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American Turf.

CHARLESTON, S. C., RACES.

Charleston, S. C., Feb 2, 1878.—Purse \$200, a handicap for all ages, entrance free; \$175 to first, 50 to second, 25 to third; mile and a quarter.

Wyche's ch f Swannano, 4 yrs, by Red Dick, dam Lizzie Rogers, 97 lbs.....	1
Babcock's ch h Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Lady Barry, 110 lbs.....	2
Gaffney's b g Burgoo, aged, by imp Hurrah, dam Emily Downing, 108 lbs.....	3
Phillips' ch m Libbie L.....	0
Medinger's b c Tom Bacon.....	0
Medinger's ch c Governor Hamantou.....	0
Faller's b h Ascot.....	0
Gaffney's gr g Johnny B.....	0

Time—2:20.

Same Day.—Purse \$300, for all ages; \$250 first, 50 to second; mile and three-quarters.

Phillips' ch c General Phillips, 4 yrs, by imp Glenelg, dam La Polka, 104 lbs.....	1
Gay's b h Reb, 5 yrs, by Rebel, dam Virginia, by Kentucky, 110 lbs.....	2
Wyche's ch c Hobkirk.....	0
Medinger's ch c Gov Hampton.....	0

Time—3:17.

Same Day.—Purse \$200, for all ages, \$150 first, 50 to second; two miles, over eight furlongs; better weights.

Gaffney's b g Dalgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney-dome, dam Lucy Fowler, 147 lbs.....	1
Wheeler's ch h Risk, aged, by Revolver, dam Queen, 154 lbs.....	2
Hall's b g Jack Trigg, aged, by Lightning, dam Sallic Morgan, 151 lbs.....	0

Time—4:03.

Feb 5, 1878.—Purse \$200, for all ages, one mile; \$150 to first, 50 to second.

Babcock's ch h Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Lady Barry, 112 lbs.....	1
Wheeler's b f Belle Isle, 4 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Anica, 101 lbs.....	2
Stoney's b c Pioneer, 4 yrs, by Gubernator, dam Flora McKee.....	3
Gay's ch h Judge Hancock.....	0

Time—1:49.

Same Day.—Fourth renewal of the Hampton race, for four-year olds, at \$50 each, half for; \$10 first declared out before Jan 1, 1878; and Nov 1 with seven entries; the club to \$300; two-mile heats.

Medinger's b c Wash Booth, by As-troid, dam Vandalia, 104 lbs.....	1
Wyche's b f —, by Red Dick, dam May Queen, by Planet, 101 lbs.....	2

Time—3:52, 3:53.

Same Day.—Purse \$300, for all ages; mile and a quarter; \$225 to first, 75 to second.

Gay's ch c General Phillips, 4 yrs, by imp Glenelg, dam La Polka, 104 lbs.....	1
Gaffney's b g Dalgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney-dome, dam Lucy Fowler, 107 lbs.....	2

Veterinary.

CHRONIC AND ACUTE LAMINITIS (FEET FOUNDER).

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

This disease is almost invariably confined to the fore feet, but still we sometimes find the hind ones also implicated, but, as we have intimated, it is almost exclusively confined to the fore feet. We will, therefore, treat them alone, it being, of course, understood that the treatment of one is applicable to both—that is, fore and hind. This inflammation is primarily limited to the sensitive lamina and sole, the os pedis being, of course, involved from the commencement.

This being one of the most painful diseases to which the horse is liable, we might say it is not exclusively confined to the feet, although there is no doubt that the great preponderance of the disease is here located. It is generally originated by over-exertion, the animal being permitted to feed too heavily after having been deprived of food for several hours longer than usual. He therefore ingests more than can be either assimilated or digested. Driving at a fast gait for several miles, until the animal is overheated, then giving a large draught of cold water, will also cause the disease to become developed. Chilling an animal is productive of it also, it being comparatively of little consequence under what circumstances the chill occurs, the then surroundings of course participating. Though not generally understood by non-professional men, it is frequently one of the sequels to inflammation of the mucous membrane of the bronchial tubes, in either of which cases the body and feet may be both implicated. In cases such as above enumerated, the hair of both mane and tail may be cast off, which gives us a rather clear intimation that the tendency is also to cast off the hoof, but its attachments being much more tenacious, it is not so readily accomplished. This is due, according to the late Prof. Dick, to general irritability. When the disease is occasioned by concussion, it is far more difficult to grapple with than when it is ushered in in consequence of the presence of mucus diseases, in which latter case it may pass off as a congestive attack before it has occasioned any structural changes; but when, as is generally the case, concussion is the exciting cause, the disease is far less tractable, and if not at once attended to intelligently, necrosis of the coffin or pedal bone, with sloughing of the hoof, may, but does not generally, follow. The termination of the case under such circumstances would be that the animal, unless very valuable, would have to be destroyed.

The pathological changes which occur are about as follows: There is inflammation of the sensitive foot—lamina, sole, and coffin bone. The point of the hoof internally becomes most vascular, the exudation is naturally thrown out here in greater quantities than in the other portions of the hoof. This is said to cause most excruciating and protracted pain. The hoof being of an unyielding character, there is no provision made for the reception of the exuda-

and readily chips off. This is followed by ossification of the sensitive lamina, and therefore by suppuration of the coronary substance. This causes detachments of small portions of the hoof where it is joined by the hair. Sometimes a fluid collects between the sensitive and horny soles and the frogs, and forces them apart.

When laminitis is due to causes other than direct concussion, we are of opinion it is then due to sympathetic irritation. The inflammation is not, as some writers aver, metastatic or wandering in its character, but merely extends gradually and systematically from the original seat to the feet, the latter being the extremities, the skin, mucous structures, and lamina are uninterruptedly continuous with each other, and something in the same manner as by capillary attraction the disease spreads. This is proved conclusively by the fact that when a horse dies from any inflammatory disease, say enteritis, the feet, on post mortem examination, are found inflamed, as well as the immediate seat of disease. Acute laminitis ends in resolution, or in sub-acute or chronic; but for practical purposes we may say the disease is either acute or chronic, that is, we have to treat it immediately after it makes its appearance, or when that stage has passed off—then we call it chronic. This latter is that condition of the feet after the subsidence of the febrile symptoms, or it may originate independently of an acute attack. Animals suffering from the chronic form are subject to the acute, from very trivial causes; and, in fact, when an animal has once had laminitis of anything bordering on a chronic or severe type, it need be no matter of surprise should they frequently afterwards become victims to a repetition of the disease, and often without any apparently sufficient provocation to induce it.

Laminitis resembles spavin and curb in often being traceable to a hereditary tendency or predisposition; also to defective conformation of the feet, and of course it is frequently due to bad treatment of the animal generally, but particularly of his feet. The heavier the animal the more likely is he to become affected, this, no doubt, being chargeable to the heavy weight the feet are compelled to bear, and this is intensified if the hoof has been unduly cut away. Cross-bred animals are naturally predisposed to this disease, as they sometimes inherit, say from the dam, heavy, strong extremities, and from sire light bodies; but when the reverse occurs, they are naturally susceptible to any defect in the feet, as the latter would then be light, while the body would be unusually heavy. This, when taken in connection with ill usage of the soles, requires little argument to show how quickly the seeds of laminitis sown in such fertile soil would mature and bear, like the seed in the parable, some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred fold. Concussion, over exertion, indigestion, and irritation of the intestinal canal, imperfect shoeing, tight nailing, the use of calks and liberal application of the drawing-knife are about the most successful agents in producing the disease which we have at our command, and we are afraid they are called into requisition but too frequently. Sometimes laminitis is due to what would be considered rather a curious circumstance, namely, an animal being lame in one foot throws an unequal proportion of the weight on the opposite, and in this way causes laminitis of the foot which was

either bran or boiled carrots, or, if accessible, equal parts of slippery elm bark and linseed meal. Be sure the poultice envelops the whole hoof. Have a deep soft bed for the animal to stand upon. Give a purgative, which should be about one-half of the ordinary dose, as super-purgation is apt to follow otherwise. If Barbadoes aloes be the agent employed, four drachms will be found sufficient. Give a dose of aconite, say ten drops every twenty minutes, until the animal has been thrown into a profuse perspiration. Cover him with warm, that is closely-woven, blankets. The poultices should be changed twice a day, and after taking them off, put the feet in water, as above recommended. Continue this line of treatment for at least three or four days. Feed no grain, simply bran washes, vegetables, and hay. When shoeing the animal, see that the shoes are wide-walved, the hoof surface being convex, still leaving sufficient flat surface for the wall of the hoof to rest comfortably on; but our advice is to refrain from putting on shoes of any kind for ten or fifteen days.

The animal will be benefited by being put to work, other than road work, agricultural being preferred, and if it is a valuable beast, have him turned out on lowland pasture. Should he be stabled, keep grazed or damp swabs on while he is housed. This treatment is applicable to either acute or sub-acute, which we have here treated as one disease, and which in fact it is.

Some eminent writers on the subject of laminitis recommend compelling the animal to take exercise while under treatment, and that in the early stages of the disease, while the feet are excessively tender. To this line of treatment, we decidedly object, as we believe it would be a very objectionable course to pursue, and, reasoning from analogy, we are firmly convinced that it is neither scientific, beneficial, nor useful, but positively the reverse of these. Mr Broad, a gentleman of considerable experience, and who has an enviable reputation in England, recommends the exercising practice, but Prof. Williams, of the Gayfield Veterinary College, Edinburgh, condemns it, and we are greatly pleased to be able to conscientiously endorse this gentleman, as we believe him to be one of the brightest lights in the veterinary profession.

Having said so much with reference to acute laminitis, we will now turn our attention to the disease when it has reached the chronic form, on which subject very little can be said, as the most we can possibly do is to palliate the disease. If the sole is at all inclined to become convex, have the shoe made correspondingly concave on the hoof surface. Keep on wet swabs while the animal is at rest. Give, continually, a deep bed. The animal should get slow work only, should never be used for road purposes, as he would give no satisfaction there, but for ordinary agricultural work he can still be made serviceable. Have him regularly shod, never drive him fast, and keep his feet constantly stuffed, and batho the feet in warm water for an hour every day, dry them well after taking them out, and be always lenient to the animal that has the misfortune to be a victim to chronic laminitis.—*Spirit of the Times.*

in the Bowels," which was followed by a lively discussion.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to each gentleman for his essay, and, after electing essayists for the next meeting, the society adjourned.

Aquatic.

HANLAN AND HIGGINS.

The well informed English correspondent of the Toronto Mail, writes thus of the Hanlan-Higgins match:—

"Higgins, in reply to a challenge given him on behalf of Hanlan in last week's Bell's Life, announces in the Sportsman his willingness to row the Toronto man for £500 a side on the Thames the grey-headed one allowing £100 for expenses. I should think Hanlan will be better advised than to accept the challenge. His steering in the match with Ross was erratic, to say the least, and the tortuous bends of the Putney Mortlake course require the close intimacy of years with its distinctive points, how ever well coached a man may be by his trainer in the bow of a four oar following in his wake, as is the way of the Thames. On the Tyne the coaching is done from the bow of a steamer following the men."

COURTNEY MATCHED.

A telegram from Geneva, N. Y., dated Feb. 8, says that articles have been signed for a turf-race between Courtney, of Union Springs, and Dempsey, of Geneva, N. Y. Two races will be for \$1,000, and will take place on June 19 next.

WALLACE ROSS.—The latest word is that the St. John's man inclines us to think will not be able to make the coming season. He having a Spanish cedar boat built by Mr. Robert Dalton of Inverhuron. She is 30 feet long, 12 inches wide, 6 inches deep in the centre, 3 1/2 inches forward, and 1 1/2 inches aft, and will weigh about 34 lbs. It is said will be one of the fastest and best of the season's boats in America.

The Turf, Field and Farm is apparently thinking better of Hanlan. In last week's paper, in speaking of the English challenge, it says:—"Admitting that Higgins has wonderfully improved his style and that he has gained additional strength, it does not appear that he is likely to prove formidable. He has no chance for success either with Hanlan, Ripley, Trickett or Courtney. On the other hand, we should judge that either one of the four, both men being in good condition, could give a time allowance."

W Medinger's ch c Governor Hampton... 0
 W Waller's b h Ascot... 0
 W Gaffney's gr g Johnny B... 0
 Time—2:20.

Same Day.—Purse \$300, for all ages; \$250 to first, 50 to second; mile and three-quarters.
 W Phillips' ch c General Phillips, 4 yrs, by imp Glenelg, dam La Polka, 104 lbs... 1
 T A Gay's b h Reb, 5 yrs, by Rebel, dam Virginia, by Kentuckian, 110 lbs... 2
 W Wyche's ch c Hobkirk... 6
 W Medinger's ch c Gov Hampton... 0
 Time—3:17.

Same Day.—Purse \$200, for all ages, \$150 to first, 50 to second; two miles, over eight miles; welter weights.
 W Gaffney's b g Dailgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney-stone, dam Lucy Fowler, 147 lbs... 1
 W Eban's h Risk, aged, by Revolver, dam Biran, 154 lbs... 2
 A Hall's b g Jack Trigg, aged, by Lightning, dam Sallie Morgan, 151 lbs... 0
 Time—4:00.

Feb 5, 1878.—Purse \$200, for all ages, one mile; \$150 to first, 50 to second.
 W B Babcock's ch h Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Lady Barry, 112 lbs... 1
 W Hill's b f Belle Isle, 4 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, dam Annica, 101 lbs... 2
 B Stoney's b c Pioneer, 4 yrs, by Gaberhanzie, dam Flora McRea... 3
 T A Gay's ch h Judge Hancock... 0
 Time—1:49.

Same Day.—Fourth renewal of the Hampton Stakes, for four-year olds, at \$50 each, half forfeit; \$10 if declared out before Jan 1, 1878; closed Nov 1 with seven entries; the club to add \$300; two-mile heats.
 W Medinger's b c Wash Booth, by Astoroid, dam Vandalia, 104 lbs... 1
 W Wyche's b f —, by Red Dick, dam May Queen, by Planet, 101 lbs... 2
 Time—3:52, 3:53.

Same Day.—Purse \$300, for all ages; mile heats; \$225 to first, 75 to second.
 T A Gay's ch c General Phillips, 4 yrs, by imp Glenelg, dam La Polka, 104 lbs... 1
 W Gaffney's b g Dailgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney-stone, dam Lucy Fowler, 107 lbs... 2
 W Medinger's ch c Governor Hampton, 4 yrs, by Planet, dam Merry Wave, 104 lbs... 3
 Time—1:52, 1:50.

Feb 7.—Purse \$200, for all ages; mile and a half; \$150 to first, 50 to second.
 W Phillips' ch c General Phillips, 4 yrs, by Glenelg, dam La Polka, 104 lbs... 1
 T A Gay's ch c Judge Hancock, 4 yrs, by Bulletin, dam Two Lauras, 104 lbs... 2
 A Hall's b g Jack Trigg, aged, by Lightning, dam Sallie Morgan, 112 lbs... 3
 Time—2:48.

Same Day.—Hutchinson Stakes for all ages at \$50 each, half forfeit; \$10 only if declared out by January 1, 1878; if two or more start, the club to add \$300; mile heats.
 J Davis's ch h Jim Bell, 3 yrs, by John Morgan, dam by Brown Dick, 90 lbs... 2
 W Wyche's b h Hatteras, 5 yrs, by Red Dick, dam by Planet, 110 lbs... 2
 Time—1:57, 2:00, 1:57.

Same Day.—Purse \$200, for all ages; mile and a quarter; \$150, 50.
 T A Gay's b c Incommodo, 3 yrs, by Melbourne, jr, dam Income, 90 lbs... 1
 W Wyche's ch f Swananoa, 4 yrs, by Red Dick, dam Lizzie Rogers, 101 lbs... 2
 W B Babcock's ch h Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Lady Barry, 115 lbs... 3
 Time—2:17.

They were contributing towards a fund for the extinguishment of the church debt, the other evening, in a West Newark congregation. "I'll contribute \$20," said one brother. "I'll go \$30 better, and make it \$50," said another brother. And then the first contributor in the excitement of the moment, said: "I'll call you; what have you got?"

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The pathological changes which occur are about as follows: There is inflammation of the sensitive foot—laminae, sole, and coffin bone. The point of the hoof internally becomes most vascular; the exudation is naturally thrown out here in greater quantities than in the other portions of the hoof. This is said to cause most excruciating and protracted pain. The hoof being of an unyielding character, there is no provision made for the reception of the exudation. It acts as—in fact it is—a foreign body, insinuates itself between the sensitive and insensitive laminae. It presses upon the already engorged vessel. They cannot swell, the hoof being inelastic in this connection, and the pain thus occasioned must be simply indescribable. When laminitis is due to causes other than concussion, the exudate extends no further than the external surface of the sensitive laminae; but when due to concussion it is thrown out underneath the periosteum, tearing that membrane from the bone—hence it is sometimes called peditis, as then inflammation of the bone is almost sure to follow. The free circulation of the blood is thus impeded. Hence you have sloughing and necrosis. After a slight attack of laminitis has passed off without causing any structural change, the exudation which has been caused, being slight, is soon absorbed without any structural change having occurred. When the disease is severe, the exudation increases in thickness, and naturally increases the pressure on the toe of the coffin bone in one direction, and the opposing surface of the crust in the opposite, and to a certain extent separates both, forcing the os pedis downward, and the toe of the hoof upward; the result of such a change being the production of a convex sole or seedy toe; the latter being compressed by the extreme anterior portion of the bone is, as we have remarked, forced downward, thereby losing its natural concave shape. The secretory powers of the sensitive sole being also affected, the horse's sole remains thin and weak, the substances with which it comes in contact affording it little protection. The diseased hoof is now about to undergo a retrograde metamorphosis—changes its natural appearance, and becomes distinguished by the horizontal striated lines or ridges. They are by some called "ram's horn marks." This is the principal reason for supposing that the hoof as well as hair, if placed under unfavorable circumstances, would also drop off. These marks or ridges are irregular, and run toward the anterior aspect of the foot. The structure of the hoof now becomes brittle,

from my inflammatory disposition, and the feet, on post-mortem examination, are found inflamed, as well as the immediate seat of disease. Acute laminitis ends in resolution, or in sub-acute or chronic, but for practical purposes we may say the disease is either acute or chronic, that is, we have to treat it immediately after it makes its appearance, or when that stage has passed off—then we call it chronic. This latter is that condition of the foot after the subsidence of the febrile symptoms, or it may originate independently of an acute attack. Animals suffering from the chronic form are subject to the acute, from very trivial causes; and, in fact, when an animal has once had laminitis of anything ordering on a chronic or severe type, it need be no matter of surprise should they frequently afterwards become victims to a repetition of the disease, and often without any apparently sufficient provocation to induce it. Laminitis resembles spavin and curb in often being traceable to a hereditary tendency or predisposition, also to defective conformation of the feet, and of course it is frequently due to bad treatment of the animal generally, but particularly of his feet. The heavier the animal the more likely is he to become affected, this, no doubt, being chargeable to the heavy weight the feet are compelled to bear, and this is intensified if the hoof has been unduly cut away. Cross bred animals are naturally predisposed to this disease, as they sometimes inherit, say from the dam, heavy, strong extremities, and from sire light bodies; but when the reverse occurs, they are naturally susceptible to any defect in the feet, as the latter would then be light, while the body would be unusually heavy. This, when taken in connection with ill usage of the soles, requires little argument to show how quickly the seeds of laminitis sown in such fertile soil would mature and bear, like the seed in the parable, some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred fold. Concussion, over-exertion, indigestion, and irritation of the intestinal canal, imperfect shoeing, tight nailing, the use of calks and liberal application of the drawing-knife are about the most successful agents in producing the disease which we have at our command, and we are afraid they are called into requisition but too frequently. Sometimes laminitis is due to what would be considered rather a curious circumstance, namely, an animal being lame in one foot throws an unequal proportion of the weight on the opposite, and in this way causes laminitis of the foot which was originally sound. In a case of this kind, if the original lameness was severe, the animal should be stung, as it cannot bear its weight on either of its feet, unless by experiencing extreme pain, which should be alleviated as much as possible.

Symptoms.

Inflammation in both fore feet, excessive stiffness and lameness, which is most apparent at starting, the hind legs are drawn forward under the body, in order to throw as much weight as possible on the hind legs and off the fore. If you wish to find out at once if the animal suffers from laminitis, back him in the stall. You will observe immediately, if he suffers from this disease, that he will try to elevate the toes, in order that the heels may bear the weight; the pulse also is strong, quick, and throbbing; the animal generally lies down with the legs stretched out, the reason for doing which is obvious, namely, to take all the weight off the feet. He appears, and no doubt does, thus obtain considerable relief. Having so far described symptoms, it will be scarcely possible for any of our readers to make a false diagnosis, and be it remembered this is a most important point, as many valuable animals are annually irretrievably ruined from the fact that the owners fail to diagnose the case at the proper time, the consequence being that a case of acute laminitis which is curable, is converted into one of incurable chronic laminitis, which is deplorable, hence the importance of forming a correct diagnosis at once, and applying the proper remedies.

Treatment of Acute Laminitis.

Just as soon as possible after having discovered that the animal has been foundered in the feet, or has acute laminitis, which is the same thing, have his shoes taken off, place the feet in a deep tub of warm water, in which some hay has been put to form a soft foundation for the tender feet to rest upon. Keep them there for about an hour and a half, then take them out and put them in warm poultices, composed of

concocted by mixing with out that coffee for the want of the best, rest out of my own, but our advice is to refrain from putting on shoes of any kind for ten or fifteen days.

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ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

At the regular meeting of this Association, held in the Lecture Room of the College, the president, Prof. Smith, in the chair, Mr. Chase, of Illinois, read a valuable and suggestive paper on Pneumonia.

He holds that, under proper treatment, resolution is the ordinary termination of the disease; that the standing posture is exceedingly characteristic of it; that the two periods of danger are first, from the initial fever, which may be severe enough to cause death; and second, hepatization supervening, when the fatal result will be brought about by suffocation. Some cases, he remarked, are latent, only discovered on post mortem examination.

In his remarks on treatment he disapproved of counter irritation to any great extent, as also of aloetic purgatives, recommending a small dose of oil and the use of salines. If duricis be present he deprecated any attempt to check it, as by the pre-action of the kidneys effete matters may be excreted.

An interesting discussion ensued, in which many of the members participated, during which it was suggested that, as the right Bronchus is the larger of the two; foreign bodies, frequently set up inflammation in the right, than in the left lung.

Mr. Moore then read a paper on "Abscess

him on board. He can not stay at home, and times in the Sp. rismen has with him as to row the F. into man for a race on the Thames the grey made one of following \$1000 expenses. I should think Hanlan will be better advised than to accept the challenge. His steering in the final mile was a loss was a great loss to say the least, and the trifling bets of the Putney Mortlake course require the close intimacy of years with its objective points, however well coached a man may be by his trainer in the bow of a four oar club rowing in his wake, as is the way of the Thames. On the Fyne the challenge is done from the bow of a steamer following the men."

COURTNEY MATCHED

A telegram from Geneva, N. Y., dated Feb. 8, says that articles have been signed for a two-mile race between Courtney, of Union Springs, and Dumpsy, of Geneva, N. Y. The race will be for \$1,000, and will take place on June 19 next.

WALLACE ROSS.—The latest word from this St. John's man inclines us to think he will not be idle the coming season. He is having a Spanish cedar boat built by Mr. Robert Dalton of Inverhuron. She is to be 30 feet long, 12 inches wide, 6 inches deep in the centre, 3 1/2 inches forward, and 2 1/2 inches aft, and will weigh about 34 lbs., and it is said will be one of the fastest and handiest boats in America.

The Turf, Field and Farm is apparently thinking better of Hanlan. In last week's paper, in speaking of the English champion, it says:—"Admitting that Hagenus has wonderfully improved his style and that he has gained additional strength, it does not appear that he is likely to prove formidable or that he has a chance for success either with Hanlan, Riley, Trickett or Courtney. On three miles we should judge that either one of the four, both men being in good condition, could give a time allowance."

RILEY AND HANLAN.—John Riley has challenged Edward Hanlan for a four mile turning race at Silver Lake, June 17th next, for \$500 or \$1,000 a side, and allow expenses. If Hanlan refuses, the challenge is open to any sculler in America excepting Courtney.

ENGLISH MARES FOR FRANCE.—Mr. Warring, of Beesnam Park Stud, England, has sent six of his best mares across the Channel to be bred to French sires. La Rosoraie and Fright to be put to Mortimer, Our Mary Ann and Carnage to Flageolet, and Attempt and Poinello to Board.

TEN BROECK. Our valued contemporary, the Kentucky Live Stock Record, speaking of Ten Broeck, says: "This splendid racehorse is an excellent health and condition—many think rather too high in flesh. He is taking his daily exercise preparatory to the coming campaign."

The Emperor of Germany is the greatest existing patron of the turf; the Empress of Austria is distinguished in England's hunting fields; Napoleon III. delighted in the gun; and Victor Emanuel dearly loved field sports.

W. H. DOBLE'S STABLE.—The old Nestor of Quakerdam, W. H. Doble, near Fairmont, has the following flyers under his charge: Lady Maude, 2:18; Scotland, 2:22; General Howard, 2:26; M. Henry, 2:35; Fanny, 2:38; Rifle, man, 2:42; Tom, 2:42, and, including Molin Gypsy and several other green ones to hear from.

PURCHASE OF CAPT. JACK.—Mr. Wm. H. Vanderbilt has just purchased the speedy bay gelding Capt. Jack, by Fisher's son of George M. Patchen. This horse has won a great many races during the past season, scoring fifteen heats in 2:30 or better, and getting a record of 2:29. No doubt he is supposed to have a reserve of speed, or he would not be added to the stable of Mr. Vanderbilt, which is rapidly growing in importance and admits none but first-class stock.

THE Master of the Hounds

CHAPTER XVI.

(CONTINUED.)

'Would you like to have them at the window, dear Blanche?' whispered Beauchamp.

'Oh, yes, William, pray let me come! The window was raised directly, and at their master's call, the whole pack rushed to his summons, jumping up, and licking his hand in exuberant delight, and ready to devour him with caresses.

'How those faithful hounds must love you, William!' murmured Blanche, as she leaned out to pat their honest heads.

'Yes, dear girl, there is no flattery in their professions, but genuine true affection, and now, as the gentlemen are all ready, I must close the window, and you will see them walk reluctantly away with the whipper-in, casting many a long and lingering look behind.'

The appearance of Beauchamp with Miss Douglas, patting and fondling the hounds together, could not fail to attract all eyes towards them; and many and sincere were the aspirations breathed by their true friends, the farmers especially, for the future happiness of the pair, who appeared formed for each other.

'Ah,' muttered Stiles to young Hazel, as they rode away, 'what a sweet-tempered beautiful young lady Miss Blanche is, and I'll warrant the Squire loves her as the apple of his eye—how happy they both looked! Blessings on 'em both, say I, and may they soon become man and wife.'

The company had now taken their leave, as the hounds disappeared from the scene, and Beauchamp remained with Mrs. Gordon and Blanche, Constance having galloped off with Malcolm and Conyers, promising, however, to return early.

'Well, dear aunt,' said Beauchamp, 'your presence at our home meet was quite an unexpected honour, and to me a most delightful surprise.'

'Why, William, to tell you the truth, I rather suspected the temptation would be too great, and I feared you would be rash enough to join the hounds, unless myself and Blanche drove over in time to prevent you; and another reason was, that if you were a good boy, and kept your promise, I would reward you for your dutiful conduct, by spending the day with you; there, William, was not that very good and considerate in me?'

'Yes, dear aunt, as you ever are to one who does not deserve half your kindness.'

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The merits of the dish were tested, and approved of by both the ladies, who pronounced it a decided improvement over the usual mode of cooking; and after breakfast

never intended to keep back anything from though I hold myself firmly and irrevocably bound to her; but if, at the end of the London season, she still prefers me to any other, I will then claim her hand, on the condition that her whole fortune shall be settled upon hers. If.'

'Really, William, you are so ridiculously romantic, and particular also, I shall advise Blanche to give you up altogether.'

'Indeed, aunt, I only urge this from my deep love to her, and the fear that she may be too hastily committed under her present excited feelings.'

'Well, then, you and Blanche must settle these childish objections between yourselves; and when you have made up your minds whether you are really in love or not, let me know. For the present I shall say nothing to any other person on the subject, not even to Malcolm and Constance, who would only laugh at your folly; but bear in mind, you have both my free consent to marry when you please; and under present circumstances, I do not consider it necessary to consult Mr. Harcourt. There—that will do; so now be off and take a short walk, while I finish writing my letters; but remember, William must not go very far.'

On their return, Mrs. Gordon asked if they had made up their first quarrel. 'Nearly, if not quite, dear aunt; although Blanche was very indignant at being considered so childish or so fickle as not to know her own mind; but as she would not consent either to marry or run away with me before this day week, the matter remains in abeyance. Still on one point we are agreed, that it will be more prudent to make an effort to obtain Mr. Harcourt's approbation before our engagement is made known to any other person, or he might consider such an act, without consulting him, a most serious and unpardonable offence.'

'You, who have been to me as a second mother?'

'Well, poor fellow! you have suffered too much pain lately for me to inflict more; and dear Blanche, if you do really love this wayward, worthless boy, I shall not add to your nervousness either by withholding my approval of your choice, so come here both of you; when, joining their hands together, Mrs. Gordon, in the most affectionate and impressive manner, invoked a blessing on their union, and, overcome by her own as well as Blanche's emotion, hastily left them together, telling them they would find her in the drawing-room. In half an hour they rejoined her, when Beauchamp told her, as Blanche was still so young, he did not wish her to be bound by any formal engagement to himself thus early, especially as she was to be presented at court in the spring, and make her *debut* in the London fashionable circles.

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'Ah, my pet,' exclaimed her cousin, 'so this is the way you have been killing time, which, of course, has passed very heavily since we left you; but I need not ask who wins?'

'And why not, Charles?'

—raising his own glass—"is long life and happiness to you, my dear girl, and confusion to all your enemies; and the contents instantly disappeared. 'Come, Blanche,' observing her sipping her wine, 'don't make two bites of a cherry—off with it, child—a bottle of this sort would do you no harm. Don't look at Aunt Gordon; you are not under petticoat government here; and now, Malcolm, fill your aunt's glass, as her turn comes next.'

'It's no use trying to refuse,' said Malcolm, as she withdrew her glass; 'the governor will have his own way at Bampton.'

'Oh, I see,' said the squire; 'Mrs. Gordon likes something lighter; champagne or burgundy—which shall it be?'

'Neither for me, Mr. Beauchamp, as I have taken enough already.'

'Poo! puch! you shall taste both. Thomas, a bottle of champagne and one of burgundy; and mind the cork is sound.'

'Yes, sir,' as the old butler toddled out of the room.

'That's right, squire!' exclaimed Conyers; 'ladies never refuse champagne, and I am just in the humor for one or two myself.'

'Really, Mr. Conyers, you seem to have joined in a conspiracy to make us all tipsy to-night,' replied Mrs. Gordon.

'Oh, no, my dear Madam; we only wish to make your eyes and dear Blanche's sparkle a little more brilliantly.'

'Now, Mrs. Gordon,' said Mr. Beauchamp, as Thomas appeared with two long-necked bottles, 'which first—champagne or burgundy?'

'Champagne, if I must take any; and immediately a tall glass sparkled by the side of each lady, which in courtesy could not be refused.

'We shall do now,' said the old squire, 'and the ladies shall not be obliged by me to take any more than one glass of burgundy after dinner.'

When the ladies were rising from the table, Mrs. Gordon said, 'Malcolm, you must not be late to-night, as I have once or twice observed, in our drives, a tall, stout man on horseback loitering behind the carriage, which makes me feel rather nervous.' A quiet smile passed over William Beauchamp's features as she said this, which Blanche noticing, asked in a low tone if he knew who this person was.

'Yes, my dear girl,' as he rose to open the door, and stood with her for a moment outside; 'you need not feel alarmed. It is Mark Rosier, who is your guard day and night whenever you go.'

'Oh, dear William,' she said, putting her hand in his, 'how kind and considerate thus to watch over me.'

'Mark is only my substitute whilst I am disabled, and when able I shall guard you myself.'

'No, dear William; that you must not do. I never can repay you for all your anxiety and trouble about me.'

'You can guess the reward, dear girl, which will more than repay me.'

'I am all your own now, William,' she said, blushing, 'and therefore I suppose you will claim it, whether I like to give it or not.' And he folded her in his arms, saying, 'My own dearest treasure! how undeserving am I of such a blessing as your love!'

'Dear William, you deserve more than I can give; but now let me go.'

'Tell Aunt Gordon and Constance, then, if you like, about Mark Rosier, but no one else.'

As she tripped after her friends into the drawing-room, Mrs. Gordon asked the cause of her detention by Beauchamp, which was explained by Blanche telling her the name of the dark man who had been noticed following the carriage.

'Just like my dear brother,' exclaimed Constance; 'ever too anxious about those he loves. Ah, Blanche, you will have a sad time of it when you are married; he will never let you out of his sight except on hunting days, when you may have the opportunity of a little quiet flirtation with others, but rest assured he will never let you go alone to any dinner-party or ball; in fact, my dear girl, my only fear is that you may have too much of his agreeable company.'

'Of that I have no fear, dear Constance'

CHAPTER XVII.

We must now look into the dining-room, where Conyers was relating the events of the day.

'We have had,' said Bob, 'very unsatisfactory work. Found, of course, in Park-wood, directly, and went away fast for about twenty minutes, when the hounds, coming to a check in a large field stamied by a flock of sheep, Charley seized upon them instantly, and thought to make a display of his genius by making a forward cast, taking it for granted the fox had gone straight to the Holt; but the fox, having changed his mind and turned away short to the left for the turze hills, our run was spoilt. Found again in the turze hills, a thorough good traveller, who went straight through the Holt, and then faced the open for Barton Court covert, which he skirted, and held on his course over the downs to Stanton village, where we were at fault for the first time among some small enclosures. For fifty minutes the pace had been first-rate, few being able to live with the hounds; and from a shepherd we heard the fox was not half a mile before us, and no doubt lay down somewhere; but Charley, all eagerness, would not give them time, and again made a forward cast through the village towards Staunton Wood, still persisting (notwithstanding my remonstrances) in holding the hounds a good mile in that direction. Whilst occupied in this wild-goose chase, our hunted fox was viewed away from a ditch, where the hounds first threw up, and met by several of the heavy brigade in his way back to Barton Woods. Hallooing and screaming were now the order of the day, in which Charley took the lead, rattling, with the hounds all gallop, back through the village; but the fox had made good his retreat, and we soon had two or three fresh ones on foot, when we reached Barton Court, where I left Mr. Charley thoroughly disgusted. 'Halloo! here; tally ho! there; hounds! heads up, looking about, and wandering what it all meant; in short, Will, your old friend Stiles remarked, 'It will not do, Mr. Conyers—the pack will be run d, if the young squire don't take them in hand again, and that pretty soon.' The fact is, Charley is too much in a hurry, and tries to kill his fox before he is half beaten; and, like many other young huntsmen, depends more upon his own assumed knowledge than the hounds' noses.'

'You must remember,' said Beauchamp, 'it is his first day, and he will improve.'

'I don't think it, Will; his ideas are all wrong at present, and he will certainly spoil the hounds by trying to ride away from the field, which appears to be his chief consideration. The more haste the less speed; and a thorough good huntsman, however quick, ought never to be in a hurry. It is the same with hounds—a fast and a quick hound are very distinct animals; and a harry starey fellow, who, as Beckford says, would ride over a church if it came in his way, is generally the reverse of quick.'

'Well, Bob, I hope to be in the saddle again the beginning of next week; and now, as I know Mrs. Gordon will be in a fidget about leaving, we must cut short our discussion about the merits of hounds and huntsmen—what say you, Malcolm?'

'Always as ready to attend the ladies, my dear fellow, as yourself; so come along.'

'Well, aunt,' said he, as they entered the drawing-room, 'don't you think me a very good obedient nephew, to break up our after-dinner sitting so early?'

'Yes Charles, you have behaved very well indeed to-night.'

'Oh! very little merit is due to me, for Will Beauchamp, being restricted from wine, hurried us off before our second bottle was finished, for which Conyers and myself voted him a confounded bore, and a very selfish fellow to boot; so now, to be revenged, I shall make Constance and Blanche sing till midnight.'

'Indeed, Charles, you will do no such thing; I shall order the carriage in half an hour, as, after what has happened, I feel very nervous in being out late; but if Mr. Beauchamp and William will dine with us on Monday next, by which time I hope he will be nearly recovered, you shall sit up till two in the morning, if you like.'

'Agreed aunt; we will have a regular night of it at the Priory on Monday, won't we, Bob?'

'As Mr. Malcolm; and raise such a din

of carrying off your ward, and Lord Mervyn knew him to be a poor, good-for-nothing, fortune-hunting rake about town. The whole thing was planned by Lord Mervyn and Mr. Farley (whom you will remember meeting at the castle, and who was positively instructed to laud this Lord Vancour and represent him as a person of high character and large fortune); these two, with that worthy person, Richard Vernon, arranged the whole proceedings; and as this will come out upon the trial, Mr. Harcourt, if you have any regard for your position in the county, my advice to you is, to avoid further intimacy with the contemptible owner of Marston Castle.'

'Indeed, Mrs. Gordon, I am perfectly astonished at your account of this matter, but still you must be in error as to Lord Mervyn having so grossly committed himself.'

'You are in error, Mr. Harcourt, I am not,' replied Mrs. Gordon, as she rose to take her leave; 'but I hope we shall see you on Monday at the Priory, where I have asked a few friends in the evening.'

The invitation being accepted, was considered as the outward adjustment of any personal differences between the two aunts, although their inward feelings remained in *statu quo*. In direct refutation of the scandalous reports spread by Lord Mervyn and his partisans, Mrs. Gordon determined, therefore, on giving as large a party as her house could contain, with a dance afterwards, as a testimony of rejoicing for Blanche's happy escape; and the invitation to her neighbors, Lady Markham, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Compton, and others, were expressive for her feelings on this point. The Beauchamps, with Conyers, were her only guests at the dinner-table; but a splendid supper was provided for the other company, who began to arrive about half-past nine, Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt being almost the first to make their appearance, and constrained, then, to listen to the felicitations offered to Mrs. Gordon and her niece.

'Ah, my dear girl!' said Selina Markham, kissing Blanche, 'so this is an occasion for your escape from Hooknose, Mervyn and Co.?'

'Hush, Selina!'

'I shall not be hushed, poor child, from expressing my congratulations, and only regret Mark did not send a ball through the coachman's leg, to prevent his running. By how fares our champion, Will Beauchamp? I intend heading a subscription to present him with a piece of plate, in token of his gallant conduct in defending the rights of women to choose their own husbands.'

'What will you give, Blanche? or—(sinking her voice to a whisper)—do you propose rewarding him in another way?'

'Oh, nonsense, Selina; how foolish you talk to-night!'

'I should not call it foolish, child, to reward my preserver with something more substantial than gold and silver, and I rather suspect, from those tell-tale eyes, Blanche Douglas is of the same opinion; but as the subject appears so disagreeable, let us talk of something else—this grand hunt ball, which is now fixed to take place on the fourteenth of next month, St. Valentine's day. That to be a splendid affair, as all are required to appear in characters or fancy dresses. What is yours to be, Blanche?'

'I really have not thought much about it yet, Selina; but here comes your brother.'

'Eh—Miss Douglas—glad to see you looking so bewitching to-night. 'Pon honor, room all returned—frightened enough, I dare say, at first; demned disagreeable affair—lucky it's no worse—journey to Scotland no joke at this time of year—*volens volens*, and all that sort of thing. But Dick did the thing cleverly—all *volens* in his case. Demned! how old Mervyn stormed and raved—cracked, they say, ever since. Lost five hundred pounds as well as his daughter—deserved the old villain right—regularly flogged—wish he'd been shot instead of Will Beauchamp. Poor fellow! looks very white about the gills still.'

'There, Ned, that will do,' said his sister; 'we have had enough of that story.'

'Then, Miss Douglas, may I have the honor—first quadrille, or second, eh?'

'Neither,' replied Blanche, laughing, 'but the fourth, if you particularly desire it.'

'Thank you, Miss Douglas, feel greatly honored, and all that sort of thing,' which the captain walked off.

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"Yes, dear William," replied Blanche, blushing, and with her hand trembling in his; "I wish no concealments from my affectionate aunt, and have felt rather uncomfortable sometimes in her presence since we last parted, because I feared you might not approve my telling her."

"Thank you, my own dear love," replied Beauchamp, raising her hand to his lips; "but dear, dear Blanche, how you tremble. Love me! Oh, still love me as a brother, if you fear me as a lover!"

"I do not fear you, dear William," raising her eyes timidly to his, "but I have become so nervous lately, you must not regard it."

Her hand was still retained in his as Mrs. Gordon returned to the room, when Beauchamp turning to her, said—"Dear aunt, I have been bold enough to confess my long ardent attachment to dear Blanche, which only wants your approval to make me the most envied as well as the most happy of men. Do I presume too much in hoping you will not withhold your kind consent?"

"Indeed, Mr. William! I scarcely know what to say, as I suspect this confession to Blanche has been made long ago, and I think you have not treated me well—in these concealments from one who has always considered you, hitherto, as her own son."

"Indeed, indeed, dearest aunt, I have had no opportunity of making this disclosure to you before, without writing a formal proposal, which I feel rather reluctant to do; but will you forgive this little omission, as I

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"Because you are as two to one against Beauchamp, and can at any time win more games with your eyes, dear girl, than ever you can with your hands."

"Well, Charles, since no spell of that kind will influence you, I challenge you to a game when this is finished."

"Not now, Blanche, as I must play first with my knife and fork, and tell Will all about our day's sport."

"You will find luncheon on the table," said Beauchamp, "and I will join you in a few minutes; but I wish you would persuade Mrs. Gordon to dine here; the moon rises early, and there is no fear of robbers."

"With all my heart," said Malcolm, as he turned into the drawing-room first; when, having overcome Mrs. Gordon's objections, he returned, saying he would send back his hunter to the Priory, and go home in the carriage with the ladies. "Is not this a delightful arrangement, Blanche?"

"Oh, yes, Charles; I am so happy you have prevailed on aunt to stop and dine here."

"Well, then, after I have had some luncheon I will accept your challenge at the billiard table, and leave the fox-hunting tale for Bob Conyers to relate over his wine."

Being rather disgusted with Charles's performances as huntsman, that individual returned with the old squire about five o'clock and at half-past six this sociable, happy little party sat down to their dinner, which was discussed with great gusto and high glee; the old squire keeping his guests alive with merriment and good humor.

"Well, Blanche," said he, "it makes my old heart glad to see your sweet, cheerful smile once more, and the color again in your cheeks. Poor child! you had a narrow escape, and Will too; but there, I see it is a sore subject still, so will say no more about it—but have a glass of wine together instead. Fill her a bumper, Will, and here"

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"Dear William, you deserve more than I can give; but now let me go."

"Tell Aunt Gordon and Constance, then, if you like, about Mark Rosier, but no one else."

As she tripped after her friends into the drawing-room, Mrs. Gordon asked the cause of her detention by Beauchamp, which was explained by Blanche telling her the name of the dark man who had been noticed following the carriage.

"Just like my dear brother," exclaimed Constance; "ever too anxious about those he loves. Ah, Blanche, you will have a sad time of it when you are married; he will never let you out of his sight except on hunting days, when you may have the opportunity of a little quiet flirtation with others, but rest assured he will never let you go alone to any dinner party or ball; in fact, my dear girl, my only fear is that you may have too much of his agreeable company."

"Of that I have no fear, dear Constance, for I could not be happy anywhere without him."

"Well, dear, I have hitherto refrained from saying much in William's favour, lest you might think me an interested person, and endeavouring to prejudice you; but now you have acted from the impulse of your own heart in accepting and returning his love, I may tell you that I do not believe it possible you could have selected one who would make you so thoroughly happy as my own dear brother."

"In which I perfectly agree," added Mrs. Gordon; "but William is so romantic, Constance, as to insist on Blanche having the pick of the London fashionables before she is finally engaged to him. What would you say to Malcolm's making a similar proposal to you?"

"That I should not feel very much flattered by such a want of confidence in my affection; but William, I am quite certain, can only have one motive; and as Blanche has seen so little of the world, I rather think he is pursuing the most honourable course, and exhibiting a denial, which very few men, if any, would practise under similar circumstances, knowing that the issue of this trial must be life or death to his hopes of happiness."

"Dear Constance," said Blanche, throwing her arms round her neck, "I am quite vexed, and almost angry, with William for entertaining such doubts of my constancy, and have told him I never will agree to such humiliating terms. I am his now and for ever, and your own dear sister, my beloved Constance."

And thus we will leave these two affectionate girls enjoying their rapturous feelings of delight in the contemplation of that nearer tie, which would soon bind them closer than ever to each other.

half beaten; and, like many other young huntsmen, depends more upon his own assumed knowledge than the hounds' noses."

"You must remember," said Beauchamp, "it is his first day, and he will improve."

"I don't think it, Will; his ideas are all wrong at present, and he will certainly spoil the hounds by trying to ride away from the field, which appears to be his chief consideration. The more haste the less speed; and a thorough good huntsman, however quick, ought never to be in a hurry. It is the same with hounds—a fast and a quick hound are very distinct animals; and a hairy starey fellow, who, as Beckford says, would ride over a church if it came in his way, is generally the reverse of quick."

"Well, Bob, I hop to be in the saddle again the beginning of next week; and now, as I know Mrs. Gordon will be in a fidget about leaving, we must cut short our discussion about the merits of hounds and huntsmen—what say you, Malcolm?"

"Always as ready to attend the ladies, my dear fellow, as yourself; so come along."

"Well, aunt," said he, as they entered the drawing-room, "don't you think me a very good obedient nephew, to break up our after-dinner sitting so early?"

"Yes, Charles, you have behaved very well indeed to-night."

"Oh! very little merit is due to me, for Will Beauchamp, being restricted from wine, hurried us off before our second bottle was finished, for which Cony rs and myself voted him a confounded bore, and a very selfish fellow to boot; so now, to be revenged, I shall make Constance and Blanche sing till midnight."

"Indeed, Charles, you will do no such thing; I shall order the carriage in half an hour, as, after what has happened, I feel very nervous in being out late; but if Mr. Beauchamp and William will dine with us on Monday next, by which time I hope he will be nearly recovered, you shall sit up till two in the morning, if you like."

"Agreed aunt; we will have a regular night of it at the Priory on Monday, won't we, Bob?"

"Ay, ay, Malcolm; and raise such a din as to astonish the quiet inmates of that most respectable establishment."

The next morning, Mrs. Gordon, with Blanche, called on the Harcourts, by whom they were received much more graciously than they expected, with many professions of regret for the untoward event which had occurred; but to their proposal of Blanche returning again to Throesby, Mrs. Gordon decidedly objected. "Poor girl!" she said; "she has not yet recovered the shock of that night, and never moves out in the carriage, or on foot, without a guard to protect her from further outrage."

"Surely there can be no necessity for such supervision," replied Mrs. Harcourt, "as it is reported Lord Vancourt was seriously wounded, and therefore must be unable to renew the attempt even were he so disposed, which I think highly improbable."

"We have very good authority for believing Lord Mervyn was equally concerned in the plot," replied Mrs. Gordon; "and it is not improbable that other agents may be employed to carry out the designs of these honorable noblemen, who are a disgrace to the peerage."

"I have been assured by Lord Mervyn," said Mrs. Harcourt, "to whom I wrote for an explanation, that his men were employed by Lord Vancourt without his knowledge."

"Which we can prove," retorted Mrs. Gordon, "is a great falsehood; as my Lord Mervyn was himself the originator and conductor of his disgraceful scheme, and Lord Vancourt a too willing tool in his hands; that's what we know, Mr. Harcourt, and is prepared to prove at the trial; and it is infamous that a married man like Lord Mervyn, with children, should have entered into such a vile conspiracy to ruin a poor defenceless girl. We know all about it, Mr. Harcourt, and that this Lord Vancourt was invited down to the Castle for the express pur-

port that I did not send a ball through the coachman's leg, to prevent his running. But how fares our champion, Will Beauchamp? I intend heading a subscription to present him with a piece of plate, in token of his gallant conduct in defending the 'rights of women to choose their own husbands.' What will you give, Blanche? or—(sinking her voice to a whisper)—do you propose rewarding him in another way?"

"Oh, nonsense, Selina; how foolish you talk to-night!"

"I should not call it foolish, child, to reward my preserver with something more substantial than gold and silver, and I rather suspect, from those tell-tale eyes, Blanche Douglas is of the same opinion; but as the subject appears so disagreeable, let us talk of something else—this grand hunt ball, which is now fixed to take place on the fourteenth of next month, St. Valentine's day. That is to be a splendid affair, as all are requested to appear in characters or fancy dresses. What is yours to be, Blanche?"

"I really have not thought much about it yet, Selina; but here comes your brother."

"Eh—Miss Douglas—glad to see you looking so bewitching to-night." Poor Ned, when all returned—frightened enough, I dare say, at first; demned disagreeable affair—lucky it's no worse—journey to Scotland no joke at this time of year—*nolens volens*, and all that sort of thing. But Dick did the thing cleverly—all *volens* in his case. Demmit! how old Mervyn stormed and raved!—cracked, they say, ever since. Lost five hundred pounds as well as his daughter—served the old villain right—regularly flogged—wish he'd been shot instead of Will Beauchamp. Poor fellow! looks very white about the gills still."

"There, Ned, that will do," said his sister, "we have had enough of that story."

"Then, Miss Douglas, may I have the honor—first quadrille, or second, eh?"

"Neither," replied Blanche, laughing, "but the fourth, if you particularly desire it."

"Thank you, Miss Douglas, feel greatly honored, and all that sort of thing; with which the captain walked off."

"Ned is not such a very bad sort of fellow, after all," remarked Selina, "although, I must confess, an egregious fool in some respects; but he knows what is due to our sex, and has very honorable, upright feelings, and I believe nothing would induce him to do a mean or cowardly action."

"I assure you, Selina, I entertain the same opinion of your brother, and am always glad to dance with him when I can, as he is ever most gentlemanly and kind in his manner, and the very reverse of Richard Vernon."

"Well, there is one comfort, Blanche, we shall never be troubled with that cur again; but what a fate for that poor girl, to be linked for life to such a man! What fools girls are to be taken by handsome-looking men, who have no other recommendation; I had rather marry the ugliest man, with a good heart and disposition, than the veriest Adonis without these qualities; and it is far better to learn to love a plain man for his virtues, than to be obliged to dislike a handsome one for his vices, after marriage; but a truce to our moralising, as the fiddles are turning, and, I suppose, Will Beauchamp, having dined here, has engaged you for the first dance; which coming to claim, Beauchamp approached and asked Selina for the second."

"I scarcely know whether I shall honor you or not, for, as Ned says, you still look very seedy and white about the gills, and I don't consider hopping and jumping about likely to improve your health."

"Sauntering quietly through the figure will do me no harm, Selina."

"Well, then, I will take you under my sage care, Mr. Will, to prevent your falling into worse hands."

SUBJECT FOR A MISSIONARY.

HITLER FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER, BY COCKY.

He was an old "joar" compositor, who had led cases in almost every city from Boston to San Francisco, and from Montreal to Galveston. He compelled him to grace his nose with a pair of steel-framed spectacles, which, it was said to be seen, were also aged, and added to his sedate appearance. Silvery threads had become numerously visible among the raven locks that once adorned his well-shaped head, and a stubby growth of pepper-and-salt-hued beard served to make his angular cheeks look slightly broader. His clothes, once black, had faded to a shade that plainly indicated their disreputable condition. Altogether, he was a royal specimen of the Bohemian type. He had been working in an Ohio town for about a month, and hadn't taken a drink for a week, when upon a recent Sunday evening a fellow-traveler surprised him by an invitation to attend church. He looked strange and mystified, and, glancing at his friend, and, as though just awakening from a Rip-Van-Winkler, he said:—

"Jim, I'll go. Haven't been inside of a church for over thirty years, and don't know what kind of an entertainment they'll give; but I'll chance it."

And they went. As he timidly entered the sanctuary of one of the finest churches, a step or two behind his companion, he seemed bewildered, looked right and left almost at a venture, and seemed to wish he was out of the place. At that moment a courteous usher stepped up and offered to show them a seat. He fingered his stubby beard nervously, and remarked:—

"Don't give us a reserved seat, please, 'cause I'm not accustomed to it; I would prefer the gallery, if you please." But, glancing up and seeing no gallery there, he continued:—"Never mind, don't trouble yourself; I'll just sit right down here in the pit."

And with his amused though slightly disturbed companion, he wilted strangely into the first vacant pew he observed, and sat quietly picking up the plush cushion with the pin he used for a tooth-pick, until the organ sounded the prelude and the choir arose. While they sang the voluntary he maintained a critical posture and listened with a strange feeling. As they resumed their seats he turned to his friend and whispered:—

"That's a good orchestra, but the music is too solemn for comedy, and too tame for tragedy. What line of business do they do, anyhow? Got a programme about you?"

Then his friend pinched his leg and whispered back:—

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"If I'd known this was to have been one of these monologue businesses, I'd stayed away. I'm a victim of misplaced confidence; Dr. Landis can give this fellow lessons all his life. Wish I had a Clipper to read. He's an amateur. Wake me up, Jim, when they ring the drop-curtain."

He sank back in the cushions, and thought of days in years long past when he made his first tramp as a "joar print," and soon sank away to oblivious happiness until the choir aroused him. As the congregation was slowly filing out he said:

"Jim, I thought you had a better opinion of my appreciation than that."

SHOOTING A TIGER FROM A RAILROAD ENGINE.

bullet; he was hoisted on board, and when skinning him, it was, strange instance of retributive justice, found that his stomach contained undigested buttons and cloth, which clearly identified him as the destroyer of the stoker on the previous day.

Whether it was a case of *an revient toujours a ses premiers amours*, and that the tiger was tracing up the removed body by scent, and thought another slice of that, or another railroad man would be beneficial to him, or whether it was purely fortuitous that he should choose that walk that morning can, of course, but he guessed at, but the coincidence—which was told me by the chief engineer of that part of the line, on the occasion of our passing the scene of the occurrence very shortly after it happened, attracted considerable attention, and for which I will vouch.—*Unique.*

RATTLESNAKES.

THE TERRIBLE ADVENTURE OF A SCHOOL GIRL IN THE MOUNTAINS.

A young lady in Reading, Penn., has received the following letter from her friend who is at boarding school, giving a thrilling account of her adventure with a huge rattlesnake.

"DEAR MARGIE—Three weeks ago yesterday afternoon two young ladies besides myself, who had gone out in a walking party with one of the teachers at the school in this place, strolled off from the rest of the party, and, losing our way, were unable for some time to tell where we were, as the woods and underwoods were so thick that the farther we penetrated into it the more difficult our passage became. We wandered to and fro for a long time until almost overcome with fatigue, when we sat down on a huge boulder to recover our lost strength. Looking at our watches we found that we had been on the mountain nearly six hours, and felt hungry, distressed and tired. It was about five o'clock in the afternoon, and twilight was fast approaching. 'Oh, for something to eat,' my companion said, 'and then we would struggle on and try to find the school again.' She appeared to be the picture of despair. We were sitting some feet above the ground alongside of a huge oak tree, and presently I felt something moving on my neck. I placed my hand to my neck to remove it, when horrible to relate, I grasped something round and soft, which hissed like an adder. I tried to pull it from my neck, but it wriggled and squirmed, and my companion, seeing the monster on my body, shrieked and screamed and almost fainted. Just at that moment the head made a dart at my breast, with mouth wide open and tongue elongated, and hissing a death-like and horrible sound. My left hand was about six inches from its head, and, in order to prevent being bitten, I grasped it right behind the eyes with my right hand. Holding it in this way for several seconds, my companion shrieked to me to throw the snake from me. I tried to do so, but was powerless, being, as it seemed to me, transfixed or charmed to the spot by the horrid eyes of the monster. I tried to talk, but my jaws would not open, and my tongue appeared stiff. I felt the cold sweat trickling down my back, and large drops of perspiration stood on my forehead. My face was as white as the driven snow, and I could neither move nor talk, but seemed to be as stiff as a post. It makes me shudder, as I write, to think of the stare of the reptile. Annie, my companion, seeing my dangerous situation, screamed for help. She seemed to have been bereft of reason, for instead of coming to my assistance she started to run away. Trying to turn my head to see whether she had gone, the eyes of the snake were also directed in the direction in which Annie was shrieking. From that moment the snake's spell on me was broken, and with all my might I hurled it from me. No sooner had the snake landed on the ground than I ran with the fleetness of the deer, fearing that it would overtake me. Judge of my feelings when, almost out of breath and ready to shrink down to the earth from sheer exhaustion, I turned around and found a snake with three others several paces from me, in hot pursuit. I remembered that snakes were afraid of anything red. Fortunately having on a red skirt, I immediately exposed it to the reptiles' view, and they at once stopped the pursuit. I advanced toward them, shaking my red skirt, and they retreated. I gathered up stones and threw at them, and killed the largest one, and the others escaped through the rocks. Just at this moment, a deputation from the school who had been in search of us came up. The large snake that had coiled itself around my neck was found by the escort, and it measures nine feet and four inches.

SIGNS AND OMENS.

That "luck" has been considered a potent element in horse matters, has some forcible and interesting illustrations in the annals of the turf. When Wild Dayrell was foaled, his future trainer, Luckaby, who was stead groom for Mr.

HOW TO WIN HIM.

"Eliza," said a fond mother to her offspring recently, as that offspring was about going forth in tow of a young man who worships the very sidewalk she walks upon. "Eliza, go to the bread-box and eat a good big crust of bread before you go out." "Why, ma'am," replied the blushing girl, "I don't feel the least bit hungry. We've only just had tea." "I know it, but you will be hungry before you get back, and when Adolphus takes you into a restaurant you'll eat ice cream and sponge cake, and ham sandwiches, and oysters enough to scare him out of a year's growth. You silly girls don't think of this, but we experienced women do. I was once young and giddy myself, and but for sixty-five cents worth of marcaroons—a cake for which I have ever since entertained the most profound contempt—your paw would have been a Congressman, with an an aquiline nose and Hyperion's curls. Beware how you sit down on the budding flame of Cupid. Of course, Adolphus will spend the money you save him on billiards and things, but that makes no difference. When he asks you to go in and have some oysters, even if you are hungry, don't. Say you do not approve of girls wasting the money of their future husbands on trifles, when it might be applied to furnishing a house. Point out that for the cost of an oyster stew you might purchase a couple of towels, now that toweling is so cheap; and that a Saddle Root roast is the equivalent of a silver fork—plated, of course, but not easily distinguished from solid silver—or a glass sugar-bowl. This always takes the young men; it sets them to thinking of housekeeping and matrimony; it makes them believe that you are the incarnation of economy, and would make an excellent wife; and so they often say things which give you a hold over them, or are effective before a jury." Eliza treasured up these sagacious counsels of the authoress of her being, and acted upon them with such earnestness and affect that when she came home she was an engaged woman.

HUNTING THE FOX.

Sport in the British hunting-field has been running high this month. A fortnight ago the Empress of Austria was very early at the meet at Harrington, and a move was made before too many were on the ground. They found a good fox in Loatland-wood, where half the field was left, and ran him away by Deoborough, and then turned over the brook for Botwell-wood. A good man forded the brook, and fell into it. Mrs. Corbett, another lady, and Major Orred all got into a hole, and then the rest made for the bridge, in reaching which Mrs. Oliver fell on the road insensible, so a chair was procured to take her to Colonel Arthur, who was out in his brougham. On reaching him they found he was already full, having taken in Count Clam Gallas, who also had a bad fall, causing concussion of the brain, besides a fractured jaw; and a little further on Captain Reynolds was down, and also much hurt. Another carriage was procured to take Mrs. Oliver home, and the Count was conveyed to Cottesbrooke in a brougham. On the same day Lord Suffolk had a nasty accident while out with the Duke of Beaufort. He was struck by a projecting branch of a tree and knocked from his horse, his head being badly bruised. Colonel Kingscote, M.P., also met with a bad accident while out with the hounds. The Colonel's horse fell upon him, causing serious injuries to his back, and a slight concussion of the spinal cord. On the same day, with the same bounds, there were two other serious accidents. From this graphic account, which is condensed from an English sporting paper, it is quite clear that the fox is having more fun than the distinguished company behind him.

THE BUCKARO.

In the Southwest there are many characters of most peculiar individuality, who are found only on the frontier. There is the Ranchero or Rauche Herdsman, the "Greaser mule skinner" of Mexican teaster, the "Freighter" or American ox driver, the "Blander" or stock-marker, the "Prospector" or prospector, the post scout, the buffalo hunter, the squaw man and the "nobby" buckaro. Each has pride of calling, and wonderful boasts of their abilities are made, and marvelous stories of their successes are told in the light of the evening fire of the camp, rancho, barrack or hacienda. The buckaro is usually a Mexican or Texan. The Mexican dress is an embroidered and spangled velvet jacket, open at the throat, corduroy or velvet breeches, heavy Taux leggings ornamented with beads, coiled tightly around the legs, and tied below the knees; a wide red sash is knotted on the left side, and supports a light bowie-knife or dirk. His lasso encircles his waist when not in use, or hangs on the saddle, and a large

THE INDIAN BULLBOAT.

One of the most curious contrivances for crossing and descending the West river is the bullboat. It has been in use many years among the different bands of Sioux, Cripple and Arickaree (Red Indians). The hide of a bull elk is used as a covering for each boat, and it thus derives its name. The bullboat may be made any size, though it is usually constructed to accommodate from two to four persons. The frame is simply a large circular willow crate, with the raw elk hide stretched over it, fur side inward. Although the boat is usually about two feet deep and six feet wide, its burden is very great. Many of our Western hunters use bullboats, and I have found them very convenient for descending long rivers. A boat of the above dimensions will comfortably accommodate two hunters and their trappings. The boat is most in use on the upper Missouri River. The occupants paddle from opposite sides to prevent the boat from turning, thus driving it steadily ahead. When a boat is heavily laden, one Indian swims behind, answering the purpose of rudder, and at the same time assisting in propelling the boat. The lazy bucks float for miles down rivers, in their boats when hunting, fighting, or trading, and their squaws pack the boats on their backs up the long, fatiguing trails on the river banks. Parties of a dozen or more are often seen packing boats, and to reach a destination it often takes several days travel.

IRON BITS.

Let one one who has care of a horse those cold frosty mornings deliberately grasp in his hand a piece of iron; indeed, let him touch it to the tip of his tongue, and then let him thrust the bit into the mouth of his horse, if he has the heart to do it. The horse is an animal of nervous organization. His mouth is formed of delicate glands and tissues. The temperature of the blood is the same as in the human being, and, as in man, the mouth is the warmest part of the body. Imagine, we repeat, the irritation that would be caused this man, and consider, if hot to the same degree, the suffering to the animal; and it is not a momentary pain. Food is eaten with difficulty, and the irritation repeated day after day causes loss of appetite and loss of strength. Many a horse has become worthless from no other cause than this. Before India-rubber bits were to be had, I used a bit covered with leather, and on no account would have dispensed with it in freezing weather.—*Boston Herald.*

A TROUT'S GYMNASTICS.

The Boston Post says: "In the aquarium in the window of the Bromfield House, on Bromfield street, is a large brook trout weighing nearly three pounds, that cuts curious capers and gives gymnastic exhibitions of the most remarkable character. A few days ago a small rattan stick was left lying across the top of the aquarium, four or five inches from the water, and the trout was seen to jump and catch the rattan in his mouth, hold on for some moments, then with a swing and a splash return to the water again. Since then he has repeated the caper frequently, and seems to enjoy the breath of air as he swings back and forth, suspended by holding on to the rattan with his teeth. Stories have been told by fishermen that trout catch at twigs or hanging streams and swing themselves out of the water, but Mr. Messenger, who has fished and raised trout for many years says this is the first trout he has ever seen indulge in such unfishlike gymnastics."

A MAN WITH THIRTY CHILDREN.

The Strohl family, of this county, is probably the largest family in the United States. The head of the house is Nicholas Strohl, a Pennsylvania German, now 76 years old. By three wives he had thirty children, twenty-seven of whom are living. His first wife presented him with eight, his second with eleven and his third with eleven. The youngest child is now 8 years old, and was born when its father was 78 years old. Of the twenty-seven children nineteen are married, and there families average about eight children. Mr. Joel Strohl, one of the well-known farmers in the lower end, and child of his father's first wife, has seventeen children, and

BILLIARDS IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES.

Referring to the billiard table as a means of healthful exercise, especially for scholars and other persons of sedentary habits, a physician attached to a private academy in one of the Western States, writes: "I carefully observed for several months the powerfully strengthening effects of this peculiar exercise, and was much surprised to note the benefits to those possessing weak and defective structures. No marvelous have been the results, in many cases where disease had become almost chronic, that I could scarcely comprehend such wonderful results in so short a time. This exercise, so efficacious in driving disease from the human system, has been thoroughly tested and has proven a permanent success, and has the effect of materially assisting the pupils, the work of cultivating the mind being greatly aided by the healthful operations of the functions of the body.

Without exercise, the plan has a inactivity of body, and activity of the mind; under this system it is equal activity of both, & the healthful influence of one, induced by judicious muscular exercise, operating to assist the other.

The motions gone through in the pastime reach every part of the body and operate upon every portion of the system. They completely dispel languor and inactivity from the frame. The tension of the muscles is tested, and the blood flowing singularly in remote and undisturbed portions, is urged and quickened in its circulation by the relaxing and contracting muscles. The brain, stimulated into new activity by the lively, bounding current within and unharassed by disordered functions of the physical life, comprehends and absorbs with swiftness whatever is presented to its spiritual appetite. Such have been the effects of a billiard exercise, and I hope soon to see this become general in use, as it makes the youth feel that he is growing up into a new life of strength and activity."

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THIRTY QUAILS IN THIRTY DAYS.

Mr Edward Crang, of Clinton, Ill., who attempted to eat thirty quails in thirty consecutive days, has performed the wonderful gastrointestinal feat successfully, he having eaten his thirtieth bird on the 26th ult. at 1 p.m. This experiment has been a severe trial on Mr Crang, and told on him quite distinctly. When he commenced this trial he weighed 175 pounds, he now weighs but 167, by these figures it will be seen that he has lost eight pounds. He did not experience any difficulty until he had eaten his fourteenth bird, which seemed to worry him considerably, and came very near causing him to give up the match, but by perseverance and the assistance of an indomitable will he managed to pass this critical point (with him), and had no further trouble whatever during the balance of the contest, but he admits that had he not assumed nature from that time on, by taking something to promote digestion, that he would have failed. Mr Crang claims that no man can perform this feat without suffering immediately thereafter unless he takes something to promote digestion, or assist the bowels in performing their duties, but Mr. Crang was not restricted from assisting nature with every available means that he saw fit to take advantage of, he being only required to eat the bird and digest it. Mr Crang has changed his views very materially with reference to eating quails, he being under the impression before commencing that it was an easy task to perform, and would be a novel sport and good eating combined. He now thinks that it is more like labour than pleasure, and as far as the good eating is concerned, a variety is preferable.

SCYLLARIA AS A CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.

The New York Sun last week makes mention of the possible advantage of using scypharia in cases where persons have been bitten by mad dogs. The authority of Mr Crooks is cited, whose sister was bitten by a mad dog, and who was found to have suffered no morbidness after having strong decoctions of skull-cap given to her. Of course there is no reason why scypharia should not be tried, though we do not think it would be of any practical use. Scypharia has long been known, and was used twenty-five years ago as a supposed cure for hydrophobia. The action of this plant is prophylactic, and is exerted as a nerve, but beyond this, as far as hydrophobia goes, its employment, we believe, is useless.

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It was the sermon that astonished him most completely, though; it made him nervous—he twisted about right and left, looked backward towards the door, and longed to be down in the print-shop with the boys tumbling a "jeph," but he dare not stir; finally, he turned to him as he relied to the monotony, and gave vent to his opinion:—

"If I'd known this was to have been one of these monologue businesses, I'd stayed away. I'm a victim of misplaced confidence; Dr. Landis can give this fellow lessons all his life. Wish I had a Clipper to read. He's an amateur. Wake me up, Jim, when they ring the drop-curtain."

He sank back in the cushions, and thought of days in years long past when he made his first tramp as a "jour print," and soon sank away to oblivious happiness until the choir aroused him. As the congregation was slowly filing out he said:

"Jim, I thought you had a better opinion of my appreciation than that."

SHOOTING A TIGER FROM A RAILROAD ENGINE.

WINNEBAGO CITY, Minn., Jan. 26, 1878.—
Editor Chicago Field:—Apropos of your correspondent "Fills'" account of shooting a buck from a railway train, the following incident may be of interest to your readers:—

On the occasion of some special holiday to the employees of the Madras railway, some time in the middle of 1869 or 1870, two of them, an engine driver and stoker, made up their minds to spend it shooting, and with this object went from their quarters at Beyyore up to the Paulghat jungle, some eighty miles further inland. This jungle fringes the Southern spur of the Bellberry hills; is composed in part of large forest trees, but mainly of very dense underbrush, and has so bad a reputation for fever that its recesses are seldom or never invaded by sportsmen. The word ghant in Hindustanee signifies an incline, and the railroad runs upwards from the western coast at a very heavy grade so soon as it reaches this jungle, so trains go at but little more than a foot's pace through parts of it. The engine driver of these was had been a soldier in the 60th Rifles, and was known to the somewhat of a marksman.

They left the depot, and spent most of the day in searching after game, with, however, but poor success, and at some time after noon they separated in hopes of better luck, having agreed to meet at a large tree near the depot, which served quite as a landmark in the surrounding lower jungle. Towards evening the driver reached the tree, and becoming alarmed, after some time, at the stoker's continued absence, he went to the depot for assistance, and the result of a search, was the finding of the half-stripped body of the stoker, quite close to the tree and the track, with the foot-prints of a tiger plainly visible all around the remains of the corpse. The party removed and buried what was left of their friend, and the driver returned by the night's train to Beyyore.

Next day he was on duty, and whilst running his train slowly up the ghant eastwards, he saw, quite close to the scene of the yesterday's tragedy, a tiger slowly and quite coolly walking by the side of the line. He had his gun or rifle with him, and killed the tiger with a single

death-like and horrible sound. My left hand was about six inches from its head, and, in order to prevent being bitten, I grasped it right behind the eyes with my right hand. Holding it in this way for several seconds, my companion shrieked to me to throw the snake from me. I tried to do so, but was powerless, being, as it seemed to me, transfixed or charmed to the spot by the horrid eyes of the monster. I tried to talk, but my jaws would not open, and my tongue appeared stiff. I felt the cold sweat trickling down my back, and large drops of perspiration stood on my forehead. My face was as white as the driven snow, and I could neither move nor talk, but seemed to be as stiff as a post. It makes me shudder, as I write, to think of the stare of the reptile. Annie, my companion, seeing my dangerous situation, screamed for help. She seemed to have been bereft of reason, for instead of coming to my assistance she started to run away. Trying to turn my head to see whether she had gone, the eyes of the snake were also directed in the direction in which Annie was shrieking. From that moment the snake's spell on me was broken, and with all my might I hurled it from me. No sooner had the snake landed on the ground than I ran with the fleetness of the deer, fearing that it would overtake me. Judge of my feelings when, almost out of breath and ready to shrink down to the earth from sheer exhaustion, I turned around and found a snake with three others several paces from me, in hot pursuit. I remembered that snakes were afraid of anything red. Fortunately having on a red skirt, I immediately exposed it to the reptiles' view, and they at once stopped the pursuit. I advanced toward them, shaking my red skirt, and they retreated. I gathered up stones and threw at them, and killed the largest one, and the others escaped through the rocks. Just at this moment, a deputation from the school who had been in search of us came up. The large snake that had coiled itself around my neck was found by the escort, and it measures nine feet and four inches.

SIGNS AND OMENS.

That "luck" has been considered a potent element in horse matters, has some forcible and interesting illustrations in the annals of the turf. When Wild Dayrell was foaled, his future trainer, Rickaby, who was stead groom for Mr. Popham, assured his wife that the colt was destined to a wonderful career, for in the early morning after his birth a wild duck and drake set on the top of the quickest hedge which surrounded the paddock, and this was such an unusual circumstance, that the roosting of these web-footed bipeds had some pretensions meaning. The next year's Derby winner, Ellington, was ridden about the winter preceding the race by Admiral Harcourt's coachman, and this singular manner of treating a race-horse was not the best calculated to induce support. But one evening a gentleman who had a large book on the Derby, and not a very satisfactory one, was sauntering down Piccadilly, and as he passed the Wellington Club it was twenty-one minutes to eight. The hands obscured the letter W, and Ellington stood out boldly. He at once took the odds about the colt and won \$2,500 above the losses his book would have entailed without this "lucky pointer."

A more remarkable incident was in Bloomsbury's year. A wealthy butcher of sporting proclivities was on his way to Epsom, when he was stopped at Winchester bridge by a blockade of carts. He was behind time and his temper a good deal ruffled at the obstinacy of one driver, and when he passed looking for something whereby he could identify the wrong doer, he saw Bloomsbury on the side of the cart. It kept rising to his recollection, and when he got on the course he took the long odds of 25 to 1 which were laid against the horse of that name, and drove home \$60,000 better off.

It always requires more nerve to back an outsider than a favorite, and in risking his \$2,400 he must have been strongly influenced by the portent.

A teacher in a Boston school was delighted to see every child's hand go up in answer to the question of how many had ever heard of Mr. Emerson; but her soul sunk within her when she discovered it was Billy Emerson, the minstrel, whose show-bills had placarded the walls of the Hub for several days.

bridge, in reaching which Mrs. Oliver fell into the road insensible, so a chair was procured to take her to Colonel Arthur, who was out in his brougham. On reaching him they found he was already full, having taken in Count Clam Gallas, who also had a bad fall, causing concussion of the brain, besides a fractured jaw, and a little further on Captain Reynolds was down, and also much hurt. Another carriage was procured to take Mrs. Oliver home, and the Count was conveyed to Cottesbroke in a brougham. On the same day Lord Suffolk had a nasty accident while out with the Duke of Beaufort. He was struck by a projecting branch of a tree and knocked from his horse, his head being badly bruised. Colonel Kingscote, M.P., also met with a bad accident while out with the hounds. The Colonel's horse fell upon him, causing serious injuries to his back, and a slight concussion of the spinal cord. On the same day, with the same hounds, there were two other serious accidents. From this graphic account, which is condensed from an English sporting paper, it is quite clear that the fox is having more fun than the distinguished company behind him.

THE BUCKARO.

In the Southwest there are many characters of most peculiar individuality, who are found only on the frontier. There is the Ranchero or Rancho Herdsman, the "Greaser mule skinner" of Mexican teamster, the "Freighter" or American ox driver, the "Blander" or stock-marker, the "Prospector" or prospector, the post scout, the buffalo hunter, the squaw man and the "nobby" buckaro. Each has pride of calling, and wonderful boasts of their abilities are made, and marvelous stories of their successes are told in the light of the evening fire of the camp, rancho, barrack or hacienda. The buckaro is usually a Mexican or Texan. The Mexican dress is an embroidered and spangled velvet jacket, open at the throat, corduroy or velvet breeches, heavy Texan leggings ornamented with beads, coiled tightly around the legs, and tied below the knees; a wide red sash is knotted on the left side, and supports a light bowie-knife or dirk. His lasso encircles his waist when not in use, or hung on the saddle, and a large pair of spurs, with bells or jingles, ornament his feet. A slouch hat, with carvelles air, completes the costume and gives a "dare devil" look to the wearer. His bridle is without blinders—neat, but strong, with tassels at the sides. There is a heavy curb spoon bit, with long branches, mounted with chains for the reins. The saddle is Mexican or built on a California tree. It has a high pommel, studded with brass nails, and is trimmed with colored leather, ornamented with beads or pieces of jaguar skin. The crupper is broad and strong, and the cincho or girth is of hair, and a foot wide. The stirrups are wood, covered with large heavy leather topadoes, and all are carried by a well kept, sharp shod, spirited horse. The Texan usually wears a fringed and beaded buckskin suit, and trappings like the Mexican. The buckaro is a professional horse breaker, and will mount any animal, from the wild Indian mustang to the "corral" pony. Most picturesque is his brigandish dress, and his grace of motion and feats in riding are equal to the Indian. He is a more than daring rider, and is seldom unhorsed. When thrown occasionally from his saddle he alights "cat-like" on his feet with lariat in hand, and when the pony has gone it's length, he is "brought up" with a jerk, and is consequently conquered and remounted. Occasionally the buckaro receives injuries from his falls, but he treats them lightly. He breaks horses for corralmen, ranchmen, and single horses for individuals. He is always on the lookout for unruly ponies, which he buys cheap and trains, and sells them for good prices. Work is done by contract or by the day, and he is paid four or five dollars per diem.

There are in Sheffield over 200 angling clubs, comprising over 8,000 members.

and loss of strength. Many a horse has become worthless from no other cause than this. Before India-rubber bits were to be had, I used a bit covered with leather, and on no account would have dispensed with it in freezing weather. — *Boston Herald*

A TROUT'S GYMNASTICS.

The *Boston Post* says: "In the aquarium in the window of the Bromfield Hotel, on Bromfield street, is a large brook trout weighing nearly three pounds, that cuts curious capers and gives gymnastic exhibitions of the most remarkable character. A few days ago a small rattan stick was laid lying across the top of the aquarium, four or five inches from the water, and the trout was seen to jump and catch the rattan in his mouth, hold on for some moments, then with a swing and a splash return to the water again. Since then he has repeated the caper frequently, and seems to enjoy the breath of air as he swings back and forth, suspended by holding on the rattan with his teeth. Stories have been told by fishermen that trout catch at twigs over-rhanging streams and swing the masses out of the water, but Mr. Messenger, who has fished and raised trout for many years says this is the first trout he has ever seen indulge in such unfishlike gymnastics."

A MAN WITH THIRTY CHILDREN.

The Strohl family, of this county, is probably the largest family in the United States. The head of the house is Nicholas Strohl, a Pennsylvania German, now 76 years old. By three wives he had thirty children, twenty-seven of whom are living. His first wife presented him with eight, his second with eleven and his third with eleven. The youngest child is now 8 years old, and was born when his father was 73 years old. Of the twenty-seven children nineteen are married, and there families average about eight children. Mr. Joel Strohl, one of the well-known farmers in the lower end, and child of his father's first wife, has seventeen children, and he is not an old man by any means. He is the father of two pairs of twins, a distinction which his father, Mr. Nicholas Strohl, never attained. If the families should gather together there would be over two hundred persons. They nearly all reside in this country. Old Mr. Strohl is still hearty and bid to live many years.

REASON IN A CAT.

In a New Hampshire town a family had two cats. A storeroom of their house, at the time we speak of, had ears of corn on one of its shelves, some of which hung down against the side of the room. The owner of the house saw, one day, one of his cats, which we will call number one, standing upon the steps of a ladder, near the suspended ears, watching them sharply. After a time the cat came down the ladder, went out of the room, and returned awhile after with the other cat, which we will call number two, and which took its position under the suspended ears. Number one then went up the ladder, stopped again opposite the suspended ears, and after a little careful observation, sprang from the ladder upon them, when a rat dropped from the ears to the floor, to be caught by number two, there waiting for it!

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Mr. Craig, and that he had a fine specimen. When he commenced this trial he weighed 175 pounds, he now weighs but 167, by those figures it will be seen that he has lost eight pounds. He did not experience any difficulty until he had eaten his fourteenth trial, which seemed to weary him considerably, and came very near causing him to give up the match, but by perseverance and the assistance of an excellent diet will be managed to pass this critical point with honor, and had no further trouble whatever during the remainder of the contest. He admits that he has a natural nature from that time, and that he has a tendency to indigestion, but he would have a hard Mr. Craig claims that he must perform the feat without a training immediately thereafter unless he takes some means to get in his stomach or assist the bowels in performing their duty, but Mr. Craig was not restricted from assisting nature in every available means that he saw fit to take advantage of, he being only required to eat the food and digest it. Mr. Craig has changed his views very materially with reference to eating quails, he being under the impression before commencing that it was an easy task to perform, and would be a good sport and good eating combined. He now thinks that it is more like labour than pleasure, and as far as the good eating is concerned, a variety is preferable.

SCUTELLARIA AS A CURE FOR HYDROPHOBIA.

The *New York Sun* last week makes mention of the possible advantage of using scutellaria in cases where persons have been bitten by mad dogs. The authority of Mr. Crooks is cited, whose sister was bitten by a mad dog, and who was required to have suffered no inconvenience after having strong decoctions of skullcap given to her. Of course there is no reason why scutellaria should not be tried, though we do not think it would be of any practical use. Skullcap has long been known, and was used twenty-five years ago as a supposed cure for hydrophobia. The action of this plant is prophylactic, and the scutellaria is a nerve, but beyond this, as far as hydrophobia goes, its employment, we believe, is useless. It is terrible to think that, as yet, there is no cure for hydrophobia. When a person is bitten by a mad dog, cut out the part, then wash with fuming nitric acid, and immunity from the disease becomes quite possible.

THE BET THAT WAS MADE.

There were five of them, and they had assembled in a cigar store near the Capital Hotel, Sacramento, Cal. The subject was in regard to horse racing. Said a hack-driver, who was present:

"Talk about your fast time! Why, I've seen a horse trot a mile in 1:30."

"Impossible," said the cigar proprietor. "It can't be done. The best time I ever heard of was 2:14."

Said the hackman:

"I'll bet you five dollars I can prove what I say."

Taken by the cigar man, come put up, an referee chosen.

In a drawing voice the hackman then explained to the man of cigars:

"Don't you know, you idiot, that 1:30 2 minutes and 30 seconds?"

"Turning to the stakeholder, the tobacco man then said:

"Give him the money; it's worth five dollars to know what a fool I am."

"Hold the forms, for I am coming,"
Sings the reporter shrill;
Cries the foreman, gruff old Roman,
"But your life I will!"

"How much type have you got to set?"
shouted the foreman in the composing room.
"On line," replied one of the types. "He's a liar!" answered "sluz 11,"—in a low voice and a solemn hush fell upon that company of brave men who toil while others sleep.

A WORD FOR OURSELVES.



The Gentleman's Journal

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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN.

Cshawa.....	May 24
Clinton.....	May 23 to 24
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ICE MEETINGS.

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Woodbine.....	Feb. 15
Brighton.....	Feb 19 to 20
Beaverton.....	Feb. 25 to 26
Bradford.....	Feb. 28 to March 1
Bell Ewart.....	March 7 to 8
Barrie	March 14 to 15
Lepine Park, Montreal.....	March —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Brighton	Feb 18
Bradford	Feb. 27
Bell Ewart.....	March 6
Barrie	March 13

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Nashville, Tenn.....	April 30 to May 4
Baltimore, Md.....	May 21 to 24
Louisville, Ky	May 21 to 27
Cincinnati, Ohio	May 31 to June 5
St. Louis, Mo.....	June 4 to 8
Columbus, Ohio	June 12 to 15
Baltimore, Md. (Fall).....	Oct 23 to 26

TROTTING

Coldwater, Mich.....	May 15 to 17
Hillsdale, Mich.....	May 22 to 24
Freeport, Ill.....	May 28 to 31
Hudson, Mich.....	May 29 to 31
Prophetstown, Ill	June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.....	June 4 to 7
Adrian, Mich	June 4 to 7
Kalamazoo, Mich.....	June 11 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	June 18 to 21
Akron, Ohio.....	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich.....	June 25 to 28
.....	June 26 to 28

[From the Sporting Times, Dec. 14th, '77.]

The third year of our proprietorship of the SPORTING TIMES is drawing to a close. During the time it has been under our management it has been a regular, and we hope acceptable, visitor to the reader. It has been our practise 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 advance*, and when we wait for a year or two consider ourselves very illy 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.

PROFESSIONAL ROWING IN CANADA

It is said the difference between an amateur and a professional is one of money. The amateur indulges in sport for the fun of the thing or for the reputation that a successful athlete enjoys. But with the professional it is different. His bread and butter and maybe that of his family depend upon his exertions. In this way it becomes necessary that the professional athlete in any department should seek to make the best terms possible for himself, and, at the same time, extend every facility to his backers to recoup themselves for the money advanced in his behalf. It may not be generally known, but it is no less the fact, that in the great majority of prominent matches the principals engaged in them have no direct interest in the stake money, that financial portion of the programme being attended to by their friends; the principal's interest being confined to a certain per centage, usually one half, of the winnings. It is of interest then to the backers of both men that the contest should take place in whatever locality the most money (other circumstances being any way near equal) can be made out of it. It is no secret that the main stake in any match of note is but a trifle of the money that is invested on the result of the race. As before stated in making up the stake money, the friends of either man are virtually betting the odds of 2 to 1, as they are obliged to pay over one-half of the winning money to the fortunate one. To repay them for this heavy but necessary per centage against them, they are obliged to indulge in outside speculation, and this is done in many cases to such an extent as to reduce the per centage 1-1/2 in the main

inset that any contest in which their men are engaged with Canadians must take place where the greatest freedom is allowed for investments. And it is quite possible that this reason will not prove distasteful to Canadian backers. With this view of the case it will be seen that no place in Canada will suffer anything in comparison with Toronto from the effects of the ill-advised, and unnecessary pool-bill, with which our law books will be encumbered after May 1st. From the experience in the Hanlan-Ross race of last fall, it is quite easy to assume that a first-class boating contest on Toronto Bay, is worth, at least, \$50,000 to the city, and if this foolish law had never had an existence, it is probable there might have been three or four races of equal moment to the one last year in our waters. But all this benefit has been legislated out of existence by a set of sapient Solons, who either never gave the subject any consideration, or were incapable of distinguishing the effect of their worse than foolish law making. However much we would like to see Hanlan, Ross, and Brayley maintain their names and reputations on Canadian waters, the fanatical anti-pool bill will drive them to the other side to seek the laurels which have been denied them here.

DEATH OF MR. ARCHIE FISHER.

We are called upon this week to perform one of the most melancholy duties of our journalistic experience, in announcing the death of Mr. Archibald B. Fisher, the well-known horseman of this city. Mr. Fisher was one of the leading representatives of the turf in Canada, indeed it might be said America. His name and face were well known on almost every race track in this country and throughout New York State. He passed through the various stages of a turfman's career, and either as a rider or an owner, his memory will be respected. He was successful in both, and many an eye will be dimmed while reading this imperfect announcement of his early demise. His death occurred on Tuesday morning last, at the residence of his friend, Mr. Frank J. Martin, Turf Club House, No. 40 King St. west. That insidious and flattering disease consumption has added another to its list of victims in Mr. Fisher's case. For some time past Mr. F. has not been very strong, and it is supposed the progress of the disease was accelerated by uncalled for exposure last winter. During last summer his friends noticed a marked change in his appearance, but it was not until late in the Fall that alarming symptoms set in. The disease as usual flattered its victim, and had become so strong as to defy all medical assistance in its work of death. Later in the Fall he removed from the old Newmarket course (Gates') to Norway, where he resided up to a few days of his decease. About the middle of last week he came to the city for medical treatment, but his malady developed so rapidly, that no relief could be given, and on Tuesday morning he sank gradually, and his immortal spirit winged its way to a happier home.

Mr. Archibald B. Fisher was born in the town of Lancaster, Ont., in 1845. At a very early age he showed a strong passion for horses, and while quite a boy we find him employed with Mr. Nelson Littlefield, a brother of Mr. Chas. Littlefield, at present superintendent of Mr. Sandford's American stable in England. Shortly after he became identified with Mr. Denis Ready. During this engagement such horses as Thunder, Vergé, Lady

Mr. Charles Gates, who, with one child, survives him.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and the long cortege of mourning friends amply testified the high opinion in which the deceased was held.

We cannot close this brief and incomplete memoir without paying a tribute to the high respect in which Mr. Fisher was held by all classes of our citizens. In his death his family have lost a kind protector; our country a good citizen; and the turf of Canada one of its strongest supporters.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

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

Sporting Gossip.

A correspondent at Picton sends us an account of the races at Campbellford, and criticizes severely the judges and drivers, but neglects to attach his name to the fulmination. While we are thankful to our unknown Picton friend for the extended report he was kind enough to favor us with, we cannot permit our columns to be used as a masked battery. The names and addresses of all contributors, correspondents, and enquirers must be known to us, or their work serves to fill our waste paper basket.

A grand pigeon-shooting tournament will take place at Woodstock, commencing on the 27th inst \$500 in prizes are offered,

Mr. James Valentine, known as "King," one of the oldest living old-time horsemen, died in New York on Friday. It is said that for more than half a century he has not missed a leading race on the American turf. His practical career began with the Eclipse-Henry race on Long Island in 1822. He was very fertile in his race descriptions, and his account of Lexington's great race against time is one of the American racing classics. He will be mourned and missed on every course from New Orleans to Saratoga.

Owing to the tightness of the money market, Mr. Chubb's sale of horses at Guilford last week was not so successful as was anticipated. The local papers attribute this fact, and the terms being practical cash. Abdallah Chief and Lucy Abdallah were not submitted to competition at the Abdallah Chief is a valuable horse, and Mr. Chubb was doubtless correct in not putting him up to be withdrawn at an inferior bid.

At the annual meeting of the Buffalo, Y., Driving Park Association held at the Tift House on Monday last the following were elected a Board of Directors for the ensuing year:—C. J. Wells, M. P. Bush, Henry C. Jewett, R. L. Howard, C. J. Hambleton, J. H. Metcalfe, O. McCullom, L. L. Crockett, Sheldon Pease. The Board will hold meeting at an early day to elect officers.

The United States Trotting and Pacing Record of 1877 will be issued about the first of March. The greatest care has been used in its preparation, comparisons have been made with official reports whenever possible, and it will surpass in fullness and accuracy any former publication of the kind. In addition to other special features, it will contain the Rules and Regulations of the National Association, as amended at Congress this week. The price for a single copy will be \$1.50, and four copies will be furnished to associations or clubs for \$5. Orders should be sent to the Spirit of the Times, New York, by Feb. 25, as only a limited edition will be published.

A sweepstake trot for Butchers' and Druggists' horses will take place at Woodbine this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. D. McNaught, V. S., of Seaforth, has lost his fine young stallion Captain Eric. Mr. McNaught was out driving the horse when it became frightened at something breaking away from his driver he ran home. While turning in an alleyway leading to the stable the horse struck against a post and fractured his leg. He was immediately shot.

"Archer," Dr. Stockwell, of Port Huron, a valued contributor to the SPORTING TIMES has an interesting article on the Maples and Sycamores in a late number of The Country published in New York.

Senator Morrissey has discharged his physician, and is driving in the streets of Jacksonville.

ANTICIPATED LEGISLATION.

After a season's trial of the Pool Bill in New York State the great injury it has inflicted has been made quite apparent. So palpable is this that a general move was made at the present session of the State Legislature to have so much of the law amended as to permit the sale of pools outside the enclosures of racing associations. The expediency of this will not be decided by any one has given it the least consideration. So far as the morality of betting is concerned, pool selling can be no more objectionable than book making, or unjudicious

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Bradford	Feb. 28 to March 1
Ball Ewart	March 7 to 8
Barrie	March 14 to 15
Lupine Park, Montreal	March —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Brighton	Feb. 18
Bradford	Feb. 27
Ball Ewart	March 6
Barrie	March 13

AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Nashville, Tenn.	April 30 to May 4
Baltimore, Md.	May 21 to 24
Louisville, Ky.	May 21 to 27
Cincinnati, Ohio	May 31 to June 5
St. Louis, Mo.	June 4 to 8
Columbus, Ohio	June 12 to 15
Baltimore, Md. (Fall)	Oct 23 to 26

TROTTING

Coldwater, Mich.	May 15 to 17
Hillsdale, Mich.	May 22 to 24
Freeport, Ill.	May 28 to 31
Hudson, Mich.	May 29 to 31
Prophetstown, Ill.	June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.	June 4 to 7
Adrain, Mich.	June 4 to 7
Kalamazoo, Mich.	June 11 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich.	June 18 to 21
Akron, Ohio	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich.	June 25 to 28
Sodus, N. Y.	June 26 to 28
Batavia, N. Y.	July 2 to 4
Cincinnati, Ohio	July 2 to 5
Petroit, Mich.	July 2 to 5
East Aurora, N. Y.	July 3 to 4
Clyde, N. Y.	July 3 to 5
Lyons, N. Y.	July 3 to 5
Warren, Ohio	July 3 to 5
East Saginaw, Mich.	July 9 to 12
Columbus, Ohio	July 9 to 12
Toledo, Ohio	July 16 to 19
Cleveland, Ohio	July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill.	July 30 to Aug 2
Rochester, N. Y.	Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill.	Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y.	Aug 18 to 16
Springfield, Mass.	Aug 20 to 28
Earlville, Ill.	Aug 20 to 28

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PROFESSIONAL ROWING IN CANADA

It is said the difference between an amateur and a professional is one of money. The amateur indulges in sport for the fun of the thing or for the reputation that a successful athlete enjoys. But with the professional it is different. His bread and butter and maybe that of his family depend upon his exertions. In this way it becomes necessary that the professional athlete in any department should seek to make the best terms possible for himself, and, at the same time, extend every facility to his backers to recoup themselves for the money advanced in his behalf. It may not be generally known, but it is no less the fact, that in the great majority of prominent matches the principals engaged in them have no direct interest in the stake money, that financial portion of the programme being attended to by their friends; the principal's interest being confined to a certain per centage, usually one half, of the winnings. It is of interest then to the backers of both men that the contest should take place in whatever locality the most money (other circumstances being any way near equal) can be made out of it. It is no secret that the main stake in any match of note is but a trifle of the money that is invested on the result of the race. As before stated in making up the stake money, the friends of either man are virtually betting the odds of 2 to 1, as they are obliged to pay over one-half of the winning money to the fortunate one. To repay them for this heavy but necessary per centage against them, they are obliged to indulge in outside speculation, and this is done in many cases to such an extent as to reduce the per centage loss in the main stake to a minimum. While races as a usual thing can be rowed one place as well as another, there are certain inducements which will give one locality a material advantage over another. Doubtless one of the greatest inducements is the terms that can be made with railway and steamboat companies for transportation to the scene of the race. Outside of this, the opportunity for unlimited speculation would probably be next considered. If there were no opportunities for betting, sporting events of any class would soon become rare articles of amusement. Not that everyone who sees a boat race is willing to go broke on it, but it is undeniable that those who are willing to accept the speculative chances are the section who furnish the amusement or pleasure to their non-investing friends. This brings us nearer to the subject. The first race of the season in which a Canadian oarsman will take part, will probably be the race between Morris and Hanlan, and the locality decided upon is near Pittsburg, Pa. This of course, will deprive thousands of the Canadians' friends from seeing the race. And there is every possibility just now, that all the first-class events will take place on American waters. One great reason for this will have to be admitted. In Canada the anti-pool selling bill of Mr. Blake will come in force on May 1st. This will necessarily curtail speculation on aquatic events in this country to a great extent. And as it becomes known, as it surely must before that time, that the puritan crusade is carrying the banner in this country, it will be seen that the backers of American oarsmen will

country and through New York State. He passed through the various stages of a turfman's career, and either as a rider or an owner, his memory will be respected. He was successful in both, and many an eye will be dimmed while reading this imperfect announcement of his early demise. His death occurred on Tuesday morning last, at the residence of his friend, Mr. Frank J. Martin, Turf Club House, No. 40 King St. west. That insidious and flattering disease consumption has added another to its list of victims in Mr. Fisher's case. For some time past Mr. F. has not been very strong, and it is supposed the progress of the disease was accelerated by uncalled for exposure last winter. During last summer his friends noticed a marked change in his appearance, but it was not until late in the Fall that alarming symptoms set in. The disease as usual flattered its victim, and had become so strong as to defy all medical assistance in its work of death. Later in the Fall he removed from the old Newmarket course (Gates') to Norway, where he resided up to a few days of his decease. About the middle of last week he came to the city for medical treatment, but his malady developed so rapidly, that no relief could be given, and on Tuesday morning he sank gradually, and his immortal spirit winged its way to a happier home.

Mr. Archibald B. Fisher was born in the town of Lancaster, Ont., in 1845. At a very early age he showed a strong passion for horses, and while quite a boy was found employed with Mr. Nelson Littlefield, a brother of Mr. Chas. Littlefield, at present superintendent of Mr. Sandford's American stable in England. Shortly after he became identified with Mr. Denis Ready. During this engagement such horses as Thunder, Verge, Lady Franklin, and Zig-Zag passed under his training and riding. His riding of Zig-Zag gave him a great celebrity as a pilot in cross country affairs, and he was universally admitted to be one of the best steeplechase jocks ever seen in America up to this day. As a rider in flat-racing he was acknowledged to be at the head of his profession.

After the death of Mr. Ready, which occurred at Paterson, N. J., Mr. Fisher formed a partnership with Mr. Wm. Carson, of Montreal, with whom he has been connected ever since. Coming west he first located at Whitby, but shortly afterwards went to Barrie. His stay there was not long, as some six or seven years ago he took up his residence in Toronto, where he has made his home ever since. Even an epitome of the numerous races in which Mr. F. has taken part would fill pages of this paper, and we will be obliged to content ourselves with simply naming over a few of the leading horses that has passed through his hands since he became connected with Mr. Carson. Kelso, (who will ever remain inseparable with the name of Mr. Fisher), Sir Archibald, Tom Wolfok, Jack on the Green, Copee, Storm, Donnybrook, Neptunus, Cecelia, Katie P., Pilot, Maritime, and Piccolo, with the trotters Tecumseh Boy, Fred. Clay, and Ohio Girl, the latter of which was killed in a collision on Ashbridge's Bay about three years ago.

Among the many fine races to Mr. Fisher's credit his winning of the Queen's Plate on Nettie at Gates' Newmarket Track in 1868, is noted, being considered a fine exhibition of head work and generalship. His last mount was in a race for gentleman riders at Woodbine, in 1875, when he piloted the chestnut gelding Mercury, belonging to Mr. Dwight of this city, to victory.

In 1873 he married a daughter of the late

to us do not promptly meet their indebtedness, there is very little inducement to go on with an improvement which will cost such a large sum of money. Thousands of dollars are standing out, in small sums from \$4 to \$12, all over the country, and we have a right to expect that when our subscribers know we want to use this money in their interest as well as our own that a hearty and immediate response will be given to this appeal.

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

Sporting Gossip.

A correspondent at Picton sends us an account of the races at Campbellford, and criticizes severely the judges and drivers, but neglects to attach his name to the fulmination. While we are thankful to our unknown Picton friend for the extended report he was kind enough to favor us with, we cannot permit our columns to be used as a masked battery. The names and addresses of all contributors, correspondents, and enquirers must be known to us, or their work serves to fill our waste paper basket.

A grand pigeon-shooting tournament will take place at Woodstock, commencing on the 27th inst \$500 in prizes are offered, and they will be paid in full, no *pro rata* deduction being made. Mr. John Forbes, the popular horseman, is the Treasurer, which is a guarantee that the affair will be conducted on sound business principles. For full particulars see advertisement in another column of to-day's paper.

Gentlemen on the look out for fast stock should not let the advertisement of the sale of Russian Spy and Brigham escape their attention. Russian Spy is a young horse, and will show 2:28 or no sale. The stallion Brigham is a good mover and should be a valuable stock horse. The terms of purchase are reasonable. It is not often that a chance to buy such a promising trotter as Russian Spy presents itself. He is a fine money horse, and should almost win his purchase price out of the first race he is in next season.

The Governor-General's four-in-hand state harness is perhaps the finest on the continent. It cost about \$2,500. It was used for the first time at the opening of the House at Ottawa last week.

The Kingston Whig says that Mr. J. P. Wiser, of Prescott, will be a candidate for Parliamentary honors at the next election. Mr. Wiser would make a valuable member of our Legislature, and we trust the report of his intentions is founded on fact. If Mr. W. makes a start in the race for public honors his opponent, whoever he may be, will find the struggle is not over until the finish is reached, and he will be a good one if the Rysdyk Stock Farm proprietor does not beat him on the homestretch, where most of our actual races are won.

copy will be \$1.00, and four copies will be furnished to associations or clubs for Orders should be sent to the Spirit of the Times, New York, by Feb. 25, as our limited edition will be published.

A sweepstake trot for Butchers' and Druggists horses will take place at Woodbine this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. D. McNaught, V. S., of Seaforth, lost his fine young stallion Captain Errol. Mr. McNaught was out driving the horse when it became frightened at something breaking away from his driver he ran home. While turning in an alleyway leading to the stable the horse struck against a post and fractured his leg. He was immediately shot.

"Archer," Dr. Stockwell, of Port Huron, a valued contributor to the SPORTING TIMES has an interesting article on the Maples Sycamores in the late number of The Country published in New York.

Senator Morrissey has discharged his medical duties as a physician, and is driving in the streets of Jacksonville.

ANTICIPATED LEGISLATION.

After a season's trial of the Pool Bill in New York State the great injury it has inflicted has been made quite apparent. It is palpable is this that a general move is made at the present session of the State Legislature to have so much of the law amended as to permit the sale of pools inside the enclosures of racing associations. The expediency of this will not be denied by any one has given it the least consideration. So far as the morality of betting concerned, pool selling can be no more objectionable than book making, or indulging in speculations of a private nature. Betting itself pure and simple in all its various forms is to be banished and placed under the edict well and good from the purist standpoint; but that one system be placed under the bar whilst others are encouraged is a discrimination that has neither equity nor justice to commend it. A New York correspondent of a prominent western paper speaks thus of the situation:

"The principal matter engaging the attention of horsemen in this vicinity at present is the 'pool Bill,' and a strong effort to be made at the coming meeting of the State Legislature to amend the bill so as to permit pool-selling inside the track which amendment if defeated will virtually banish racing and trotting in this State, as few of the numerous Associations will care to repeat last years experiment, nearly all, except Mr. Morrissey's favored Saratoga, losing money in a greater or less degree, American Jockey Club being out of pocket \$29,000, at the two meetings, Spring and Fall. But it is to be hoped that, when evidence in favor of this modification of the bill is laid before the 'wise men of Albany' that they will not withhold their consent therefrom, for racing as conducted on a grand scale that is in operation on our track and by the increased revenue to our farms through the large demands for their products made by the racing stables, is a public benefit, and the crippling of which would be a public loss. People will bet on horse races, if they can't bet in their own way, will bet away from the racecourses altogether. The book-making system the past season was not at all a success, as the great mass of people did not understand the importance of the style and did not want to learn, especially when, owing to the odds given it almost seemed to be 'I win every time and you lose.'"

Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT CAMPBELLFORD.

CAMPBELLFORD, Feb. 6. — \$200. Match Trotting. Mile heats to sleighs.
M P Ketchum, Brighton, blk m Governess 1 1
B Gibson, Campbellford, Lady Gibson.. 2 2

No time.

Feb. 7. — \$75. Trotting. Open to all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$50, \$15, \$10.

H Coveri, blk m Black Jessie..... 1 1 1
J Nowall, blk g Smuggler..... 3 2 2
M P Ketchum, blk m Governess.... 2 4 4
W Morton, b g Day Tom..... 4 3 3

Time—2:57½, 2:36½, 2:37½.

Same day.—\$60. Trotting. For certain named horses. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. \$40, \$15, \$5.

E Horan, g g General Thomas... 3 2 1 1 4 3 1
O G elassy, b g Bay Charley... 1 1 2 2 3 2 3
P O'Brien, b m Maggie Brophy. 2 4 3 3 2 1 2
F Fanning, b g Fanning's Bay.. 4 3 4 4 1 4 4
Time—2:13½, 2:48½, 2:48, 2:48½, 0:00, 0:00, 0:00.

Same day.—\$25. Running. 3 in 5. \$20, \$5.

J Peister, br g Brown Dick..... 1 1 1
P Thorn, b m Kitty Thorn..... 3 2 2
—Pierston, b m Sleepy Nell..... 2 3 3

No time.

H. BLURE, Secretary.

Correspondence.

FROM OGDENSBURG.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times :

Sometimes down here on the old St. Lawrence we have something going on in the sporting line, although thus far this season it has been exceedingly dull, owing partially to the unusually mild winter, which would deserve a place in your valuable paper. At present, though we have a splendid ice bridge connecting us with our Canadian brothers in Prescott, and as fine and straight a mile course as can be found on the river, we have had ice racing all around us, but alas, poor Ogdensburg could or would not be waked up sufficiently to see the propriety in having any racing this season. In consequence of these facts, horse items are as scarce as "hen's teeth." We have some very promising young horses wintering here. Mr. Van Valkenburg, at his stable on the Fair Grounds, has the following, who deserve a passing notice, and can be seen every pleasant day on our streets: Moose; Capt. Smith, who won the free-for-all race at Gouverneur last week, in three straight heats, best time 2:32, track very slushy; Mars, who won the 4-year old race at the same time and place, in 2 straight heats, time 2:39, 2:39; Hercules; bay filly, 4 years old, by Phil Sheridan, not named; gray mare, by Legacy, 7 years old; grey gelding, by Capt. Smith; and two 4-year old colts by North Star; besides others, making 16 in all. North Star is 8 years old, and was raised by Mr. N. P. Woolley, of this city; b. h., got by Jay Gould, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Sailor, by Sailor Boy, son of imp. Yorkshire; a bay mare that trotted well; North Star stands 15½ hands high, and weighs 1,000 lbs. Shall pay a visit to Mr. J. C. Houghton's stables this week and send you an account in my next.

On the 5th we had an exciting rifle match for the Barnes' medal, by selected members from the Ogdensburg Rifle Club, which was won by Capt. Callaghan's team on a score of 204; conditions, 200 yards off hand, 10 shots per man, 5 men in each team, highest score 44 in a possible 50. Afterwards five selected members contested for a silver medal, same conditions, which was won by J. Ives in a score of 46.

The "Maple City" minstrels are on the

into a vortex of doubt and controversy; also that the Yankee mind was never so happy as when being hoaxed.

Finally his ideas and experiments assumed a definite form, and he proceeded to put them in execution. Forming a partnership with one Case, who possessed the funds requisite for the enterprise, a hotel was bought in Elkland, a little mountain town in Northern Pennsylvania, which it was announced was to be converted into a summer resort and mountain sanitarium. This, however, was a blind. In the rear of the hotel a brick building was erected, ostensibly as an ice house; but in reality as a kiln and workshop. Here, one after the other, two figures were constructed, the principal composition of which was ground stone, pulverized bones, clay, plaster, blood, and dried eggs, the whole, when modelled, being baked in the kiln for two weeks. The first proved to be imperfectly baked, and was irretrievably broken in removing it from the furnace. The second, more care having been taken in its construction, proved a success. In it bones were inserted in different localities, including fragments of skull in the head. One Cox, who was in their confidence, thus details the parturition of the image, as communicated to him by Hull:—

Said he: "Cox, I would give one hundred dollars if you could have been with Case and me the night we took him out. We had a rope around his neck, and a pulley up there; and how we worked and tugged at the rope. I went through torture—my whole existence hung by that rope. It seemed as if I lived a thousand years while we were pulling him out; and when he hung up there by the neck, I tell you, he looked alive; he looked as if he was going to talk! Don't tell me the people won't be fooled by this!" A tail, four inches in length, was one of the appendages of the monstrosity. "Cox," said Hull, "look at that tail; take hold of it! That tail alone is worth a million. I made a difference in the toes, because it would not do to have him too perfect." The arms were made proportionately longer than the legs, so as to resemble the ape type. Two hundred and fifty gross of needles were used in leaden hammers to imitate the pores of the skin. Said Hull, "We propose to let the scientific men bore into him, but they must confine themselves to certain parts of his body, and there we have fixed him by putting in bones."

At this time, having exhausted their funds, the worthies applied to Barnum for means to plant their prodigy. The proposition struck P. T. as in his line, advanced \$2,000 for the purpose, after interviewing the stone man, which was sent to Bridgeport for the purpose. But where to place him was the query! Barnum declared that Connecticut would not do, for to resurrect him in a State so celebrated for humbugs in the way of "basswood hams," "wooden nutmegs," "fraudulent clocks," and the "Great American Showman," would at once ruin the enterprise.

Finally, Colorado, the "wonder State," was pitched upon as a proper locality, and the stone man was sent thither and buried along with a turtle and salmon trout of like composition. Next one Cobant visited the Rocky Mountains as a geologist, who, at the proper time, discovered the image. Barnum, happening (?) to be lecturing on temperance in Colorado at the time of the discovery, announced that he would give \$20,000 for the "find;" but this offer, of course, was rejected with scorn. Barnum now gave Prof. Taylor \$100 to bore into the image and report. Hull, who had heard from scientific men that boring into a true fossil would show crystals, adroitly substituted crystal dust for that obtained, while the professor's attention was otherwise engaged; and all seemed to be going on swimmingly. Finally, Prof. Marsh was again called upon for an opinion, and at once detected the fraud, calling attention to the fact that the "stone man" presented a rotundity of figure incompatible with the theory of one who had died and become fossilized, in which case the abdomen would naturally be sunken and collapsed. This decision, the people remembering the Cardiff matter, caused them to fight shy of the exhibition. Ultimately, suspicion was confirmed by the admissions of Cox, Case, Babcock, and others connected with the enterprise, who, falling out among themselves, at once spread the facts far and wide, in their desire to injure each other: thus forever

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.)

DEAR DOCTOR, City.—We must have the name and address of the writer before we can publish the lines.

RYSDYK.—Should have been pleased to have given your communication, but it lacked the essential requirement of the writer's name and address.

Ed., Campbellford.—Should be pleased to hear from you.

J., Lindsay.—\$2,000 will buy him.

HARRY, City.—There are two systems, the English and French.

The Ring.

GLOVE FIGHT AT MONTREAL.

On Friday evening last lovers of manly sports met at Nordheim's Hall to witness a contest with gloves between Mr. Wm. Ryan, a pupil of Prof. Woods, and Mr. Brown, a pupil of Prof. Richardson. The contest was the result of a challenge issued by Woods to which Richardson responded, and arrangements were made for a prize of \$50 and the amateur championship. On facing each other it was evident the men were not evenly matched, Ryan being much the heavier man. The exhibition was one of mainly physical strength, and as matter of course the weaker man had to succumb. In the first round Ryan got the better of his antagonist by hard hitting, finally pressing him down at the ropes, when a claim of foul was made by Richardson, which the referee, Mr. Tansey, admitted, but exercising his right, allowed the match to proceed, after a caution to Ryan not to strike his man again when down. Two more rounds were fought, when Brown's mentor threw up the sponge in token of defeat. There was no lack of pluck on either side, and much credit was due to Professor Woods for the selection and training of his man, who, although heavier, had been but a few weeks in training.

A TARDY CONFESSION.

John McDonald, the principal second of John C. Heenan, in the latter's fight with King fourteen years ago, writes to the London Sportsman that "Heenan deliberately sold the battle." "I also state that he received £4,000 for so doing from a person still alive and well known; that an agreement was written out by a solicitor; that the money was lodged in the solicitor's hands before the fight, and that it was paid by him to Heenan afterwards." When Heenan lost the fight it was charged that the American pugilist had been drugged by his second. It is to clear himself of this charge that McDonald now speaks. The brutality of the prize ring is bad enough, but when we add dishonesty to brutality we render it utterly indefensible. Heenan was accompanied to England by officious New Yorkers. Were the gladiator alive he could tell us how the spoils were divided.

WILLIAM RYAN WILL BOX ANY ONE.

Professor Woods, of Montreal, is out with a challenge on behalf of his protegee, Wm. Ryan. The Prof. says he will match Ryan to box any man in Canada, professional or amateur, for \$50 or \$100 a side and the championship of Canada, at any time after three weeks from signing articles. He says he issues this challenge to stop all further talk. This is a chance for some one of our Toronto sportsmen, which will not probably go

all Moonshine, and as for Charity his neighbors have none of the article since the late appearance of two episodes—as the lamented Artemus Ward was wont to denominate twins. A baby omnibus is new in order; but Mr. B. has requested Katrina to "stop oish business."

A letter from Gloucester, Mass., says that the fishing smacks just returned from Fortune Bay bring intelligence of the almost total failure of the fishery, owing to the determined hostility of the New England fishermen. The Boston papers bewail the fact, as it will result in a large pecuniary loss to Gloucester and the Hub, and state that steps have been taken for laying the matter before the authorities at Washington. Would it not be as well for the United States Government to pay the Dominion something for the privilege of fishing in Canadian waters instead of conferring a bounty upon all who will engage in poaching these waters? We believe there is now a small sum awarded by arbitrators over this fishery business, though the politicians are mangling over it because of its manifest unfairness. 'Tis unfair to the Dominion, perhaps. The American idea of treaty is the old story of the Indian and his turkey. Says the white man, the proprietor of the buzzard, "you take the buzzard and I'll take the turkey;" or if that is not satisfactory, I'll take the turkey and you take the buzzard." "Hads I win, tails you lose," seems to be the Yankee idea of diplomacy.

The agricultural editor of the Post and Tribune, speaking of the lice which frequently trouble horses when the stable is in close proximity to a hen roost, recommends New England Rum as a sovereign remedy. Certainly it would prove effectual, for we have the testimony of Josh Billings (H. W. Shaw) and he knows, that the present New England Rum will ruin a Deekin in twenty minutes. Having tried the remedy—not as a deacon, however—I may bear testimony as to its efficacy—in removing the hair. Powdered pyrethrum rosam (flowering pyrethrum) will prove a much better remedy if carefully dusted all over the horse at night, and rubbed in against the hair. The following morning it may be removed with a brush. In all cases it should be fresh, or have been kept in air tight packages. The harness should also receive attention, and is best cleansed from the pests by painting throughout with a strong tincture of nuxvomica.

E. H. Gillman, of Detroit, returned home on the 7th instant from the North Channel Club House at the St. Clair Flats, bringing with him two hundred canvas-back ducks. The ice had isolated him from the world, but he escaped from his involuntary imprisonment by making a perilous journey to the main land over planks laid on the thin ice. His companions, Goff, Stanton, and J. V. D. Eldridge, did not care to run the risk of drowning, and are still quarantined. The Pacific Gun Club, of Detroit, has gained new life and vigor by its recent re-organization, and now includes among its active members some of the best shots of the city. The members held a pigeon contest at World's End on the afternoon of the 7th instant.

The Ottawa Trotting Meeting commenced on Tuesday over Crystal Park, Leamy's Lake, Hull. There were two events on the programme, but neither one was completed. In the local race American Girl won two heats, and Barefoot one; best time, 2:46½. Drummer Boy, Deceit, Capt. Smith, and Nellie Irwin were in the free-for-all. Drummer Boy got the first heat in 2:35; the second was declared a dead heat. Darkness coming on the races were postponed until Wednesday. The attendance was good, but the track was heavy.

The trotting horse Gen. Tweed, reported dead, is alive and as well as ever. It was a stable companion of his—a saddle horse—that broke his leg and had to be shot. Hence the error.

Amusements.

CITY.

Messrs. Robson & Crane are the bright particular stars at the Grand Opera House

Miss Jeanne Watson, Scottish vocalist, has been tendered a complimentary benefit to take place at Shattisbury Hall this evening. A host of artists have volunteered to assist.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—On Monday evening Mr. Frederick Richardson commenced a week's engagement at the Academy of Music appearing as Brutterick in the Fool's Revenge, supported by Miss May Howard as Firdolain. On Wednesday the theatre was occupied by the officers of the Montreal Field Battery, who gave an entertainment under the patronage of Lord and Lady Dufferin.

OTTAWA.—Mr. Hernandez Foster, who brought out the Twelve Temptations with the Holmans, still remains seriously ill here, and by the advice of his medical attendant has been removed to the Protestant Hospital.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics' Hall.—Cool Burgess and company, 14.—Twelve Temptations, by the Holman Opera Co., 15 and 16.—Not Guilty, by the non-com. s of the 14th Battalion, 21st.

LONDON.—Holman Opera House.—Sophie Miles closed her season on Monday. Romeo and Juliet being the bill for her benefit.—The Twelve Temptations, by the Holmans, 13 and 14.

BRANTFORD.—The Twelve Temptations, at Kerby Hall, Monday and Tuesday last.

LOCKPORT, N. Y.—Mr. John Hodge, owner of the Opera House, has decided to close until the city council reduces the price of licences.

WINNIPEG.—A variety troupe has been organized in Winnipeg, and has started on a tour south of the boundary line.

Montgomery Queen, proprietor of the California Circus has failed; liabilities, \$100,000, assets, \$31,000.



Beaverton Races

Monday & Tuesday Feb. 25 & 26

\$300 IN PREMIUMS.

\$75 for 3:00 class, owned in North and South Ontario, Simcoe, Victoria, Peterboro', Northumberland, and Durham.
\$100. Free for all.
Colt races and local races.
For full particulars see bills.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Secretary

WOODBINE PARK

Friday, February the 15th, 1878.

BUTCHERS' & DRIVERS' TRAIT.

Frank Rogers, James Chapman, John Lambert, James G. O'Connell, P. McCavey, James M. G. White, Walter Barnes, James G. S. White, Wm. Doyle, James G. S. White, Dave Lambert, James M. G. White, Mike Sinnott, James G. S. White. Horses called 2 p.m. 3:38-4t FRANK ROGERS, Sec.

Grand Pigeon Shooting Match

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we have had ice racing all around us, but alas, poor Ogdensburg could or would not be waked up sufficiently to see the propriety in having any racing this season. In consequence of these facts, horse items are as scarce as "hen's teeth." We have some very promising young horses wintering here. Mr. Van Valkenburg, at his stable on the Fair Grounds, has the following, who deserve a passing notice, and can be seen every pleasant day on our streets: Moose; Capt. Smith, who won the free-for-all race at Gouverneur last week, in three straight heats, best time 2:32, track very slushy; Mars, who won the 4-year old race at the same time and place, in 2 straight heats, time 2:39, 2:39; Hercules; bay filly, 4 years old, by Phil Sheridan, not named; gray mare, by Legacy, 7 years old; grey gelding, by Capt. Smith; and two 4-year old colts by North Star; besides others, making 16 in all. North Star is 8 years old, and was raised by Mr. N. P. Woolley, of this city; b. h., got by Jay Gould, son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Sailor, by Sailor Boy, son of imp. Yorkshire; a bay mare that trotted well; North Star stands 15½ hands high, and weighs 1,000 lbs. Shall pay a visit to Mr. J. C. Houghton's stables this week and send you an account in my next.

On the 5th we had an exciting rifle match for the Barnes' medal, by selected members from the Ogdensburg Rifle Club, which was won by Capt. Callaghan's team on a score of 204; conditions, 200 yards off hand, 10 shots per man, 5 men in each team, highest score 44 in a possible 50. Afterwards five selected members contested for a silver medal, same conditions, which was won by J. Ives in a score of 46.

The "Maple City" minstrels are on the boards for Tuesday, 12th; Brookville, 18th; and Prescott, 14th. They are all residents of this city, and great favorites. This is their third appearance here, and they always draw a good house. "Happy Hank North" is enough to insure a crowd. Sprague & Blodgett's Georgia Minstrels at Eagle Hall on the 14th. Amusements of all kinds have been very slack this season, from the fact that we are without a proper hall, but are in a fair way now of being supplied, as one of our largest capitalists is strongly in favor of converting the two upper stories of his large business block, which was injured by the late fire, into an Opera House. The estimates are now in the hands of an architect, and he claims it is the right and proper one, as in it all the desired accommodations, with modern improvements, can be obtained.—
SCRIBBLER.

GIANT HUMBUGS.

(Continued from last week.)

The Colorado stone man proves to be a veritable brother of the giant, having been begotten by the self same father. Hull cleared some \$60,000 by the latter, with which he embarked in business in Birmingham, N.Y., by which every dollar was lost. Of late he has been given to the pursuit of experimental chemistry, and, taught by the popular views of Darwin, as expounded by the public press, he began planning to again astonish the good people of the United States. This seemed to take great hold upon his mind, and he frequently remarked that he would like to set the scientific men agoing, and quarrelling as to the origin of man, and throw the religious world

must confine themselves to certain parts of his body, and there we have fixed him by putting in bones." At this time, having exhausted their funds, the worthies applied to Barnum for means to plant their prodigy. The proposition struck P. T. as in his line, advanced \$2,000 for the purpose, after interviewing the stone man, which was sent to Bridgeport for the purpose. But where to place him was the query! Barnum declared that Connecticut would not do, for to resurrect him in a State so celebrated for humbugs in the way of "basewood hams," "wooden nutmegs," "fraudulent clocks," and the "Great American Showman," would at once ruin the enterprise.

Finally, Colorado, the "wonder State," was pitched upon as a proper locality, and the stone man was sent thither and buried along with a turtle and salmon trout of like composition. Next one Conant visited the Rocky Mountains as a geologist, who, at the proper time, discovered the image. Barnum, happening (?) to be lecturing on temperance in Colorado at the time of the discovery, announced that he would give \$20,000 for the "find;" but this offer, of course, was rejected with scorn. Barnum now gave Prof. Taylor \$100 to bore into the image and report. Hull, who had heard from scientific men that boring into a true fossil would show crystals, adroitly substituted crystal dust for that obtained, while the professor's attention was otherwise engaged; and all seemed to be going on swimmingly. Finally, Prof. Marsh was again called upon for an opinion, and at once detected the fraud, calling attention to the fact that the "stone man" presented a rotundity of figure incompatible with the theory of one who had died and become fossilized, in which case the abdomen would naturally be sunken and collapsed. This decision, the people remembering the Cardiff matter, caused them to fight shy of the exhibition. Ultimately, suspicion was confirmed by the admissions of Cox, Case, Babcock, and others connected with the enterprise, who, falling out among themselves, at once spread the facts far and wide, in their desire to injure each other; thus forever blasting all hopes of financial success through the "Colorado man."

Another would-be candidate for archaeological and pecuniary honors, was one William Ruddock, of Thornton, St. Clair county, Michigan, who in 1876 manufactured from water-lime, sand, and gravel, a "petrified man," which was claimed to have been found in the gravel-pits of Pine River. Ruddock's pecuniary resources being exceedingly limited, he contented himself with a figure less than four feet in height, with arms folded across the breast; the model having evidently been taken from an "Effigy in Lava," which illustrates one of J. Ross Browne's sketches of Iceland, as published in Harper's Magazine. This hoax obtained some local celebrity, and even found its way into the general press. Several rural clergymen made it an especial topic in their Sunday discourses, and certain agricultural papers, backed by letters from these same teachers, assured the world that the "Pine River man" was no Cardiff Giant, but a bona fide "creation of God." But even all this evidence failed to make Ruddock's fossil remunerative, and failing attractive when brought into Port Huron, it was sold to the proprietor of a third-rate side show for a mere trifle.

After these attempts, it is safe to assert that no ignorant person will again attempt a "pre-historic man," either with or without a caudal appendage. And it is probable that no scientist will be guilty of such an imposition. The greatest wonder is that no counterfeits of the only true fossil men discovered—those of the Mentone caves in France—have reached this country. With their knowledge and success of the Chinese in the manufacture of artificial stone, they could doubtless manufacture a figure that would defy any but the most thorough scientific scrutiny. As John is given to such little games, it would not be all surprising if he should yet enter the field.—ASCHER.

him down at the ropes, when a claim of foul was made by Richardson, which the referee, Mr. Tansey, admitted, but exercising his right, allowed the match to proceed, after a caution to Ryan not to strike his man again when down. Two more rounds were fought, when Brown's mentor threw up the sponge in token of defeat. There was no lack of pluck on either side, and much credit was due to Professor Woods for the selection and training of his man, who, although heavier, had been but a few weeks in training.

A TARDY CONFESSION.

John McDonald, the principal second of John C. Heenan, in the latter's fight with King fourteen years ago, writes to the London Sportsman that "Heenan deliberately sold the battle." "I also state that he received £4,000 for so doing from a person still alive and well known; that an agreement was written out by a solicitor; that the money was lodged in the solicitor's hands before the fight, and that it was paid by him to Heenan afterwards." When Heenan lost the fight it was charged that the American pugilist had been drugged by his second. It is to clear himself of this charge that McDonald now speaks. The brutality of the prize ring is bad enough, but when we add dishonesty to brutality we render it utterly indefensible. Heenan was accompanied to England by officious New Yorkers. Were the gladiator alive he could tell us how the spoils were divided.

WILLIAM RYAN WILL BOX ANY ONE.

Professor Wood, of Montreal, is out with a challenge on behalf of his protegee, Wm. Ryan. The Prof. says he will match Ryan to box any man in Canada, professional or amateur, for \$50 or \$100 a side and the championship of Canada, at any time after three weeks from signing articles. He says he issues this challenge to stop all further talk. This is a chance for some one of our Toronto sparrers which will not probably go unheeded. There are numbers in this city who should be pleased to accommodate Mr. Ryan, if he will consent that the set-to take place here, for which no doubt he would be allowed reasonable expenses. There is no place in the country where fair play would be more fully guaranteed than in this city.

It is said that a prominent disciple of the "gloves" in this city is preparing to make a trip to the old country for the purpose of testing the right of the present holder to the championship, under the Marquis of Queensbury's rules. He is known to be very clever with the buckskins, and his friends have good reasons to think that in that style of warfare he is as good as any man standing up.

MICHIGAN NOTES.

BY ARCHER.

Mr. John Reid, of Keene, was attacked by a ferocious specimen of *Ursus Americanus* a few days since, and narrowly escaped with his life. As it was, he got off with severe cuts and gashes about his head and neck. A local paper remarks that "it is thought Madam Bruin had cubs near by." What she would be doing with young at this time of year is a question that is bothering naturalists.

Battle Creek proposes to fit up a driving park during the coming season with a half mile track. Good!

Give the palm to Mrs. Baker, of Flint. A trifle over a year ago she gave birth to triplets which were christened Faith, Hope, and Charity, and for which an elegant triplet baby carriage was built by a Detroit manufacturer, and paid for by public contribution. Mr. Baker says Faith is played out, Hope

out with a string of... E. H. Gullman, of Detroit, returned home on the 7th instant from the North Chautau Club House at the St. Clair Flats, bringing with him two minor d. canvas back ducks. The ice had isolated him from the world, but he escaped from his involuntary imprisonment by making a perilous journey to the main land over planks laid on the thin ice. His companions, Goff Stanton, and J. V. D. Eldridge, did not care to run the risk of drowning, and are still quarantined. The Pacific Gun Club, of Detroit, has gained new life and vigor by its recent re-organization, and now includes among its active members some of the best shots of the city. The members held a pigeon contest at World's End on the afternoon of the 7th instant.

The Ottawa Trotting Meeting commenced on Tuesday over Crystal Park, Leamy's Lake, Hull. There were two events on the programme, but neither one was completed. In the local race American Girl won two heats, and Barefoot one; best time, 2:46. Drummer Boy, Deceit, Capt. Smith, and Nellie Irwin were in the free-for-all. Drummer Boy got the first heat in 2:35; the second was declared a dead heat. Darkness coming on the races were postponed until Wednesday. The attendance was good, but the track was heavy.

The trotting horse Gen. Twoed, reported dead, is alive and as well as ever. It was a stable companion of his—a saddle horse—that broke his leg and had to be shot. Hence the error.

Amusement.

CITY.

Messrs. Robson & Crane are the bright particular stars at the Grand Opera House this week in their amusing comedy in four acts of Our Bachelors. This piece has been specially written to give these two prime comedians a full opportunity to display their peculiar talents in the comedy line. To say that the author has succeeded well in his work would be giving him only faint praise, and the principals are perfectly at home in their respective parts. "Our Bachelors" sparkles with wit from the rising of the curtain till the going down of the same. The audience is in sympathy with the actors from the beginning to the end, and, as a consequence, everything is very enjoyable. The support by the members of the stock company is all that the piece demands, while the stage setting of the principal scenes reflects credit on the Grand. It will be played all week, and is sufficiently attractive to hold the boards for another week. Every one should see it. Business has been very good, and there appears to be no possibility of its falling off.

At the Royal Opera House the Lingards supported by their own combination, have been reigning supreme this week. On Monday and Tuesday evenings Heart and Crown, and the Lingard sketches was the bill; Wednesday and Thursday, Our Boys; Friday, The Vestal; and Saturday, Sir Peter Simple. The entertainment is one of the best we have ever had in the city. Mrs. Lingard is a powerful actress, and in Heart and Crown, created an impression it will take some time to remove from the minds of the audience. The support, especially by the male section, was very good. Of the Sketches it is unnecessary to speak, the name of Lingard has become proverbial in connection with them. The attendance has been large, and the engagement may be considered a great success. Next week Haverley's Minstrels, the cream of the profession, will commence a short season.

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Each shooter will be required to furnish 25 birds. Entrance, \$10 for both matches. Dominion rules to govern. No scouting will be allowed. There will be 500 or 600 pigeons for shooters who may not have birds. The Club is trying to arrange a grand sweepstakes, of \$100 each, of ten men from each Club in Canada.

M. BURGESS, Secretary.
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Woodstock, Feb. 11, 1878. 338—tt

'Krick's Guide to the Turf.'

Under this title I intend to publish next month a revised edition of my book, with other information of value to turfmen. The second edition, to be published in April, will contain a list of racing facts, races to come, and other information of value to those who follow the turf.
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337—tt New York World, 35 Park Row

Poetry.

APPLE PIE.

All that's bright must fade.
All new dishes fade—
The newest, oft the fleetest,
Of all the pies now made,
The apple's still the sweetest.
Cut and come again,
The syrup upward springing;
While my life and taste remain,
To thee my heart is clinging.
Other dainties fade—
The newest, oft the fleetest:
But of all the pies now made,
The apple's still the sweetest.

Who a pie would make,
First his apple slices;
Then he ought to take
Some cloves—the best of spices;
(Grate some lemon rind,
Butter add discreetly;
Then some sugar mix—but mind
The pie's not made too sweetly.
Every pie that's made,
With sugar is completed;
But moderation should pervade—
Too sweet is not the sweetest.

Who would tone impart,
Must, if my word is trusted,
Add to his pie or tart,
A glass of port—old crusted;
If a man of taste,
He, complete to make it,
In the very finest paste,
Will enclose and bake it.
Pies have each their grade;
But, when this thou eatest,
Of all that e'er were made,
You'll say 'tis best and sweetest.

[Punch's Cook.]

Miscellaneous.

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An Essex, Ont., farmer has hit on an admirable method by which the price of corn has been enhanced much beyond the market price. The inventive farmer lives near Maidstone Cross, where corn is worth from thirty to forty cents per bushel. The agricultural gentleman has a large quantity of corn, and he disposes of the cereal in this wise:—He keeps a number of gaunt and hungry hogs which he sells for about \$5 per hundred pounds, stipulating that they are to be delivered and weighed at a certain hour next day. He then gives the animals all the corn they can stow away just before the weighing takes place, and consequently he has sold nearly all his corn at \$5 per hundred, while his less ingenious neighbours have to take from thirty cents upwards. Thus do the blessings of invention and science overcast their illuminating rays across the path of the truly good.

Lord Dunraven, who is just now in New York, and writing interesting letters on English topics to the New York World, has a horse that has gone through a strange number of vicissitudes. Lord Dunraven—then Lord Adair—acted during the Abyssinian war as a special correspondent, and was carried through the campaign by a very powerful charger. Sometime afterward this horse came into possession of Mr. Stanley, and was with him when he met Livingstone. Subsequently Mr. Stanley sold it when he reached the coast, and the horse was shipped to Liverpool, where it was purchased by an American horse-dealer, and was transported to New York. Lord Dunraven, when on his way back from a sporting tour in the Far West, saw and recognized his old friend, purchased the hero of so many travels, and now the veteran has been returned to England, and will live in the paddock for the rest of his days.

BLACK QUARTER.

The Glencoe, Ont., local print says that since its last notice of what is commonly known as the "black quarter" disease in cattle, a number of calves and young cattle have died in that vicinity. With regard to it, Youatt, a good authority, in his book on the diseases of cattle, says that the "black quarter" is not a disease in itself, but the effect produced by inflammatory fever. As the fever is seldom noticed until it has progressed to the last and fatal stage, the appearance of which has furnished the popular name, he recommends preventive measures as the most effectual—such as bleeding, physis, and less stimulating food, particularly for young cattle that are thriving rapidly, as they are the most likely to be attacked.

Horse Notes.

OFF FOR MOBILE.—William Bird, the well-known trainer, left Nashville, Tenn., for Mobile, Ala., 16th ult., with a string of six promising flyers, including Bonanza, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Jessamine, by Brown Dick; a colt by imp. Glengary; a colt by Brown Dick, out of Poor Girl, by Hannibal, and the chestnut filly Melita, by Muggins, dam Johnetta, by Austerlitz, all three-year-olds; brown colt Borak, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Nubia, by Albion; and bay filly Matinee, by John Morgan, dam Sue Walton, by Jack Malone, both two years old.

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BLACK QUARTER.

The Glencoe, Ont., local print says that since its last notice of what is commonly known as the "black quarter" disease in cattle, a number of calves and young cattle have died in that vicinity. With regard to it, Youatt, a good authority, in his book on the diseases of cattle, says that the "black quarter" is not a disease in itself, but the effect produced by inflammatory fever. As the fever is seldom noticed until it has progressed to the last and fatal stage, the appearance of which has furnished the popular name, he recommends preventive measures as the most effectual—such as bleeding, phlebotomy, and less stimulating food, particularly for young cattle that are thriving rapidly, as they are the most likely to be attacked.

Horse Notes.

OFF FOR MOBILE.—William Bird, the well-known trainer, left Nashville, Tenn., for Mobile, Ala., 16th ult., with a string of six promising flyers, including Bonanza, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Jessamine, by Brown Dick; a colt by imp. Glengary; a colt by Brown Dick, out of Poor Girl, by Hannibal, and the chestnut filly Melita, by Muggins, dam Johnetta, by Austerlitz, all three-year-olds; brown colt Borak, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Nubia, by Albion; and bay filly Matinee, by John Morgan, dam Sue Walton, by Jack Malone, both two years old.

LOUISVILLE STALLION STAKES.—We see it stated that eleven stallions are represented in the Great American Stallion Stakes at Louisville. When they closed in August last, the following names appeared, viz.: Buckden, Bonnie Scotland, John Morgan, Enquirer, Tom Bowling, Waverley, West Roxbury, Dudley, Longfellow, Planter, War Dance, Tom Porter, Glenelg, and Glen Athol, fourteen in number. The colts and fillies entered number fifty.

PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBUS JOCKEY CLUB.—At the recent meeting of the stockholders of the Columbus (O.) Jockey Club, L. G. Delano, Esq., of that city, was elected president. It would have been difficult to have selected a better man for the position. Mr. Delano is, and has for some time been, the President of the Ohio State Agricultural Society, is also a breeder of fine stock, and has the faculty of taking care of his private affairs as well as discharging public duties with fidelity and intelligence, as shown by his administration as Railroad Commissioner of his State. Under his management we shall expect to see the Jockey Club at Columbus increase its popularity and strength with owners and the public generally.

ENGLISH HORSES IN TRAINING.—Bell's Life publishes a list of 1,000 horses in training in England for the season of 1878. J. Dawson has in charge 70; M. Dawson, 66; R. Peck, 61; W. H. Manser, 42; T. Stevens, 40; Messrs. Osborne, 39; W. Goater, 36; W. Reeves, 32; R. Marsh, 31; J. Dawson, 30; P. Price, 30; J. Jones, 30; J. Porter, 29; C. Jonsiffe, 29; F. Bates, 27; A. Hayhoe, 21; W. G. Stevens, 21; W. Arnall, 20, and the remainder are divided into thirty-three other stables, with from five to nineteen horses in each. Mr. C. Littlefield has a string of eight, including Brown Prince and Start, each four years old; Cataract, Dancing Master, Miss Ward, and Ultra, each three years old, and Invalid and Requital, each two years old. The last-named is described as a bay filly by Distin, dam Product, which has been acquired by the stable in England.

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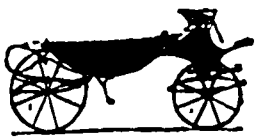
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LONG DISTANCE WALKING.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, at Cincinnati, O'Leary finished his walk of 500 miles in 122 hours and 17 minutes. The original conditions were that he should cover that distance in 125 hours. His 377th mile was done in 9:45, the 390th in 9:30, and the concluding ten miles in 1 hour 49 minutes and 10 seconds. After the conclusion of his 400th mile, with a couple of extra laps thrown in, he was lifted to the platform, where the judge sat, and after listening to some speechifying, was himself coaxed into a brief oration. Subsequently he walked a couple of miles further, and, after returning to his room, executed a portion of an Irish jig.

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A NOTEWORTHY DECISION.

From the London Sportsman.

At Manchester Assizes yesterday, before Mr. Baron Pollock, the case of Helliwell vs. Bothell was heard. The action was to recover £95, money paid by plaintiff as bets by instruction of the defendant. The plaintiff, John Helliwell, lived in Sheffield, and the defendant, Christopher Bethell, was a gentleman of sporting tendencies, and lived in Maddox street, Regent street, London, and was the owner of certain racehorses which he ran under the name of C. B. Bethell. He employed Mr. Helliwell to make certain bets for him; these were very few. Helliwell was not himself a betting man; he executed commissions for gentlemen who thought it proper to send their money in this particular way. It made the acquaintance of the defendant at one of the Newmarket meetings, and was authorized on four or five occasions to make bets. The defendant did not seem to have been particularly fortunate in the selection of his horses, because they nearly all lost. First of all the defendant was anxious to back Zuechero for the Cesarewitch; the horse was a favorite, and he expressed a wish to put a "pony" on. Accordingly the plaintiff went to a well known bookmaker named Mark Mitchell, who had him £300 to £25 against Zuechero, and it was almost needless to say that Zuechero did not win. Defendant then bet Scamp for the Lincolnshire Handicap, and he bet £10 on that horse. The next bet was on a horse named Camera, the amount being £25. Having made bets with Mitchell to the extent of £95, Helliwell paid him that amount. With regard to his own remuneration, he was to have 2 1/2 per cent, on all winnings. Helliwell was not suing for bets he made but for money he paid out of his own pocket by instructions of the defendant. He had applied to defendant several times for the money. Mr. Bethell had again and again promised to pay, had professed his inability to pay, gave excuses why he did not pay, and made promises which he did not keep. Hence the present action. The jury returned a formal verdict for the amount claimed.

LADY LUMBER.—This mare, by Lumber, record 2:27 1/2, died of pneumonia two days ago.

GEORGE EVANS, the well-known jockey, returned to New York this month. We believe Mr. Pierre Lorillard's stable has retained the first claim upon his services in the saddle.

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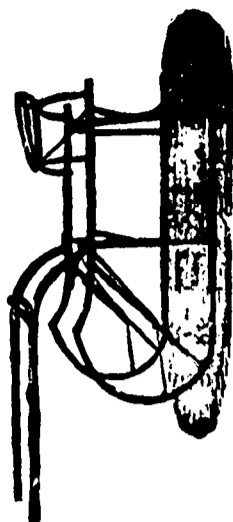
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PLAYING DOMINOES ILLEGAL.

At London, on Feb. 9, Judge Elliott gave a decision in an important case of appeal. One Cole was convicted, on complaint of the License Inspector, of allowing gambling in his tavern, the gambling consisting of playing dominoes for the drinks. His Honor said:—"It cannot be denied that the game of dominoes, even when played for drinking alone, has a pernicious result. I do not mean to say that upon all occasions the game is to be censured, but I do say if it is to be allowed in taverns from morning till night, as it was in this case, upon the ground that only drinks and not money was played for, the mischief which the statute was designed to remedy will be very faintly reached. Taking this view of the case, I think the conviction should be sustained, if the evidence was insufficient to establish the fact that the appellant sanctioned or allowed the gambling for money." The conviction was, therefore, confirmed, and the appeal dismissed with costs.

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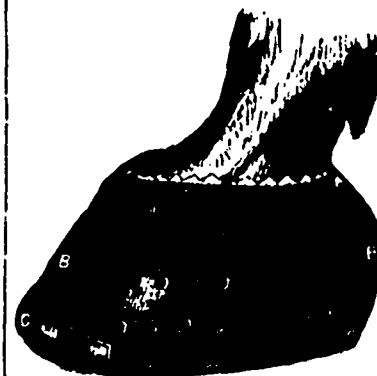
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