some things with the heathen Chinese, so graphically described by Bret Harte. Last season it will be remembered there was considerable difficulty at Windsor over the fishery question. The trouble was caused by the law of the United States permitting their fishermen to take fish at a time when the season was closed to the Canadian fisher-

men. The law had been already violated, and the damage to the fishing interest on the Canadian shore has been much greater than would be imagined by such a simple device. It is thought the injury will not be permanent, but with a stoppage of "shingling" the fish will return to the Canadian shore, and the supply will be equal to what it was before this piratical scheme came into vogue. "Shingling" the fish, is the last *casus belli* between the Canadian and American fisherman, and we trust it has been removed.

HANLAN—COURTNEY.

The bold proposition made by a gentleman of this city, in last week's *SPORTING TIMES*, to match Courtney against Hanlan two races, (one of three miles and one of five miles) for \$2,500 a side, each race, is not likely to meet with an immediate response from Hanlan's friends. It has been represented to us that they have no intention of making any engagements for Hanlan until spring, when, if the proposition is still open, they will give it the attention it deserves. Hanlan, himself, in speaking to us, expressed his willingness to row Courtney, or any other man. If the match had been got on this winter, it would have done much to keep up the interest in aquatic matters in this city, created by the Hanlan-Ross race, and which may die out before next season. Present appearances indicate Hanlan will not have to rest on his oars waiting for a competitor.

DEATH OF MR. HUGH SMITH.

Mr. Hugh Smith, of Detroit, Mich., died in that city on the 27th ult. He had been in feeble health for some time, and was being cared for by his sister at Trenton near that city. Becoming delirious he escaped from her charge, and was making his way to the city, walking on the track of the Canada Southern Railway. Being met by a train, he stepped off the track, but not sufficient to escape being struck by the caboose. His arm was broken in two or three places and he received severe injuries about the head. After the accident he lived a couple of days.

Mr. Smith was well-known to the turfmen who have visited the Michigan Circuit. For years he has been the official pool-seller at Jackson, and last year sold through the whole circuit. Mr. Smith was comparatively a young man, and had apparently many years of usefulness before him. He was a prominent member of the Detroit Horse Breeder's Association, and exerted himself to further its interests and the welfare of racing in that section. In Detroit he was a popular favorite, and no man's name was more respected than that of Hugh Smith. His many good qualities endeared him to every one with whom he was brought in contact. His unquestioned honesty, exemplary social habits, pleasant companionship, and sterling good character, made him hosts of friends, who will deeply regret to hear of his untimely demise. In all respects he was a model sporting man, and his memory will remain green in the minds of the thousands, who have had business transactions with him.

Near, of Rochester, N. Y.
Mr. F. J. Chubb, of Guelph, Ont., in the Turf, Field and Farm, claims the name of Abdallah Chief for his chestnut colt, foaled 1878, by Caledonia Chief, dam Maggio by old Abdallah.

A man by the name of Hollingham, calling himself a veterinary surgeon, has been victimizing the good people of Walton, Ont. He put up at Bornein's hotel, and after remaining a couple of weeks, one night quietly folded his tent and gently slipped away, without as much as saying good-bye.

Messrs. Bennett & Switzer, of Sebringville, Ont., shipped on Tuesday last sixteen fine draught horses for New York. They will continue to buy during the winter at the same point.

A change in the business has taken place in the Windsor Hotel here. Mr. Scully has retired, and now Mr. P. Finnigan is the sole proprietor. The Windsor is one of our best houses, and deservedly enjoys a large share of public patronage.

Mr. Geo. B. Baker, of Stoutsburg, P. Q., has recently purchased from Mr. Danl. Spencer, of Cranston, R. I., the young stallion Lord Warwick, 4 yrs, by Lord Byron (son of the Winslow horse), dam Empress, by the same sire. The Winslow, or Fitch horse, as he was sometimes called, was by Rysdyk's Hambletonian.

Mr. P. Wakem, of Whitby, shipped from Toronto on Monday last a car load of heavy draught horses to the oil regions in Pennsylvania. They were purchased principally in the Co. of Ontario.

Mr. Geo. Clarkson writes rather despondingly of Kentucky. He says what he has seen of it and the people does not compare over favorably with Canada and the Canucks.

A fine bay Hambletonian gelding is offered for sale in to-day's paper. He is said to have never been handled by a professional driver, and it is claimed he can trot in 2:40 sure, with indications of much greater speed. There is no doubt of him being picked up at once, as his owner will sell him cheap.

The \$5 Paris Mutual tickets on Ella Rowett in the two-mile dash she won at New Orleans last week paid \$375!

AMERICAN STUD BOOK.

Col. S. D. Bruce, of the Turf, Field and Farm, New York, and compiler of the American Stud Book, acknowledges his indebtedness to those breeders of thoroughbred stock who have promptly reported their foals of 1877, and such other thoroughbreds as have not been heretofore registered. In order to anticipate the foals of 1878, the forthcoming third volume of the Stud Book, breeders are requested to furnish a list of their brood mares which have been bred this season, together with the names of the stallions by which they were served. The third volume of the American Stud Book is now approaching its completion and its publication cannot be delayed longer than the 31st of December inst. Parties who have not yet sent in their thoroughbred stock for registry therein are, therefore, again requested to do so without further delay.

thought but little of him; sold him for a small price; did not think him of any account; was quite fast at his way of going; never heard from him until lately since I sold him, but of late I hear he has become steady, also that Mr. Holmes sold him to Mr. Cumber, who has had trouble about his not being eligible to compete for slow races. I also affirm that said horse was never hitched to a sulky while I owned him, neither had he name or record when I sold him to Mr. Holmes.
P. J. PILKEY.
Declared before me, at Brantford, this 25th of September, A. D. 1877.

ALFRED J. WILKES, a Commissioner.

Province of Quebec, District of Montreal.—I, Jean Baptiste Lepine, of the place called Hochelaga, in the County of Hochelaga, in the district of Montreal, in the said Province of Quebec, in Canada, hotel keeper and owner of the Lepine Park, at Hochelaga, aforesaid, do hereby make oath and say that I know of a horse which was formerly owned by Chas. D. Holmes, of the City of Montreal, in said Province of Quebec, hotel keeper, of a bright bay color, stood 15½ hands, short-necked, somewhat inclined to be hump-backed, sloped in the rump, little white spot in the forehead, his gait being somewhat mixed, could go very fast, his ordinary way of going; looked as though he would fall to pieces; that is to say, when going slowly, but looked all right when going fast. I have seen said Chas. D. Holmes drive said horse on my track, and I understand said Holmes sold him, said horse, to Timothy Cumber, and said horse had a white hind foot. The foregoing facts are to my own knowledge, and I make my mark of a cross, not being able to write.

JEAN BAPTISTE (his X mark) LEPINE.
Sworn before me, at the said city of Montreal, this 21st day of September, A. D. 1877.

H. BRODIE, Notary Public.

To Correspondents.

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

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

H., Bell Ewart.—It is a matter of opinion. In his specialties Johnson is probably as good as any. Bigger is a leading general athlete and ranks among the first. There is no record of jumping in the manner you specify.

R. D., Mt. Forest.—Imported Blacklock (Fidget) by Phantom, dam by Blacklock, is, we think, correct. Is this the Fidget you mean? There are several Fidgets in the American Stud Book.

FREE, Woodstock.—Rule 17 of the Revised Canada Rules for Pigeon shooting, by James Ward, is as follows:—"If after the trap is pulled the bird does not rise in one minute, the Referee shall call 'no bird'; and if the bird runs three yards from the trap, the Referee shall likewise give the shooter another."

GUELPH.—We have as yet been unable to place the matter in the hands of the person you suggested.

Mr. James Wilson, of Rushville, Ind., the owner of Blue Bull, was recently made the victim of misplaced confidence. Some weeks ago he purchased of J. A. Gosnell the pacing mare Bay Sallie, for \$2,500, paying \$500 at the time of sale. Some Detroit parties had also been negotiating for the mare, and telegraphed Mr. Wilson to ship her to that point to go in a match that had been made, and he accordingly shipped her in care of Dan Brown. The Detroit sharpers, by some means, got her away from Brown and spirited her across into Canada, where they still hold her.

Veterinary.

ONTARIO VET. COLLEGE SOCIETY.

The usual weekly meeting of the Society in connection with the Ontario Veterinary College, was held in the lecture room of the College, Thursday evening. The President, Dr. A. Smith, V. S., in the chair.

Mr. Deacon, of London, read a communication upon a case of Plebitis which came under his notice last summer while practising with Mr. Neil, V. S. It proved to be a very interesting case, and was well discussed. Dr. Smithers, of St. Louis, Missouri, then read a communication upon a case of "Hypertrophy of the Spleen," that organ upon examination, being found to weigh 88½ lbs., one of the largest on record. This case occurred in the practice of Mr. G. A. Reid, of Nanaimo. The communication was received with manifest interest by the gentlemen present, and several theories bearing upon this case were brought forward and discussed. After a short address from the President, and a vote of thanks to Messrs. Deacon and Smithers, the meeting adjourned.

The usual weekly meeting of the Literary Society, in connection with the Ontario Veterinary College, was held in the lecture room of the College last Thursday evening, 6th inst. The President, Prof. A. Smith, V. S., in the chair. After the usual preliminaries, Mr. McIvers read a very interesting and instructive essay on Glanders, which provoked a lengthy debate.

Mr. Wheat, of Burdett, N. Y., then read an exhaustive essay on Canker and Thrush, which was well discussed by the gentlemen present. After a short address from the Chairman, a vote of thanks was tendered to Messrs. McIvers and Wheat, and the meeting adjourned.

MONTREAL VETERINARY COLLEGE.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Montreal Veterinary Association, Professor McIvers in the chair, the latter presented two lectures and Dr. Cressy a copy of Baird's course work on the Mammals of North America to the library of the Association. A communication on Urinary Calcula and another on a rupture of the bladder in oxen was read by Dr. Cressy, and gave rise to an animated discussion, in which the President, C. C. McIvers, V. S., and others took part. A paper was read by Mr. O. Baneau on lockjaw in the lower animals, which was followed by an interesting discussion on the subject by Drs. Alloway, Cressy, Oser and others. At the next meeting interesting papers will be read by Dr. Alloway and Mr. F. W. McIvers.

Aquatic.

SCULLERS' MATCH ON THE TYNE.

[From the Sportsman, Nov. 20.]

Yesterday a scullers' match of exceptional interest was decided upon the Tyne, the contest being one in which leading representatives of the north and south respectively were concerned. The competitors were Thomas Blackman, of London, and William Nicholson, of Stockton, who antagonized under conditions of the most unusual sort. The stake at issue was £100 a side, and the course to be covered was the grand stretch of water on the Tyne between the High Level Bridge and Scotswood Suspension Bridge, a distance of 3 miles 3 furlongs and 100 yards. The special peculiarity of the match was that Blackman was allowed a time start of ten seconds—an advantage which we do not remember having previously been conceded in any first-class contest of this kind. Thomas Blackman was born at Portsmouth on the 18th of January, 1837, and he is, therefore, well over

age. Blackman could not make the slightest impression upon the pap of six lengths which separated the boats, and offers of 100 upon Nicholson went unheeded. The Stockton sculler reached Cooper's Stairs in 5m. 10s., Blackman passing the same point 15 seconds later; but Nicholson was now going so much the better of the two that 60 to 40 on him failed to lead to business. The dense crowds on the Meadows and the Haughs loudly cheered both men as they passed, but the race was now all over and the offers of 2 to 1 on Nicholson were declined. When they encountered their first taste of rough water the north countryman seemed to revel in it, but Blackman was then evidently done with, and the finish was slow and unexciting. The Thames sculler gradually dropped further astern, and Nicholson, finishing with a spurt, won by ten lengths. Time of the winner, 24m. 16s., Blackman passing through the bridge 15 seconds later.

A LETTER FROM EDWARD HANLAN.

TORONTO, Ont., Nov. 30, 1877.

EDITOR N. Y. SPORTSMAN—Dear Sir: I have this day received a copy of the article you give upon the question of Who is the Champion Sculler of the World? and now write to thank you for the same.

It is my hope that I may meet both Trickett and Courtney for a trial at the oar—that aquatic court of last resort—during the coming season, when, if I do, I shall try, and as conclusively demonstrate, my title to the championship, in my boat, as you have in your able sporting journal. I make bold to forward you a photograph taken after my race with Ross, of New Brunswick, which please accept with my compliments. It looks now as if another year would witness some splendid aquatic contests, and (D. V.) I shall try and "prove my title clear" by doing my level best to place my boat first at the winning line in any contest I engage in.

I realize how great the honor is of being "Champion of the World" in this age of civilization, and the justice you have done me touches me deeply. It was the judgment of a stranger, and so all the more impartial and gratifying.

Again I thank you for your favorable opinion, and trusting that I may always merit it, I am, yours very respectfully,

EDWARD HANLAN.

OTTAWA ICE RACES.

The programme for the Winter Meeting at Ottawa is published, but the dates will not be decided upon until it is known when Parliament will meet. The races will last four days and the purse money amounts to \$2,350, which is divided as follows:

- \$175—For local horses, bar Deceit and Moose.
- \$300—2:33 class.
- \$225—2:38 class, bar Deceit and Alexander.
- \$360—2:26 class.
- \$175—2:50 class (Canada horses, bar Deceit.)
- \$300—2:30 class.
- \$225—2:35 class.
- \$150—2:40 class, 5-mile dash.
- \$500—Free-for-all.

Fur, Fin and Feather.

"DEAR" HUNTERS.

Very few of our hunters are as successful in deer-stalking as two young ladies the principals of the following incident: A few days ago Rose and Gertrude Breckenridge, daughters of Mr. J. Breckenridge, of Belmont, while in vicinity of Long Lake, noticed a large deer madly rush into the water, evidently pursued and slightly wounded. Without a moment's hesitation the two girls procured a boat, armed themselves with clubs, and set after the deer. They soon encountered the aggravated animal, when the girls courageously commenced the attack with their clubs, and after a short contest brought his deership to bay, and had him conveyed to their home—a proof of their great victory and prowess.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Mr. John Hammon, of Windsor, writes to the Chicago Field, of the death of his cocker spaniel Dash, and the circumstances connected with it, which are so peculiar that we publish his statement in full. We never remember hearing of a similar case and would like the opinion of our dog savans on it; we ourselves are unable to diagnose the disease. He writes:

"I have lost by death to-day Dash, my blue blood cocker spaniel. About four days ago I noticed him biting his tail and I tied

News have been received of Walter Mumery, lately reported missing in the woods of Michigan, where he had gone to shoot game for the eastern market. It appears he took diphtheria, which was prevalent in Michigan, and is lying ill there with it.

About three weeks ago William Smith, of Columbia, Ky., set a steel trap for a hawk, and on the following day it was missing. Two weeks after an owl was killed in a neighboring town, sixteen miles distant, which had the large trap and heavy chain attached to its leg.

A GOOD JOKE—A salesman connected with one of the leading wholesale hardware firms on St. Paul street, Montreal, received a parcel, per express labelled "woodcocks" "with care." He gladly paid the charges, and, being of a proverbially benevolent disposition took his fellow clerks into his confidence and proceeded in their presence to open the parcel and show his prize. To his surprise and the uproarious mirth of his confreres the "game" was found to consist of two wood faucets—"wood cocks."

TROUBLED ABOUT THE DOG-TAX—A German, not long in this country, employed in an Ottawa establishment, was the owner of a couple of mongrel curs. Some of the boys sent him a bogus assessment paper, tax on the dogs. In order not to have to pay it, he took the canines down to the canal basin a few nights ago, and anchored them to the bottom by means of rope and stone. He has now been sent a summons to appear before the Superior Court to answer to a charge of "cruelty to animals;" and he swears that he will leave the country, if they don't allow a man full and perfect freedom to do as he pleases.

ANOTHER CARD FROM THE OWNER OF LADY GRANT.

Turf, Field and Farm: Your paper of Nov. 28 was duly read, for which you have my thanks. Your Urbana case does not seem to be hardly a parallel one. Lady Grant can trot, but the horse in the Urbana case could not. The owner had offered to match him against Dexter, Goldsmith Maid, or any other horse in the world. The owner of the inexpressible Lady Grant has never made any such boast; does not consider the above-named horses a match for her, they having never made as good time. Again, your Ohio friend was surrounded by wags; that kind of company I never keep. The men who have timed her are candid—would despise any such low tricks. Many of them live quite remote from me—one, by the name of Woodruff, of your own city. Now, you seem to have a very clear idea of the influence that the wag has over the lunatic. My experience, I own, is very limited; have never associated with either, unless it proves to be so in the present case. Now, bring out your hartshorn, for what I am about to state will quite take away your breath. On the highway that passes by my house I have fixed one half mile very nicely, for my own convenience, to trot upon. I selected a good timer (not a wag nor a boy), placed him upon the last eighty rods with instructions to count every second. He declared 27 seconds the result. Again, you said I should never get \$50,000 for Lady Grant. How did you reach this conclusion? You never saw her nor witnessed her performance at any time. Perhaps you would come to a different conclusion if you could see her on a good mile course hitched to her track wagon, with that fine, candid, unsophisticated old gentleman seated thereon with the sphinx being 2:14 very bad—an exhibition I, for one, would feel proud to have you witness.

Yours, respectfully,
WILLIAM TRASK.

AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

During the present year several hundred horses have been shipped from America to England, and there sold, generally at remunerative prices, ranging from \$500 to \$750. There is an impression that American reared horses do not do well in England, that from some cause they cannot perform even ordinary labor, and this opinion has in a measure affected the prices of those heretofore shipped and sold, but the prices received for the kind and quality shipped rather indicates that our English cousins have a pretty keen admiration of American horses. They speak of old Preakness in the most complimentary terms, and declare "that

SLOW GO IN LITIGATION.

After figuring conspicuously on the trotting turf during the past season, this well-known Western flyer has finally passed out of the hands of his trainer into those of the lawyers, and, for some time to come, will be given his trials over the course prescribed by the County Courts of Allegheny. At Pittsburgh, Pa., on 21st ult. the assignee of Theo. Kestner, through his attorney, filed a bill in equity, in the Common Pleas Court, against John Noble, the present possessor of the animal. The facts in the premises, as substantially related to us, are as follows: Some three years ago Kestner, the then owner of Slow Go, became involved in business, and obtained from Noble the sum of \$6,000, which amount was subsequently increased to \$8,300, giving, as security, a mortgage upon a farm, then owned by him, and the roan gelding included therewith. The farm eventually, by purchase, passed into Noble's hands, leaving Slow Go the present bone of contention standing between them. It was understood that Slow Go, whose star was then in the ascendancy, should be placed into competent hands for development, and sold when it was thought he would realize his value. Turnor had him last year, and about \$500 or \$600, over and above his expenses, were placed to his credit. This year, in Moore Floyd's hands, he did considerably better, as upwards of \$4,000 were booked for him in winnings, which sum was magnified to \$16,000, and for which suit is being brought to bring the parties to a settlement. Other parties are involved in the case, but, we think, when the courts will have done with them, that it will be found that Noble is his rightful owner, and will be until his claims against the horse are satisfied.—Spirit

THE W. I. HIGGINS AND PIPER HEIDSIECK AFFAIR.

AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB,
MADISON AV. AND TWENTY-SEVENTH ST.,
NEW YORK, Dec. 5, 1877.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of this club, held 22nd November, Messrs. Belmont, Purdy, Monson, Constable, Jerome, and Withers being present, after due consideration of the statements made by the parties connected with the late match between the horses W. I. Higgins and Piper Heidsieck, the owners of those horses, George Longstaff and William Drennon, and the rider of Piper Heidsieck, George Barboe, were ruled off the course; and the case of John Spillman, the rider of W. I. Higgins, was held for further consideration.

Please give notice thereof in your paper, and oblige,

Your obt' servant,
C. WHEATLY, Sec.

REPORTING A CONCERT.

A newspaper musical critic was obliged to leave town, and turned over his work for one night to the sporting man of his staff. This is how the criticism on an important concert appeared the next day:—"Time was called about eight o'clock, and about fifty bugles, fifes and fiddles entered for the contest. The fiddles won the loss, and took the inside, with the chandeliers right in their eyes. The umpire, with a small club acted also as started. Just before the start he stood on a small cheese-box, with a small lunch-counter before him, and shook his stick at the entries to keep them down. The contestants first started it to 'Landliche Hochzeit,' by Goldmark, Op. 26. They got off nearly even, one of the fiddles gently leading. The man with the French horn tried to call them back, but they settled down to work at a slogging gait, with the big roan dilly bringing up the rear. At the first quarter of the course the little black whistle broke badly, and went into the air, but the violins on the left kept well together and struck up a rattling gait. At the half way the man with the straight horn showed signs of fatigue. There was a little bob-tailed flute which wrestled sadly with the bugle at the mile, but he was wind-broken and wheezed. The big fat bugle kept calling 'whoa' all the time, but he seemed to keep up with the rest till the end of the race. They all came under the string in good order, but the judge on the cheese-box seemed to reserve his opinion. He seemed tired and the contestants went out to find their bottle-holder and get ready for the Beethoven Handicap. It was a nice exhibition, but tiresome to the contestants. All bets are off."

HENRY WARD BEECHER ON HORSES.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 1, 1877.
GENTLEMEN:—I shall be unable to comply

DARING BOATMEN.

Baptiste Camille, the daring boatman, who has just returned from a fully successful trip to the lower Mississippi, on the "Curley," which is seventy feet long, by 12 broad. He was accompanied by Philip Crowder, with whom he has before accomplished the venture some act. On the last occasion the steamboat Beauharnois took the rapids about the same time as their boat, and had they not been able by hard pulling to keep out of her way till she got some yards ahead, the little craft would probably have been struck by the larger one and sunk, and to say Baptiste and his companion would be in the "happy hunting grounds." The feat was witnessed by a large number of passengers on board the Beauharnois. Baptiste hopes to make money next season by taking down tourists whose nerves will be equal to the trial. Baptiste is the same who went to England with the Montreal Lacrosse Club and was presented to the Queen.

Amusements.

CITY.

Robt. McWade is the star this week at the Grand Opera House in his own version of Washington Irving's beautiful legendary story Rip Van Winkle. Business has been good, and the support by the stock company has been up to the requirements of the drama. To-night Mr. McWade takes his benefit, when doubtless the house will be crowded.—A grand complimentary benefit has been tendered to Mrs. Morrison by a large number of our most prominent citizens, which will take place the latter part of next week.

The Holman Opera Company will commence a short season at the Royal Opera House next week. They will probably introduce some of their new pieces.

The Queen's has been doing a good business this week, the attractions being Prof. Bushnell, Adair, Burton & Uddell, and E. H. Brink in addition to the regular variety company. J. H. Stuart goes to the Coliseum, Detroit, for Christmas week.

Henry A. Dawson, falsely described in the police reports as a theatrical manager, was fined \$50 on Saturday for carrying a revolver.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Mr. Neil Warner is giving lessons in Elocution at 68 Victoria St.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics' Hall—Wednesday, benefit of Standard Base Ball Club, the bill being selections by Macnerchor Glee Club and St. Patrick's Band and the farce of The Scotch Schoolmaster, by an amateur dramatic club. Thursday, 13th, Readings by Miss Nella F. Brown, for Y. M. C. A.—Opera House—The new arrivals this week are Holmes & Leo, gymnasts; Paddy Murphy, Irish vocalist; and Blanchetto, balladist. Joe Banks in his original drama of Broke Jail.

LONDON.—Lawrence Barrett as Shylock and David Garrick at Holman Opera House on December 17.

QUELPH.—Pullman's London Senation and Whiston the humorist, Town Hall, Dec. 14.

WOODSTOCK.—Hamilton's English Opera Company, Town Hall, Dec. 12 and 13.

BRANTFORD.—Prof. Reynolds, mesmerist, Palmer's Hall, Dec. 10, 11, 12.—Rev. Mr. Ostrander, lecturer, at Wickliffe Hall, Dec. 14 and 15, on Scenes in the Orient.

NORWICH.—Thursday and Friday of last week The Charcoal Burner and the Spectre Bridegroom by Amateur Dramatic Company.

HARRISVILLE.—Mr. J. E. Stone-man, elocutionist, assisted by local talent, Dec. 13.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Boone Bros., (Ontario boys) shootists, at Shelby's Adelphi this week.—Tom Thumb and wife with Major Newell, St. James' Hall, Dec. 14 and 15.

LOCKPORT, N. Y.—Hodge Opera House—Edwin Booth, in Hamlet, Dec. 10.

BILLIARDS!

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Montreal Veterinary Association, Professor [Name] in the chair, the latter presented two [Name] and Dr. Cressy a copy of Baird's [Name] work on the Mammals of North America to the library of the Association. A communication on Urinary Calcula and another on the rupture of the bladder in oxen was read by Dr. Cressy, and gave rise to an animated discussion, in which the President, C. C. [Name], V. S., and others took part. A paper was read by Mr. O. Baneau on lockjaw in the lower animals, which was followed by an interesting discussion on the subject by Drs. Alloway, Cressy, Osler and others. At the next meeting interesting papers will be read by Dr. Alloway and Mr. F. W. Mc[Name].

Aquatic.

SCULLERS' MATCH ON THE TYNE.

[From the Sportsman, Nov. 20.]

Yesterday a scullers' match of exceptional interest was decided upon the Tyne, the contest being one in which leading representatives of the north and south respectively were concerned. The competitors were Thomas Blackman, of London, and William Nicholson, of Stockton, who antagonized under conditions of the most unusual sort. The stake at issue was £100 a side, and the course to be covered was the grand stretch of water on the Tyne between the High Level Bridge and Scotswood Suspension Bridge, a distance of 3 miles 3 furlongs and 100 yards. The special peculiarity of the match was that Nicholson was allowed a time start of ten seconds—an advantage which we do not remember ever having previously been conceded in any first-class contest of this kind. Thomas Blackman was born at Portsmouth on the 18th of January, 1857, and he is, therefore, well over twenty years of age. William Nicholson was born at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 21st November, 1848, and he is, therefore, within a couple of days of his twenty-ninth birthday. The northern sculler is five feet nine inches high, and his rowing weight yesterday was 11 stone 7 pounds. The weather was bleak and cold, and rendered a trip up the river anything but inviting; nevertheless, an enormous crowd of spectators was present all the morning. The trains from the outlying districts brought some hundreds of visitors, and the different sporting houses in Newcastle were crowded to their utmost extent. Early in the day there was a slight reaction in favor of the north countryman, but at one time 5 to 4 on the Thames sculler was barely obtainable; but just before a move was made to the river side more money was thrown into the market for Blackman, and these odds were again proffered. Two better trained men never appeared at the scratch for a boat race, and upon each the muscle stood out in prominent masses in the right places. All was in readiness for the start, which was expected to prove a somewhat difficult matter on occasion. Harry Kelly, of Putney, however, managed matters splendidly, and getting the steam nicely placed between the two scullers he gave Nicholson the command to go by word of mouth. The Stockton man instantly broke into a magnificent swing of 42 strokes to the minute, and lifting his boat along in a very fine style he was, as near as could be ascertained, half a dozen lengths in front before Blackman was despatched. When the signal was given the Thames sculler faltered a little, but Nicholson actually commenced the race with the substantial advantage of seven lengths. The favorite, however, was soon at his work in earnest, and, rowing 40 strokes to the minute, began somewhat to close up the gap. He became unsteady at the Mansion House end of his boat rocked a bit with him. Nicholson rowed a course as straight as a line, but the Thames sculler's stroke was defective and the north countryman fully maintained his advantage.

purse money amounts to \$2,350, which is divided as follows:
 \$175—For local horses, bar Deceit and Moose.
 \$300—2:33 class.
 \$225—2:38 class, bar Deceit and Alexander.
 \$360—2:26 class.
 \$175—2:50 class (Canada horses, bar Deceit.)
 \$300—2:30 class.
 \$225—2:35 class.
 \$150—2:40 class, 5-mile dash.
 \$500—Free-for-all.

Fur, Fin and Feather.

"DEAR" HUNTERS.

Very few of our hunters are as successful in deer-stalking as two young ladies the principals of the following incident: A few days ago Rose and Gertrude Breckenridge, daughters of Mr. J. Breckenridge, of Belmont, while in vicinity of Long Lake, noticed a large deer madly rush into the water, evidently pursued and slightly wounded. Without a moment's hesitation the two girls procured a boat, armed themselves with clubs, and set after the deer. They soon encountered the aggravated animal, when the girls courageously commenced the attack with their clubs, and after a short contest brought his deership to bay, and had him conveyed to their home—a proof of their great victory and prowess.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Mr. John Hammon, of Windsor, writes to the Chicago Field, of the death of his cocker spaniel Dash, and the circumstances connected with it, which are so peculiar that we publish his statement in full. We never remember hearing of a similar case and would like the opinion of our dog savans on it; we ourselves are unable to diagnosticate the disease. He writes:
 "I have lost by death to-day Dash, my blue blood cocker spaniel. About four days ago I noticed him biting his tail and I tied him up. He got worse and seemed to have spasms or a sort of fits and died in great agony. I opened his tail and found some small white worms. Please give me your opinion on this, also remedy, if you know of one, for future guidance."

DEATH OF A GUIDE.

A sad accident happened about fifteen miles above Pembroke, in which a man named Andrew Charlebois lost his life. Charlebois was well known to many Ottawa and Pembroke sports as a guide and cook, having been frequently employed in this capacity by hunting parties during the summer months. He was alone when the accident occurred, and was seen by a boy paddling his canoe, when he suddenly laid down his paddle, and, it is supposed, went to reach for his gun, when the canoe upset, and he fell into the lake. He leaves a wife and large family. The body has not been recovered.

Young lady:—"Oh I am so glad you like birds. Which kind do you admire most?"
 Old gentleman: "Well, I think a goose, with plenty of stuffing, is about as nice as any."

A VALUABLE SETTER—In care of Budd Doble, and in his special car, there arrived in San Francisco a valuable English setter, and thoroughly trained. It was sent out by Mr. W. D. Armstrong, of Almont, Michigan, and was consigned to Mr. Edward Norton, of that city.

A man named Marsh, of Unity, Wisconsin, while hunting one day last week, was mistaken by his brother for a deer and fired at. The ball passed through one ankle and entered the other, which will possibly result in the loss of one if not both feet.

kind of company I never keep. The men who have timed her are candid—would despise any such low tricks. Many of them live quite remote from me—none, by the name of Woodruff, of your own city. Now, you seem to have a very clear idea of the influence that the wag has over the lunatic. My experience, I own, is very limited; have never associated with either, unless it proves to be so in the present case. Now, bring out your hartsorn, for what I am about to state will quite take away your breath. On the highway that passes by my house I have fixed one half mile very nicely, for my own convenience, to trot upon. I selected a good timer (not a wag nor a boy), placed him upon the last eighty rods with instructions to count every second. He declared 27 seconds the result. Again, you said I should never get \$50,000 for Lady Grant. How did you reach this conclusion? You never saw her nor witnessed her performance at any time. Perhaps you would come to a different conclusion if you could see her on a good mile course hitched to her track wagon, with that fine, candid, unsophisticated old gentleman seated thereon with the sphinx being 2:14 very bad—an exhibition I, for one, would feel proud to have you witness.
 Yours, respectfully,
 WILLIAM TRASK.

AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

During the present year several hundred horses have been shipped from America to England, and there sold, generally at remunerative prices, ranging from \$500 to \$750. There is an impression that American reared horses do not do well in England, that from some cause they cannot perform even ordinary labor, and this opinion has in a measure affected the prices of those heretofore shipped and sold, but the prices received for the kind and quality shipped rather indicates that our English cousins have a pretty keen admiration of American horses. They speak of old Preakness in the most complimentary terms, and declare "that beyond all doubt he is a very grand animal, and has beaten all our stallions in the show yard." "Preakness," the writer continues, "gave me the idea of a horse quite up to Grand National form, and I was in hopes that his Grace of Hamilton would throw down the gauntlet to Congress and the best of our 'chasers' over the Liverpool course." The performance of Jongleur during this year, and particularly the very easy style in which he captured the Cambridgeshire Stakes against so large and good a field as he conquered on that occasion, has brought to the English mind the fact that his grandsire, Optimist, was reared on this side of the Atlantic, and was a son of Lexington; and of Jongleur it is now said that "his Cambridgeshire performance stamps him a race-horse of the very highest calibre," notwithstanding his strain of American blood. Some experiments in the hunting field have shown that Canadian-bred horses are equal to the best in the kingdom, and it is said that a young lady, with a black Canadian mare, is this season doing wonders with the Fife, and that she is also possessor of an accomplished hunter from the Dominion, now going with the hounds. These facts and opinions are but in keeping with the most reasonable conclusions. Why the American-bred horse is not equal to the English we cannot understand, except there be a superiority given them in rearing, handling, training, and riding. In these particulars America is forced to yield the palm to the mother country, but why in any other there is certainly no reasonable ground.—*Spirit*.

Mr. Colwell, of Mitchell, last week purchased one hundred horses. They were wooden ones.

were ruled off the course; and the case of John Spillman, the rider of W. I. Higgins, was held for further consideration.

Please give notice thereof in your paper, and oblige,

Your obt. servant,
 C. WHEATLY, Sec.

REPORTING A CONCERT.

A newspaper musical critic was obliged to leave town, and turned over his work for one night to the sporting man of his staff. This is how the criticism on an important concert appeared the next day:—"Time was called about eight o'clock, and about fifty bugles, fifes and fiddles entered for the contest. The fiddles won the loss, and took the inside, with the chandeliers right in their eyes. The umpire, with a small club acted also as started. Just before the start he stood on a small cheese-box, with a small lunch-counter before him, and shook his stick at the entries to keep them down. The contestants first started it to 'Landliebe Hochzeit,' by Goldsmark, Op. 26. They got off nearly even, one of the fiddles gently leading. The man with the French horn tried to call them back, but they settled down to work at a slogging gait, with the big roan tully bringing up the rear. At the first quarter of the course the little black whistler broke badly, and went into the air, but the violins on the left kept well together and struck up a rattling gait. At the half way the man with the straight horn showed signs of fatigue. There was a little bob-tailed flute which wrestled sadly with the bugle at the mile, but he was wind-broken and wheezed. The big fat bugle kept calling 'whoa' all the time, but he seemed to keep up with the rest till the end of the race. They all came under the string in good order, but the judge on the cheese-box seemed to reserve his opinion. He seemed tired and the contestants went out to find their bottle-holder and get ready for the Beethoven Handicap. It was a nice exhibition, but tiresome to the contestants. All bets are off."

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 I am, dear sir,
 Very truly yours,
 HENRY WARD BEECHER.

A NATIONAL CAT SHOW.

On the 17th of December a great national cat show is to be opened in the Museum in the Bowery, near Grand street, New York. The entries are to begin on the 11th. The show will remain till the 1st of January, and on the last day will be distributed about \$1,000 worth of prizes, varying, as the manager says, "from a diamond pin down to a pair of mittens for the little kittens." About 1,000 cats are expected, and four floors of the building will be devoted to exhibiting them. There are, as in the baby show, to be twins and triplet, and what there is not in the baby show, quartets, quintets, and sextets. Competent nurses are to be in the building to take care of the cats, and the latter will be fed at the expense of the managers. Singing cats have been engaged, the manager says, and five and six legged cats; and a cat chorus is to be the last thing on each day's programme. Most of the best cats of the Philadelphia cat show, just closed, are engaged.

MONTREAL.—Mr. Neil Warner is giving lessons in Elocution at 68 Victoria St.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics' Hall—Wednesday, benefit of Standard Base Ball Club, the bill being selections by Macnorchor Glee Club and St. Patrick's Band and the farce of 'The Scotch Schoolmaster,' by an amateur dramatic club. Thursday, 13th, Readings by Miss Nella F. Brown, for Y. M. C. A.—Opera House—The new arrivals this week are Holmes & Lee, gymnasts; Paddy Murphy, Irish vocalist; and Blanchetto, balladist. Joe Banks in his original drama of Broke Jail.

LONDON.—Lawrence Barrett as Shylock and David Garrick at Holman Opera House on December 17.

QUELPH.—Pullman's London Sensation and Whiston the humorist, Town Hall, Dec. 14.

WOODSTOCK.—Hamilton's English Opera Company, Town Hall, Dec. 12 and 13.

BRANTFORD.—Prof. Reynolds, mesmerist, Palmer's Hall, Dec. 10, 11, 12.—Rev. Mr. Ostrander, lecturer, at Wickliffe Hall, Dec. 14 and 15, on Scenes in the Orient.

NORWICH.—Thursday and Friday of last week The Charcoal Burner and the Spectro-Bridegroom by Amateur Dramatic Company.

HAGERSVILLE.—Mr. J. E. Stoneman, oboe-toumist, assisted by local talent, Dec. 13.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—The Boonoo Bros., (Ottawa boys) shootists, at Shelby's Adelphi this week.—Tom Thumb and wife with Major Newell, St. James' Hall, Dec. 14 and 15.

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Miscellaneous.

Most horses have bridle tours.
Wild deer are reported plentiful between Magaraville and Cayuga.

An Iowa girl has 1,073 buttons on a string, but the old man has none on his shirt.
John S. Clarke, of Philadelphia, has purchased the Alhambra Theatre, making him the largest theatre owner in the world.

Mrs. Jarvis Craig, of Black Rapids, No. penn, gave birth to triplets on Saturday, the 19th ult. They are three girls.

The Orilla, Ont., Times says a large party of hunters went out for ten days and returned with one small doe shot by their guide. The doe is estimated to have cost about \$100.

Mr. M. H. Cochran, Compton, Que., has sold another of his Duchess Short-Horn heifers, ten months old, for twelve thousand dollars, to Col. Cannon, of Burlington.

During the late rainy season, the Port Perry Standard says a shower of frogs fell upon the new road a little south of Prince Albert, Man. Several parties who saw them have assured us that there were myriads of them on the road and the fields, hopping about as lively as possible.

The Brampton, Ont., Banner of Thursday says, Mr. Charles Dawson has shipped during the week about 9 000 head of geese and turkeys to England. He left yesterday himself to accompany his shipment, and to reap the advantage of an English Christmas.

The Empress of Austria is very fond of her horses. The Hungarian papers record of her that, after a recent hunting mishap, she considered they required her personal supervision so particularly that she had her breakfast brought to her in a stable.

The Niagara horseshoe is gone. Last Saturday, with a tremendous crash, the centre rocks in the Canadian fall gave way and tumbled into the abyss below, thus completely changing the appearance of the famous cataract. Instead of a horse shoe it is a right angle.

A despatch from Washington says:—The Postoffice Department and Canadian office have agreed to return letters between the two countries, bearing a request to do so within a given time, to the places they were mailed from, without, as formerly, holding them for return through the dead letter office.

A span of horses was found on Thursday by John Campbell on the 10th concession of Biddulph, in an exhausted and fainting condition, having evidently been abandoned after being very hard driven. He took them in charge, and found they belonged to Mr. Mellburg, of Elginfield, from whom they had been stolen the previous night.

EXTRAORDINARY DUMB-BELL LIFTING.—A novel wager was decided at the Alhambra, San Francisco, on the 16th inst. It seems that Edward Brannan made a bet that he could put up a dumb-bell weighing 16½ lbs. more times than any ten men. Five men, however, only competed, and their scores were doubled, which made it really more than ten men could do. The competitors and their scores are as follows: Johnson, 405; Skinner, 50; Gamble, 180; Smith, 50; and Coffee, 110; total, 1,500. Brannan put the bell up 1,600 times, and won the match.

HE WANTED TO JINE.

"You wan' to jine the ban', do you?" said an old negro preacher to a young convert.

"Yes, sar, I wan' to jino."

"Well, sar, do you b'lieve Geriah, a pick-aniny little shaver, slewed a great big man called David, dat was longer den Centre Market, with a pebble dat war no bigger dan a huckleberry? Eh?"

"No! I don't b'lieve nothin' like dat," was the reply.

"Den you can't jino."

"Well, den, I b'lieves it. Go on wid der katehloze."

"Do you b'lieve," continued the preacher.

THE TWENTY-FIVE MILE WALK.

ARMSTRONG WINS THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP SHIP IN FOUR HOURS, TWENTY MINUTES MINUTES AND TWELVE SECONDS.

Several of the best amateur walkers in the country started on Dec. 4, at the American Institute, Third Avenue, New York, in a twenty-five mile walk for the championship of America, the prize being a gold medal given by the Knickerbocker Athletic Club. These aspirants for long distance pedestrian fame were J. W. W. Hunt, Knickerbocker Athletic Club; Chris. Renhaffer, W. W. Cornish and G. J. Law, New York city; T. J. Higgins, J. S. McLeod, S. Jones, C. Frabre-gou, T. Buckley and Charles Conner, Scottish-American Athletic Club; J. H. Groves, Central Athletic Club; T. C. Duffy, L. A. Berte and T. H. Armstrong, Harlem Athletic Club; A. Varian, Scottish Club; A. E. Latilla, Chappaqua, N. Y., and R. H. Pelton, Greenpoint, L. I. The formidable list of competitors is all the more remarkable as it embraces the whole number of entries for the event, with one exception, that being G. Bruce Gillie, who made himself famous last year by walking the distance in 4h 26m 5s, the first time it was ever accomplished in America. There was much judgment in the manner in which the competitors commenced their journey last evening, each seemed to have a clear idea of the magnitude of the task. Duffy stopped before finishing the ninth mile; Berte gave up at the 16th, as did Jones; Cornish fell by the wayside at eighteen and a half, and Conner at nineteen; Law retired just before reaching nineteen and a quarter. Armstrong proved the winner, walking scrupulously fair throughout, his time being 4h 20m 12s., just 5m 58s better than Gillie could do, and so the "best on record" in America must be placed against the name of the plucky Harlem lad for this distance, as it is already for many others. The winner was in good form, and was well cared for by his trainer, Jack Goulding, track master of the New York Athletic Club. The first five miles, Renhoff er leading, was made in 51m. 20s; ten miles, Cornish leading, in 1h 41m 30s; fifteen miles, Armstrong leading, in 2h 20m 55s; twenty miles, Armstrong at the front, in 3h 25m 20s, and the twenty-five miles in 4h 20m 12s. The last five miles were reeled off by Armstrong as follows:—Twenty-first, 11m 15s; twenty-second, 10m 58s; twenty-third, 11m 32s; twenty-fourth, 11m 55s; twenty-fifth, 9m 17s, the last being the fastest made during the struggle.

A FRUITFUL VINE.

A monstrous bunch of grapes was recently exhibited at San Francisco, weighing 125 pounds and measuring eight feet long and six feet in circumference. The vine from which it was taken is said to produce from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of grapes annually, and is an offshoot of the mammoth grapevine of Santa Barbara, which covered several acres of ground and was acknowledged to be the largest grapevine in the world, before it died, a few months back. A beautiful legend, by the way, is associated with the mother vine, running thus: A Spanish Hidalgo, living on the island many years ago, had a lovely daughter, who was enamored by a wealthy cavalier then on a visit to the old Don's plantation. The young were enjoying a ride, when the jennet the lady rode became stubborn and unruly. She desired the cavalier to procure her a switch, and, leaping from his horse, he cut a slip from a grapevine, and presented it to her. During the ride, the gentleman pressed his suit, but the coy Donna Isabella, sure of her conquest, put off her answer until their return to her father's mansion. To the infinite dismay of the ardent cavalier, she plauted the spig of vine in the garden and made her acceptance of his hand and fortune conditional upon the life and growth of her riding switch. If it took root and in time became a running vine, she would consent to link her fate with that of her fond admirer, or its death was to be regarded as her dismissal of his suit. Distracted, the Cavalier, finding he could not induce the lady to abandon this apparently foolish freak, made up his mind to leave the object of his idolatry for ever: but at the request of her father he was coaxed into procrastinating his departure. A few weeks later he discovered, through the lady's maid, that her mistress watered the grape-cutting night and morning with her own hands, and tended it with the greatest care. This gave him new hope, and he lingered on, basking in her smiles. Days, weeks glided on rapidly, the enamored lover taking no note of time. Meanwhile the twig had taken root, and on a bright May morning put forth a tiny shoot; after this it grew at a distance, and then the happiness of

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A span of horses was found on Thursday by John Campbell on the 10th concession of Biddulph, in an exhausted and fainting condition, having evidently been abandoned after being very hard driven. He took them in charge, and found they belonged to Mr. Mellburg, of Elginfield, from whom they had been stolen the previous night.

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"Den you can't jino."

"Well, den, I b'lieves it. Go on wid der katerkize."

"Do you b'lieve," continued the preacher, "dat dar was a man called Joner who swaldered a whale and kept it down a awful long time before he spitted it up?"

"No, sar, you can't make no b'lieve dat," was the response.

"Den you can't jino."

"Well, new, by jingo, I b'lieve dat too. Go on wid der katerkize."

"Do you b'lieve dat dar was a man named Dehlin, and dat a shemale called Sampson got down in de cellar ob a great big house what weighed mor'n de Centennial and lifted it kerslap clean out ob de world?"

"Don't b'lieve nothin' ob de kind," was the indignant return.

"Den you can't jino."

"I don't want to jine. I don't b'lieve dat fish story you jist told me, either."

There was no further "katerkize."

Mr. Robert Bonner has purchased from Gen. James F. Robinson, Lexington, Ky., his gray mare, 10 years old, by Edwin Forrest, 1st dam Diana, by Pilot, Jr.; 2nd dam Grey Goose, by Nottingham's Norman, a son of the Morse Horse. Grey Goose is the dam of Lily Simpson, Champagne and Garland. The gray Edwin Forrest mare is one of the most resolute drivers in the country, and she is celebrated around Lexington as a roadster. Mr. Bonner will put her to breeding. Edwin Forrest was highly bred. He was by Harry Kentucky Hunter, by Kentucky Hunter, by Watkins, Young Highlander, by imp. Brown Highlander. The 1st dam of Edwin Forrest was by Watkins' Young Highlander, by imp. Diomed, and the 2nd dam by imp. Diomed. Dam of Kentucky Hunter said to be by Henry, by Sir Archy, by imp. Diomed.

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A monstrous bunch of grapes was recently exhibited at San Francisco, weighing 125 pounds and measuring eight feet long and six feet in circumference. The vine from which it was taken is said to produce from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of grapes annually, and is an offshoot of the mammoth grapevine of Santa Barbara, which covered several acres of ground and was acknowledged to be the largest grapevine in the world, before it died, a few months back. A beautiful legend, by the way, is associated with the mother vine, running thus: A Spanish Hidalgo, living on the island many years ago, had a lovely daughter, who was enamored by a wealthy cavalier then on a visit to the old Don's plantation. The young were enjoying a ride, when the jennet the lady rode became stubborn and unruly. She desired the cavalier to procure her a switch, and, leaping from his horse, he cut a slip from a grapevine, and presented it to her. During the ride, the gentleman pressed his suit, but the coy Donna Isabella, sure of her conquest, put off her answer until their return to her father's mansion. To the infinite dismay of the ardent cavalier, she planted the sprig of vine in the garden and made her acceptance of his hand and fortune conditional upon the life and growth of her riding switch. If it took root and in time became a running vine, she would consent to link her fate with that of her fond admirer, or its death was to be regarded as her dismissal of his suit. Distracted, the Cavalier, finding he could not induce the lady to abandon this apparently foolish freak, made up his mind to leave the object of his idolatry for ever; but at the request of her father he was coaxed into procrastinating his departure. A few weeks later he discovered, through the lady's maid, that her mistress watered the grape-cutting night and morning with her own hands, and tended it with the greatest care. This gave him new hope, and he lingered on, basking in her smiles. Days, weeks glided on rapidly, the enamored lover taking no note of time. Meanwhile the twig had taken root, and on a bright May morning put forth a tiny shoot; after this it grew and thrived, and then the happiness of two loving hearts was finally consummated. The little slip, planted in a girl's freak, thrived apace and became the mammoth vine of Santa Barbara, celebrated in the horticultural annals of every clime. It is said that there is a family living on the island who are willing to vouch for the truth of this romantic legend.

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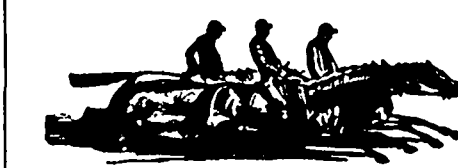
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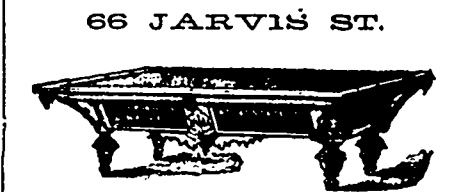
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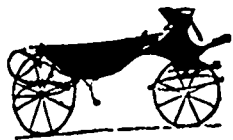
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Two weeks since we stated that the rumor that Col. David McDaniel, of Princeton, N. J., intended to retire from the turf, was not correct. This contradiction we made upon his authority. Since then, however, he has reconsidered the matter, and now offers his entire stud for sale, including Harry Bassett, all of his broodmares, about thirty in number, four three-year-olds, four two-year-olds, six or eight yearlings, and some twenty odd weanlings, which he proposes to advertise to be sold privately, and in the event of a failure to close out the lot by a day to be fixed, he will expose whatever may be unsold at public sale. This step has been taken with a view to a permanent retirement from the turf. We regret that Col. McDaniel feels himself constrained to take this step. He has been an active man in his time, has spent full a half century upon the turf, and has owned some magnificent horses, that years ago made famous records all along that great country extending from New York to Charleston, at the time, too, when Wm. R. Johnson was the "Napoleon of the turf," and the elder Doswell, the Randolph, of Roundo, Col. Wm. Wynn, Messrs. Ferguson and Singleton, Col. Hampton, and other distinguished sportsmen flourished, and their contests were challenging and conquering. Had Col. McDaniel never done anything more than bring to the front and develop Harry Bassett, Hubbard, Katie Pease, Joe Daniels and Springbok, he would not have entered upon his turf career in vain. They were horses in their day, and their fame permeated every section of the country. Harry Bassett was his favorite, and the motive that impels him to separate from this grand horse, that almost conquered a world, must be strong indeed.—*Spirit*.

WINNING ENGLISH MOUNTS OF 1876-7.

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