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**American Turf.**

**RACING AT LEXINGTON, KY.**

LEXINGTON, Sept 9.—Viler Stakes, for three-year-olds; \$100 each, \$50 ft. with \$600 added; and to receive \$200 out of stakes; closed with \$8 mbs; value \$26.00; mile and three-quarters. B H Owen's b c Leveller, by Lever—Sly Boots, 145 lbs..... 1  
 W H Reynolds's b g Fortuna, 102 lbs..... 2  
 P Parleton, Jr's b c Solicitor, 105 lbs..... 3  
 Pomeroy, Day Star, Blue Eyes, and Mexico unplaced.  
 Time—3:07½.

Same Day—The Filly Stakes for two-year-old, \$50 each, \$25 forfeit, with \$250 added; three-quarters of a mile. Robinson & Preston's ch f Lilly R, 97 lbs, by Glenelg dam Florence..... 1  
 W H Owen's b c Florence B, 97 lbs..... 2  
 Brigot's b f Peru, 97 lbs..... 3  
 Charissima, Alice Bruce, Miss Hardaway, and Junia ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:18.

Same Day—Purse \$200, for all ages; \$50 to each; one mile. Swigert's b c Milan, 3 yrs, by Melbourne dam Alumina, 95 lbs..... 1  
 William's ch f Springbranch, 4 yrs, 107 lbs..... 2  
 Eagle's b f Fair Queen, 3 yrs, 92 lbs..... 3  
 Hight, Wildfellow, and Dolly Coombs ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:44½.

Sept 10—A sweepstakes for three-year-olds had never won a race at the time the stakes were added (Aug 15); \$50 each, \$25 ft, with \$350 added; mile heats. W Bowen & Co's b g Beechwood by Glenelg, dam Lazity, 105 lbs..... 1 3 1  
 Guest's b f Nellie Booker, 102 lbs..... 2 1 3  
 Richards' b c, by War Dance, 105 lbs..... 5 2 ro  
 & Co's b c Signal, 105 lbs..... 4 4 ro  
 Swigert's b c Petrel, 105 lbs..... 3 dis  
 Keller's b g Grapple, 102 lbs..... 5 dis  
 Ward's ch b Tom Barlow, 105 lbs..... dis  
 Time—1:45, 1:47½, 1:51½.

Same Day—A sweepstakes for two-year-old, \$50 each, \$25 ft, with \$250 added; three-quarters of a mile. A Grinstead's ch g Bash-Bazonk, by War Dance, dam by Revenue, 97 lbs..... 1  
 Hunt's b c Stilton, 100 lbs..... 2  
 Buford's b c Goodnight, 100 lbs..... 3  
 Buford, Montreal, Cronin, and Shaker ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:18½.

Sept 11—Purse \$300, for all ages, of which \$50 to second; mile heats. Water's b c Dave Moore, 3 yrs, by Long-blow, dam Skipper, 95 lbs..... 3 1 1  
 Hancock's ch g Tampico, 4 yrs, 107 lbs..... 1 3 2  
 H Reynolds' ch c Macedonius, 3 yrs, 96 lbs..... 2 dis  
 Time—1:52½, 1:53½, 1:55½.

Same Day—A Selling Sweepstakes for all ages, p. p. \$350 added; winner to be sold at auction.

olds, at \$100 each, \$50 forfeit, with 700 added; value, \$2,200; two miles. G W Bowen & Co's ch f Cammie F, by imp Glenelg, dam Cordelia, 97 lbs..... 1  
 B G Thomas' b c Himyar, 100 lbs..... 2  
 B G Thomas' b f Hearsay..... 3  
 Time—4:04½.  
 Same Day—A sweepstakes for two year-olds at \$50 each, 25 forfeit, with \$350 added; one mile. D Swigert's ch c Spendthrift, by Australian, dam Aerolite, 100 lbs..... 1  
 T J Nichols' ch c Montreal..... 2  
 G W Bowen & Co's ch c Scully..... 3  
 R R Hunt's br c Stilton..... 0  
 A Buford's b c Goodnight..... 0  
 F B Harper's g c Black Hills..... 0  
 Time—1:58.

Same Day—Purse \$250, for all ages; mile and a quarter. J T Williams' ch f Springbranch, 4 yrs, by Australian, dam Springbranch, 107 lbs..... 1  
 G W Hancock's ch f Crosslet, 4 yrs, 107 lbs..... 2  
 A H Ward's ch c Tom Barlow..... 3  
 T J Megibben's b c Malmistic..... 0  
 Time—2:29½.

Sept 14—Consolation Purse \$250, for horses of all ages beaten during the meeting; mile heats. J M Guest's b f Nellie Booker, 3 yrs, by Australian, dam Leona, 80 lbs..... 2 1 1  
 F Water's ch g Enlight..... 1 4 2  
 G W Hancock's b c Allan Pinkerton..... 4 2 ro  
 D Swigert's br c Mexico..... 3 3 ro  
 J F Keller's b g Grapple..... 5 dis  
 Time—1:51, 1:51½, 1:54½.

Same Day—Purse \$200, for all ages; mile and a quarter. D Swigert's b c Petrel, 3 yrs, by Lever, dam Boie, 95 lbs..... 1  
 T J Megibben's ch f Minnock..... 2  
 J B McKee's ch f Waterwitch..... 3  
 Time—2:21½.

Same Day—Purse \$500, for all ages, of which 100 to second and 50 to third; three miles. T J Nichols' b c King Faro, 4 yrs, by Phaseton, dam by Knight of St George, 110 lbs..... 1  
 Beauty & Co's b g Wheeler..... 2  
 Time—5:59.

Sept. 16—Purse \$150, for all ages; mile and a quarter. C M Speagle's b f Florence Anderson, 4 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Sallie Anderson, 107 lb..... 1  
 G W Bowen & Co's b g Beechwood, 3 yrs, 92 lb..... 2  
 T J Megibben's ch f Minnock, 3 yrs, 92 lb..... 3  
 T Snediker's ch g Enlight..... 0  
 F B Harper's b g Wildfellow..... 0  
 D Swigert's br c Petrel..... 0  
 G W Hancock's ch f Crosslet..... 0  
 Time—2:18½.

Same Day—Purse \$120, for two year olds; three quarters of a mile. D Swigert's b f Peru, by imp Glengarry, dam Optima, 97 lb..... 1  
 J F Keller's ch c Cronin..... 2  
 J Murphy's br c T J Montague..... 3  
 F B Harper's gr c Black Hill..... 0  
 Time—1:19.

Same Day—Purse \$225, a handicap for all ages; mile and a half. G W Hancock's ch g Tampico, 4 yrs, by Planet dam Miranda, 100 lb..... 1  
 R F Johnson's b f Posters, 4 yrs, 100 lb..... 2

J Crocker's gr g Gray Salem..... 2 3 0 2 1 2  
 W Morris' blk g Tom Malloy..... 3 1 0 3 3 3  
 Time—2:31, 0:00, 0:00, 2:30, 2:29, 2:31.

Same Day—Purse \$100; running; half-mile heats. A W Scott's ch m Plenty..... 1 1  
 H J Woodford's b m Nettie B..... 4 2  
 N S Woodford's gr m Lady Gray..... 3 3  
 W P Metcalf's ch s General Frost..... 2 4  
 Time—55s, 54s.

Sept 5—Purse \$700; 2:18 class. O T Briggs' b g Deck Wright..... 1 1 1  
 J Borden's b g John H..... 2 2 3  
 C Nolan's b m Hannah D..... 3 8 2  
 Time—2:30½, 2:33½, 2:33.

Same Day—Purse \$150; running; half-mile heats, 3 in 5. H J Woodford's b m Nettie B..... 1 1 1  
 W P Metcalf's ch s Gen Frost..... 2 2 2  
 J M Scott's blk m Flora..... 5 4 4  
 E Wheaton's b m Jennie Lee..... 4 5 5  
 N S Woodford's gr m Lady Gray..... 3 8 dis  
 Time—51½s, 56s, 50½s.

Sept 5 and 6—Purse \$700; 2:50 class. W D Knox's rmg Taylor..... 4 1 1 5 2 2 3 2 0 1  
 A J Oatman's b m Gail Hamilton..... 1 3 4 2 3 4 1 0 2  
 D T Sprole's ch m Queen of the Fairies..... 2 2 5 4 1 3 2 1 3 ro  
 A P Benedict's b m Carrie B..... 6 4 3 1 4 1 4 4 4 ro  
 C E Morgan's gr g E C Crane..... 5 5 2 3 5 ro  
 J H Collins' dn g Billy Seward..... 3 6 6 6 dr  
 G Coit's blk g Nig..... 7 7 dr  
 Time—0:00, 2:40½, 2:40, 2:40, 2:40½, 2:40, 2:40½, 2:42, 2:43, 2:40.

**TROTTING AT WADDINGTON, N. Y.**

Waddington, N Y, Sept 4.—Purse \$125, for 2:37 class; mile heats; 3 in 5, in harness. Wm Van Valkenburg's b g Moece..... 1 1 1  
 W H Brown's b g Decat..... 2 2 2  
 J H Staves' ch m Ellen..... 3 3 4  
 C Wagner's gr m Lola Montez..... 4 4 3  
 Time—3:40, 2:45, 2:40.

Same Day—Purse \$50; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. D Commons' b g D C..... 1 1 2 2 1  
 F B Maxwell's br m Augusta..... 3 2 1 1 2  
 M D Murphy's b h Bay Tommy..... 2 3 3 dis  
 Time—3:06, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00.

Same Day—Purse \$75, for 3:00 class, mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. W N Staves' br m Ellen Meigs..... 1 1 1  
 W Van Valkenburg's Faustina..... 2 2 2  
 Andrew Tiernan's blk h George B Swan..... 3 3 3  
 H W Brown's b g Barney Smith..... 4 dr  
 Time—2:50, 2:50, 2:50.

Same Day—Purse \$125, free for all; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness. E W Brown's b h Chestnut Hill..... 1 1 1  
 W Van Valkenburg's gr g Capt Smith..... 2 2 2  
 J L Staves' ch m Ellen..... 3 3 3  
 Time—2:35, 2:37, 2:38.

**GOOD TROTTING AT PLAINVILLE.**

**English Turf.**

**THE CHAMPAGNE STAKES.**

LONDON, September 10.—To-day was the first of the annual fall meeting at Doncaster, and one of the most important events of the day was the race for the Champagne Stakes. As usual the field was small but very good, only five starting, with the betting 4 to 1 against Lord Falmouth's Charibert, who won, 6 to 4 against Count La Grange's Rayon d'Or, and 8 to 1 against Mr. Cartwright's George Albert. A notable feature of the race is the close contest each year between the Falmouth and Lagrange youngsters. Lord Falmouth won in 1875 and 1876 with Farnese and Lady Gollightly, and the last year Count Lagrange won with the Clementine. The race is also looked upon, in connection with other races run later in the season, as a possible line for the Derby. The conditions of the race are as follows:

The fifty-sixth renewal of the Champagne stakes, for two-year-olds, at £50 each, half forfeit; colts to carry 122 lbs, fillies 120; the owner of the second to save its stake; closed with 32 subscribers; value, £255; Red House mile, or 5 furlongs and 162 yards. Lord Falmouth's ch c Charibert, by Thor-manby, dam Gertrude, by Saunterer, 122 lbs..... 1  
 Count Lagrange's ch c Rayon d'Or, by Flagolet, dam Arancaria, 122 lbs..... 2  
 W S Cartwright's ch c George Albert, by Mar-syas, dam Princess of Wales, 122 lbs..... 3

**THE WINNER.**

Charibert was bred by Lord Falmouth and is a half-brother to Childeric, one of the favorites for the St. Leger, both being out of Gertrude, she by Saunterer, out of Queen Bertha, by Kingston, out of Flax (the founder of Lord Falmouth's stud), by Sulphur out of an own sister to Bay Middleton. Charibert made his debut in the July Stakes at Newmarket, when he ran fourth to Ruperra, Gunnersbury and Rayon d'Or. At Goodwood Charibert and Count Lagrange's Zut were the only starters for the Prince of Wales Stakes. The distance was a straight three-quarters of a mile. Charibert carried 122 pounds and beat Zut by four lengths. Charibert is very heavily engaged both as a two-year old and three-year old. He is in the Middle Park Plate, to be run during the second October meeting, and next year he will no doubt be found prominent for the 2,000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger.

**JANETTE AND CHILDERIC FIRST AND SECOND IN THE ST. LEGER.**

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The Doncaster meeting was continued to-day, the principal event being the one hundred and third renewal of the St. Leger Stakes, for three year olds. There was the usual large attendance, especially of visitors from the south of England, where the feeling amounted almost to a certainty that Lord Falmouth would repeat his last year's success by winning with either Janette or Childeric. Janette was the favorite at 3 to 1. She won, by a length, against Childeric. The race was a very close one, and the judges for their decisions. These

Mr R N Batt's ch c Castlereagh, by Speculum, dam Lady Trespass, 122 lbs..... 11  
 Mr W S Cartwright's b f Eau de Vie, by Mar-syas, dam Fairwater, 117 lbs..... 0  
 Mr W S Crawford's ch c Red Archer, by Toxopholite, dam Ornament, 123 lbs..... 11  
 Mr W S Mitchell Innes' br c Potentate, by King o Scots, dam, Drolebella, 122 lbs..... 0  
 Mr J H Hoaldsworth's ch c Glengarry, by Scottish Chief, dam Croena, 122 lbs..... 0  
 Capt Uaworth's br c Mappleton, by Mandrake, dam Lady Geraldine, 122 lbs..... 0

**JUDGING AT FAIRS.**

One of the most delicate, and at the same time one of the most important duties devolving upon the management of an agricultural fair, is the selection of judges in the various classes of live stock. The position of a judge upon such an occasion, is at best a thankless one, for how ever conscientiously he may perform his duties his decisions are likely to be sharply criticised and his motives impugned by unsuccessful exhibitors, and their partisans. This being the case, it is no wonder that men of character and position dislike to be placed in such positions and excuse themselves from serving so long as they can reasonably do so, and that the management finds the most difficult part of their task in the selection of competent persons to make the awards.

The "professional juryman" has long been a standing nuisance in courts of justice, and he finds his counterpart in the professional committeeman at our agricultural fairs. He is always in the way, ready to slip in to fill a vacancy at the least intimation that his services will be accepted. Sometimes, because by so doing he can secure a free meal ticket, but more frequently because he has "an axe to grind" some friend whom he wishes to favor. And so long as judges have to be picked up for the various classes, on the spur of the moment, so long are we liable to have these professional men-in-waiting thrust upon us.

The plan adopted for the various groups of live stock by the Ohio State Agricultural Society appears to us to possess many advantages, and is open to as few objections as any that can be devised. For each group, three judges are selected in advance of the fair, men of acknowledged reputation and probity of character, whose awards will command the respect of the public, even should they fail to satisfy all the exhibitors, and their attendance is secured by paying them a reasonable compensation for their services. The three judges selected for each group make all the awards in all the various classes of that group—one committee passing on all the various classes of horses, another on all the classes of cattle, a third on sheep, and a fourth on all classes of swine. In addition, each committee is accompanied by a reporter, who is himself an acknowledged expert, as well as a ready writer, and it is his duty to record the observations of the judges upon all the animals exhibited that may be considered worthy of mention, and record the reasons that may be assigned by the judges for their decisions. These

Partners of a race.  
 Johnson & Preston's ch f Lilly R, 97 lbs, by Glenelg dam Florence. 1  
 Owen & Co's ch f Florence B, 97 lbs. 2  
 Swigert's b f Peru, 97 lbs. 3  
 Clansima, Alice Bruce, Miss Hardaway, Vab's b f, and Juniata ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:18.

Same Day—Purse \$200, for all ages; \$50 to second; one mile.  
 Swigert's b c Milan, 3 yrs, by Melbourne dam Alumina, 95 lbs. 1  
 Williams' ch f Springbranch, 4 yrs, 107 lbs. 2  
 Swigert's b c Mexico. 3  
 Eagle's b f Fair Queen, 3 yrs, 92 lbs. 3  
 Light, Wildfellow, and Dolly Coombs ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:44.

Sept 10—A sweepstakes for three-year-olds had never won a race at the time the stakes were made (Aug 15); \$60 each, \$25 ft, with \$350 added; mile heats.  
 Bowen & Co's b g Beechwood by Wavered, dam Lazily, 105 lbs. 1 3 1  
 Guest's b f Nellie Booker, 102 lbs. 2 1 2  
 Richards' b c, by War Dance, 105 lbs. 6 2 ro  
 Co's b c Signal, 105 lbs. 4 4 ro  
 Swigert's b c Petrel, 105 lbs. 3 dis  
 Keller's b c Grapple, 102 lbs. 5 dis  
 Ward's ch c Tom Barlow, 105 lbs. dis  
 Time—1:45, 1:47, 1:51.

Same Day—A sweepstakes for two-year-olds \$50 each, \$25 ft, with \$250 added; three-quarters of a mile.  
 Grinstead's ch g Bashi-Bazouk, by War Dance, dam by Revonne, 97 lbs. 1  
 Hunt's b c Stilton, 100 lbs. 2  
 Ford's b c Goodnight, 100 lbs. 3  
 Trinidad, Montreal, Cronin, and Shaker ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:18.

Sept 11—Purse \$300, for all ages, of which \$50 to second; mile heats.  
 Water's b c Dave Moore, 3 yrs, by Longfellow, dam Skipper, 95 lbs. 3 1 1  
 Hancock's ch g Tampico, 4 yrs, 107 lbs. 1 3 2  
 Reynolds' ch c Macedonius, 3 yrs, 105 lbs. 2 dis  
 Time—1:52, 1:53, 1:55.  
 Same Day—A Selling Sweepstakes for all ages, \$5 pp, \$350 added; winner to be sold at auction; mile and a half.  
 Reynolds' b c Caligula, 3 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Clarissa, 100 lbs, \$1,000. 1  
 Grinstead's b g Wayfarer, 3 yrs, 95 lbs, \$500. 2  
 Co's b g, 5 yrs, by Phaeton, 100 lbs, \$400. 3  
 Malistic, b c, by War Dance, and Glenival unplaced.  
 Time—2:50.

Same Day—Purse \$125, for all ages; three-quarters of a mile.  
 Swigert's b c Milan, 3 yrs, by Melbourne dam Alumina, 95 lbs. 1  
 Megibben's ch c Enlight, 4 yrs, 110 lbs. 2  
 Megibben's b g Alloy, 3 yrs, 92 lbs. 3  
 Colet, Springbranch, Clausman, Mill Boy, Melville, Melbourne Jr's b c, b Phaeton-Alert c, Willow, and Victory-Hiawatha, ch c, ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:21.

Sept 12—Purse \$200, for all ages, of which \$50 to the second; mile and a furlong.  
 Megibben's ch f Minnock, 3 yrs, by Glenelg, dam Minx, 92 lbs. 1  
 Thomas's b f Hearsay, 3 yrs, 92 lbs. 2  
 Swigert's b c Milan, 3 yrs, 95 lbs. 3  
 Co's b c Fair Count. 0  
 Silver's b f Florence Anderson. 0  
 Co's ch f Ada S. 0  
 Time—2:09.  
 Same Day—Purse \$250, for all ages, of which \$50 to the second; mile and a half.  
 Nichols' b g Ed Turner, 4 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Kate Walker, 107 lbs. 1  
 Swigert's b c Mexico, 3 yrs, 95 lbs. 2  
 Time—2:59.

Same Day—Purse \$300, for all ages, of which \$50 to the second; two miles.  
 Nichols' b c King Faro, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam by Knight of St George, 110 lbs. 1  
 Swigert's b c Malistic, 4 yrs, 110 lbs. 2  
 Co's b f Poetess, 4 yrs, 107 lbs. 3  
 Hancock's b c Allan Pinkerton. 0  
 Time—4:04.

Sept 13—The Elkhorn Stakes, for three-year-

u quarter.  
 J T Williams' ch f Springbranch, 4 yrs, by Australian, dam Springbranch, 107 lbs. 1  
 G W Hancock's ch f Crosslet, 4 yrs, 107 lbs. 3  
 A H Ward's ch c Tom Barlow. 3  
 T J Megibben's b c Malistic. 0  
 Time—2:29.  
 Sept 14—Consolation Purse \$250, for horses of all ages beaten during the meeting; mile heats.  
 J M Guest's b f Nellie Booker, 3 yrs, by Australian, dam Leona, 80 lbs. 2 1 1  
 Water's ch g Enlight. 1 4 2  
 G W Hancock's b c Allan Pinkerton. 4 2 ro  
 D Swigert's b c Mexico. 3 3 ro  
 J F Keller's b g Grapple. 5 dis  
 Time—1:51, 1:51, 1:54.

Same Day—Purse \$200, for all ages; mile and a quarter.  
 D Swigert's b c Petrel, 3 yrs, by Lever, dam Boio, 95 lbs. 1  
 T J Megibben's ch f Minnock. 2  
 J R McKee's ch f Waterwitch. 3  
 Time—2:21.

Same Day—Purse \$500, for all ages, of which 100 to second and 50 to third; three miles.  
 T J Nichols' b c King Faro, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam by Knight of St George, 110 lbs. 1  
 Beauty & Co's b g Wheeler. 2  
 Time—5:59.

Sept. 16—Purse \$150, for all ages; mile and a quarter.  
 C M Speagle's b f Florence Anderson, 4 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Sallie Anderson, 107 lb. 1  
 G W Bowen & Co's b g Beechwood, 3 yrs, 92 lb. 2  
 T J Megibben's ch f Minnock, 3 yrs, 92 lb. 3  
 T Snediker's ch g Enlight. 0  
 F B Harper's b g Wildfellow. 0  
 D Swigert's b c Petrel. 0  
 G W Hancock's ch f Crosslet. 0  
 Time—2:13.

Same Day—Purse \$120, for two year olds; three quarters of a mile.  
 D Swigert's b f Peru, by imp Glengarry, dam Optima, 97 lb. 1  
 J F Keller's ch c Cronin. 2  
 J Murphy's b c T J Montague. 3  
 F B Harper's gr c Black Hill. 0  
 Time—1:19.  
 Same Day—Purse \$225, a handicap for all ages; mile and a half.  
 G W Hancock's ch g Tampico, 4 yrs, by Planet dam Miranda, 100 lb. 1  
 R F Johnson's b f Poetess, 4 yrs, 100 lb. 2  
 J W Guest's b g Glenival, 4 yrs, 75 lb. 3  
 Keene Richard's b c Momentum, 3 yrs, 90 lb 0  
 Time—2:43.

TROTTING AT BRADFORD, PA.

Bradford, Sept. 3—Purse \$700; 2:30 class.  
 A Lockwood's b m Bay Fannie. 2 1 1 1  
 E Galvin's b g Sleepy Tom. 1 3 7 0  
 J Medbury's b s Pathfinder. 3 2 3 0  
 F Thompson's b m Lilly Pierce. 4 6 4 2  
 G W Fitzwater, Jr's b m Fancy. 7 7 2 6  
 W Morris' blk g Tom Malloy. 6 5 5 3  
 J Hazlett's b m Nellie Webster. 5 4 8 dr  
 G C Nicholson's b g Bay Dick. 8 8 6 dr  
 Time—2:35, 2:32, 2:33, 2:32.

Same Day—Purse \$700; 2:40 class.  
 A Johnston's b s Valiant. 2 1 1 2 1  
 H Hunt's b g John McDougall. 3 0 4 1 2  
 H D Van Campen's gr m Fauny Van. 1 0 9 10 7  
 G C Nicholson's gr g Mon. Boy. 7 2 2 3 5  
 O E Tuttle's ch m Minnie. 5 4 3 4 3  
 J Smith's gr m Nettie Wonder. 8 3 7 7 8  
 D S Sprowl's ch m Queen of the Fairies. 11 7 6 5 4  
 H Conklin's gr g Elliott. 4 4 8 8 6  
 A J Oatman's b m Gail Hamilton. 6 6 5 6 9  
 G W Fitzwater's b m Helen R. 10 8 10 0 dr  
 W C Bliven's b g Cricket. 9 0 dr  
 Time—2:40, 2:40, 2:41, 2:40, 2:41.

Sept 4—Purse \$700; 2:35 class.  
 J Hazlett's b m Nellie Webster. 1 1 1  
 J Medbury's b s Pathfinder. 2 2 3  
 G W Fitzwater, Jr's b m Fancy. 5 5 3  
 M Coon's b g Phil Sheridan. 3 3 4  
 O E Tuttle's ch m Minnie. 4 4 6  
 J Smith's gr m Nettie Wonder. 7 6 5  
 H Conklin's gr g Elliott. 6 7 7  
 Time—2:37, 2:37, 2:37.

Same Day—Purse \$700; 2:25 class.  
 A J Russell's b m Nellie Irwin. 1 2 0 1 3 1

W P Metcalf's ch m Frost. 2 2 2  
 J M Scott's blk m Flora. 5 4 4  
 E Wheaton's b m Jennie Lee. 4 5 5  
 N S Woodford's gr m Lady Gray. 3 3 dis  
 Time—5:14, 5:14, 5:14.

Sept 5 and 6—Purse \$700, 2:30 class.  
 W D Knox's gr g Taylor. 4 1 1 5 2 2 3 2 0 1  
 A J Oatman's b m Gail Hamilton. 1 3 4 2 3 4 1 3 0 2  
 D T Sprole's ch m Queen of the Fairies. 3 2 3 4 1 3 2 1 3 ro  
 A P Benedict's b m Carrie B. 6 4 3 1 4 1 4 1 4 ro  
 C E Morgan's gr g E C Crane. 5 5 2 3 5 ro  
 J H Collins' du g Billy Seward. 3 6 6 6 dr  
 G Coit's blk g Nig. 7 7 dr  
 Time—0:00, 2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:40, 2:42, 2:43, 2:40.

TROTTING AT WASHINGTON, N. Y.

Washington, N Y, Sept 4—Purse \$125, for 2:37 class; mile heats; 3 in 5, in harness.  
 Wm Van Valkenburg's b g Moose. 1 1 1  
 W H Brown's b g Decent. 2 2 2  
 J H Staves' ch m Ellen. 3 3 4  
 C Wagner's gr m Lula Montez. 4 4 3  
 Time—2:40, 2:46, 2:40.

Same Day—Purse \$50; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.  
 D Commons' b g D C. 1 1 2 2 1  
 F B Maxwell's br m Augusta. 3 2 1 1 3  
 M D Murphy's b h Bay Tommy. 2 3 3 dis  
 Time—3:06, 3:00, 3:00, 3:00.

Same Day—Purse \$75, for 3:00 class; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.  
 W N Staves' br m Ellen Meigs. 1 1 1  
 W Van Valkenburg's Faustina. 2 2 2  
 Andrew Tiernan's blk h George B Swan. 3 3 3  
 H W Brown's b g Barney Smith. 4 dr  
 Time—2:50, 2:50, 2:50.

Same Day—Purse \$125, free for all; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.  
 H W Brown's b h Chestnut Hill. 1 1 1  
 W Van Valkenburg's gr g Capt Smith. 2 2 2  
 J H Staves' ch m Ellen. 3 3 3  
 Time—2:35, 2:37, 2:35.

GOOD TROTTING AT PLAINVILLE, CONN.

Plainville, Aug 29 and 30—Purse \$400; 2:31 class.  
 Owner's Iron Age. 2 1 1 0 0 2 1  
 Owner's Fannus. 1 2 2 0 0 3 2  
 Owner's Charlie Ware. 5 3 5 0 3 1 2  
 Owner's Orlino Boy. 8 5 4 0 5 4 ro  
 Owner's Walter. 4 4 5 0 4 5 ro  
 Time—2:30, 2:30, 2:32, 2:32, 2:35, 2:29.

Aug 30—Purse \$700; 2:20 class.  
 A J Peek's ch g Lyander Boy, by Lyander. 1 1 1  
 E Pyle's ch g Edward. 2 2 2  
 A Goldsmith's br g Powers. 3 3 3  
 W H Peek's br m Amy. 4 4 4  
 Time—2:21, 2:21, 2:23.

TROTTING AT MANCHESTER, N. H.

Manchester, Sept 6—Sweepstakes \$—  
 N Dusaull's b g French Boy. 1 1 3 1  
 J Curtis gr m Unknown. 2 2 1 2  
 E F Wilson's b g Walter. 3 3 2 3  
 S McAulley's b g Young Tom. 5 4 5 4  
 F Shaw's ch m Topsy Jane. 4 5 4 5  
 Time—3:03, 3:00, 3:00, 3:01.

Same Day—Match \$—  
 G H Ellenwood's b m Lady Sherburn. 1 2 1 2 1  
 E G Stratton's ch m Nellie Collins. 2 1 2 1 2  
 Time—2:45, 2:47, 2:43, 2:45, 2:45.

MR. R. W. CAMERON.—This gentleman and family sailed for Europe on the Adriatic on Thursday, Sept. 5th. Mr. Cameron is commissioner for New South Wales to the Paris Exposition. Mr. Cameron is well-known in this country as a large importer of thoroughbred horses. He imported Leamington and a number of others at different times.

Lagrange won with the Clementine. The race is also looked upon in connection with other races run later in the season, as a possible hint for the Derby. The conditions of the race are as follows:

The fifty sixth renewal of the Champagne Stakes for two-year-olds, at \$50 each, half forfeit, c lbs to carry 132 lbs, filled 12:—the owner of the second to save its stake; closed with 32 subscribers, value, \$345; Red House mile, or 5 furlongs and 152 yards.  
 Lord Falmouth's ch c Charibert, by Thormanby, dam Gertrude, by Saunterer, 122 lbs. 1  
 Count Lagrange's ch c Rayon d'Or, by Flag-clot, dam Arancaria, 122 lbs. 2  
 W S Cartwright's ch c George Albert, by Marsyas, dam Princess of Wales, 122 lbs. 3

THE WINNER.

Charibert was bred by Lord Falmouth and is a half brother to Childeric, one of the favorites for the St. Leger, both being out of Gertrude, she by Saunterer, out of Queen Bertha, by Kings-ton, out of Flax (the founder of Lord Falmouth's stud), by Surplice's out of an own sister to Bay Middleton. Charibert made his debut in the July Stakes at Newmarket, when he ran fourth to Ruperra, Gunnersbury and Rayon d'Or. At Goodwood Charibert and Count Lagrange's Zut were the only starters for the Prince of Wales Stakes. The distance was a straight three quarters of a mile. Charibert carried 132 pounds and beat Zut by four lengths. Charibert is very heavily engaged both as a two-year old and three-year old. He is in the Middle Park Plate, to be run during the second October meeting, and next year he will no doubt be found prominent for the 2,000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger.

JANETTE AND CHILDERIC FIRST AND SECOND IN THE ST. LEGER.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—The Doncaster meeting was continued to-day the principal event being the one hundred and third renewal of the St. Leger Stakes, for three year olds. There was the usual large attendance, especially of visitors from the south of England, where the feeling amounted almost to a certainty that Lord Falmouth would repeat his last year's success by winning with either Janette or Childeric. Janette was the favorite at 3 to 1. She won, followed by her stable companion, Childeric, against whom 8 to 1 was laid just before the start. Childeric was followed by the Irish colt Master Kildare, who started at 15 to 1. Janette, who was ridden under waiting tactics, did not make any effort until the distance was reached, when she joined issued with Childeric, and beat him easily by four lengths. Half a length behind him came Master Kildare in front of the French colts Clocher, Insulaire, and the English-bred starters, Attalus, Bauciere, Bouiface, Castlereagh, Eau de Vie, Red Archer, Potentate, Glengarry, and Mapleton. The race was run in 3:20, and for the second time Fred. Archer rode the winner, he having been on Silvio last year. Mr. E. Stephenson's Yager, by Strath-cousan, "weighed in" and "and went to the post." Castlereagh kicked the former's jockey and broke his leg, so that Yager could not start.

SUMMARY.

The one hundred and third renewal of the St. Leger Stakes for three-year-olds, at 25 sovs. each, the owner of the second to receive 200 sovs. and the third 100 sovs. out of the stake; closed with 245 subscribers, new St. Leger Course, about one mile, 6 furlongs, and 132 yards.

Lord Falmouth's b f Janette, by Lord Clifden, dam Chervinca, 117 lbs. 1  
 Lord Falmouth's b c Childeric, by Scottish Chief—Gertrude, 122 lbs. 2  
 Mr P Kenny's ch c Master Kildare, by Lord Ronald, dam Silk, by Plum Padding, 122 lbs. 3  
 M Delatre's b c Clocher, by Cathedral, dam Corvent, 122 lbs (bred in France). 0  
 Count F De Lsrange's blk c Insulaire, by Dutch Skater dam Green Sleeves, 122 lbs (bred in France). 0  
 Mr J H Houlsworth's b c Attalus, by Lacydes, dam Blanchette, by The Baron, 122 lbs. 0  
 Mr C Parkins' br c Bauciere, by Boisericlaan, Bonny Bell, 122 lbs. 0  
 Capt Machell's ch c Boniface, by Bunkhoolie, Noyan, 122 lbs. 0

The "professional juryman" has long been a standing nuisance in courts of justice, and he finds his counterpart in the professional committee man at our agricultural fairs. He is always in the way, ready to slip in to fill a vacancy at the least intimation that his services will be accepted. Sometimes, because by so doing he can secure a free meal ticket, but more frequently because he has "an axe to grind"—some friend whom he wishes to favor. And so long as judges have to be picked up for the various classes, on the spur of the moment so long are we liable to have these professional men-to-waiting thrust upon us.

The plan adopted for the various groups of live stock by the Ohio State Agricultural Society appears to us to possess many advantages and is open to as few objections as any that can be devised. For each group, three judges are selected in advance of the fair—men of acknowledged reputation and probity of character, whose awards will command the respect of the public, even should they fail to satisfy all the exhibitors, and their attendance is secured by paying them a reasonable compensation for their services. The three judges selected for each group make all the awards in all the various classes of that group—no committee passing on all the various classes of horses, another on all the classes of cattle, a third on sheep, and a fourth on all classes of swine. In addition, each committee is accompanied by a reporter, who is himself an acknowledged expert, as well as a ready writer, and it is his duty to record the observations of the judges upon all the animals exhibited that may be considered worthy of mention, and record the reasons that may be assigned by the judges for their decisions. These reports are published by the Society, and given a very wide circulation; and when prepared by a competent reporter, aided by a thorough-going and intelligent committee, they constitute one of the most valuable features of the exhibition.

It would be well in all cases to select men, if possible, who are not at the time interested in the business, if the same committee is to pass upon more than one class, or upon a general sweepstakes open to all breeds, because it is next to impossible to find a man who is not to a greater or less degree warped by prejudice in favour of the kind in which he is interested; but when separate committees are chosen for each class, it is well to secure those who are especially familiar with the points of the breed they are to pass upon. And here lies the principal objection to the Ohio plan. A man may be a capital judge of all breeds, because it is next to impossible to find a man who is not to a greater or less degree warped by prejudice in favour of the kind in which he is interested; but when separate committees are chosen for each class, it is well to secure those who are especially familiar with the points of the breed they are to pass upon. And here lies the principal objection to the Ohio plan. A man may be a capital judge of all breeds, because it is next to impossible to find a man who is not to a greater or less degree warped by prejudice in favour of the kind in which he is interested; but when he comes to dairy stock, he may be utterly incompetent to give an intelligent opinion. And so of horses; he may be thoroughly "up" in the points of a racehorse, but know nothing about the points aimed at by those who are breeding for heavy draft purposes. A man who has spent all his life with Merino sheep, and who knows to a fraction all the nice points that give exceptional value to representatives of that breed, may be perfectly at sea when called upon to pass on a pen of Cotswolds. Consequently, when a single committee is expected to do duty through an entire group, it would be well to give to each class or breed an intelligent, conscientious representative, who would be held mainly responsible for the awards in the class which he represents.

Such an arrangement of awarding committees would go far towards securing a feeling of individual responsibility, and secure a careful and thorough examination. It would effectually put an end to the shameful shifting of responsibility for an unpopular award, so common upon our fair grounds, and would, in the main, be more satisfactory to exhibitors than any other that can be devised.—Live Stock Journal.

# Hugh Melton!

## CHAPTER I.

CHIMES.

'Come, Melton, lay down your block, and let us have a little chat; I'm sick of whipping the water, as I've been doing the whole morning without success. What do you think of our new quarters?' I was just wading up my line while speaking; for, as I said, I had been fishing the whole morning without success, and had now returned to the place where I had left Melton sketching a few hours before.

We belonged to the detachment that had just been quartered at M—, a pretty town in one of the midland counties, and I being uninitiated about fishing, while my companion was equally so about sketching, we had gone out on an excursion, combining the two objects to our mutual gratification.

It was a lovely day in June, the little river by which we were sitting came tumbling down from a line of hills that rose blue before us in the sunny distance, and the trees in their young bright green dipped their branches into the dark foaming water that had not yet calmed into its ordinarily quiet flow, after falling over a splendid mass of rocks that rose in rugged grandeur a little way above.

It was this fall Melton had been sketching, and as I now looked over his shoulder I could not refrain from an exclamation of surprise and delight. The fall, with its mixture of graceful beauty and wild majesty, was charmingly rendered by his clever hand, the little flecks of light on the foaming water, the gleam that danced on the top of a small larch tree that clung to an overhanging rock in the middle of the torrent, the white upturned surface of the leaves tossed sideways by the gentle breeze, were all given; and there in the still pool at the side you could see the wavering outline of the stones as the water rippled over them. In the foreground, Melton was just putting in, by a few masterly touches, your humble servant, as he appeared winning up his line with an intensely disappointed face that sunny June morning.

'There, I have just finished,' he said, answering my appeal, and putting away his block, washing out his brushes, and otherwise making himself ready for a quiet chat. It was a curious thing about Melton, that he never could get a pencil or a brush, he could not refrain from using it, and if he began to use it he he soon got so absorbed as to be unable to attend to anything else. Therefore he now put brushes and pencils away, so as to enable him to devote his whole attention to the little chat I had desired.

'What do I think of our quarters, you asked me,' he went on. 'I like them; the town is clean and neat, the barracks are comfortable, and, above all, the scenery is very pretty. I shall luxuriate in sketching while we remain here.'

'Yes,' I answered, rather pettishly, 'that's all you think about; but the fishing is best, at least as far as I have seen to-day; and the hunting season is such a long way off that there is no comfort in looking forward to it, while I haven't a chance of getting off after the grouse this year to while away the unproductive time.'

'My dear fellow, I really am sorry for your want of success this morning, and I dare say you'll do better next time; and if you'd take my advice, you'd try again after lunch with a lighter fly. Stay, you have a few feathers with you, pass them over here, and I'll tie you one I think will do.'

I did as he told me, and feeling sorry for having spoken so crossly to him, I watched his nimble fingers as he proceeded to dress a very artistic-looking fly.

'Now,' said he, as he finished, 'try that in the dark pool over there, and I think it will rise something before long; but first let us take our lunch now we are together.'

We lay down in the shade, feeling very lazy and luxurious, and while we are discussing the sandwiches of which our lunch consisted, Melton, who had been sitting on the

ly income and schooling for him for a year or two, so that in time he passed for the army, and was gazetted to the —th. He had been for some years with us now, and his old uncle had purchased two steps for him, so that at the time I am speaking of he was some way up in the list of the captains. Our colonel, however, had never liked him. We were a somewhat fast regiment, and it bored him to have a poor man among us. And Hugh certainly was poor; for though his uncle purchased his steps, he made him no allowance, and evidently considered that he should keep up with all the follies and extravagances of a crack regiment on his pay. So the colonel snubbed him, and was perpetually down on him, trying to force the unfortunate fellow to exchange, which, however, Hugh would not do, partly because he liked some of us very warmly, and chiefly because our home service was nearly up, and he would have had to pay a good sum of money to induce any one to exchange with him. This he had not to give, because, as I have said, he had nothing but his pay, and what he could get for a few cleverly dashed off magazine articles. He managed in this way to keep himself out of debt and make both ends meet; but it was very hard work, and I often pitied him when I saw him consuming the midnight oil over those clever sketches we used to laugh at afterward in the United Service Magazine. He was a capital artist too, and that helped his pocket a little. Still he was kept hard at work to get a little ready cash, and it wasn't much when it did come. As we lay there lazily under the trees, I calmly puffing away at my pipe, he as ever dashing in a hasty sketch of our shady resting-place (he seldom smoked, and he had always a pencil in his hands), I asked him what it was Old Crusty (our irreverent name for Colonel Armstrong) had to say to him that morning, when they were closeted such a long time together.

He laughed—his gay careless laugh. 'Poor Old Crusty, how he hates me! I quite feel for him. It really is a pity to have a fine corps like this spoiled by one penniless vauren; but really it is just my being so penniless that keeps me home, else I think I would try and oblige him. However,' he added, 'what do you think he was saying this morning? You'd never guess, so I may as well tell you. It seems my mother, who is still handsome, and goes out a good deal, is thinking of marrying again. Now the person she has chosen is a merchant in the City, very wealthy; but the connection does not suit my uncle's taste, and he has sent me a message through the colonel, who is a great friend of his (being doubtless afraid to broach the subject himself), that if I will write to my mother, refusing my consent to her marriage, and farther saying that in the event of her persisting in her determination I must decline having anything more to say to her, he will then not only purchase all my future steps, and make me the very handsome allowance of £800 per annum, but also declare me his heir. That's a bribe worth having, Charlie,' he continued, turning toward me, and speaking in a light tone that belied the fierce flash in his eye and the dark frown on his broad brow.

'What did you say? is the question,' I replied, thinking, however, that I knew the answer pretty well.

'I told the colonel,' answered Hugh, 'that it was very well my uncle had sent his message by him; for if he had come in person, I doubted much if I could have refrained from the pleasure of throwing him out of the window. The request alone would have deserved such an answer, still more the bribe.'

'And what did Armstrong say?'

'Oh, he pooh-poohed my sentimentalism, as he was pleased to call it, and laid before me all the advantages of being friends with my uncle and pocketing his £800; what a figure it would enable me to make in the regiment, and all the rest of it. Then, seeing me unmoved by that, he went on to state that in the event of my refusing to do as he wished, my uncle had determined to have nothing more to do with me, but to leave me in future to sink or swim, as best I could. To this I replied, that while I repudiated the charge of sentimentalism, it was my earnest wish to try and do what I saw manifestly to be my duty, and that in no way could I feel it to be my duty to prevent my mother providing herself with a comfortable home in

'Yes, I shall enjoy taking that fellow down a peg or two. I can't stand his airs; neither for that that matter can Old Crusty, though the fellow is made of gold I do believe; which shows that after all our colonel has some sense in him, if he'd let it get an airing now and then.' With which complimentary speech I shouldered my basket; and Hugh having already got his traps together, we set out on our way back to town.

I went into Melton's room on our return to barracks and while he was washing out his brushes and palette, setting his brushes and paint-box, and otherwise fiddling about—like the old bachelor I always told him he would be—I amused myself looking over a portfolio of sketches which stood on a chair by the window. They were most of them views of places where we had been stationed lately, and I knew by a cross in the corner of many of them that Hugh had copied them for sale; for, as I said before, Melton eked out his scanty pay by the produce of his art, as he was wont proudly and fondly to call it. At last I came to a more finished picture, which riveted my attention for some time; so that I did not observe Hugh, who came quietly up behind me, and looked over my shoulder for a little while without speaking. It was a portrait of a young girl that had so taken my fancy, and underneath was written in dear old Hugh's handwriting, '*Fas ce que dois adienne que pourra.*' The face itself was very pretty, with an expression half earnest, half laughing, great sweetness in the smile, and a very *malin* twinkle in the eye. To crown all, the head was surrounded by a perfect halo of deep golden hair, not in any way approaching red, but pure sunny golden, with a dash of brown in the shadows.

As I have said, Melton came and looked over my shoulder, without my being aware of his approach; so that I was rather startled when I heard his voice beside me saying, 'Did you never see that before? what do you think of it?'

'It is a charming face,' I answered. 'Tell me who was the original, and why you have appended such a very sage motto to so fascinating a beauty.'

His face fell perhaps ever so slightly as he replied, 'You often laugh at me for what you call my high principles and strict adherence to what I conceive to be my duty; you will perhaps be surprised when you learn that I owe those ideas to her.'

'I should never have guessed it,' I replied; 'the face looks mirthful rather than serious. How came she by such methodical opinions?'

'I don't mind telling you all about it, Cairnsford, though I would not tell every one, but this is how I became acquainted with her, and how she came to give me advice. A good many years ago now, soon after I first joined, I was quartered near M—, in Ireland, and as there were never many officers in that part a time, the few who did go there were entertained very hospitably and made much of. There was in particular one gentleman, a Mr. Meares, who lived in a small place near M—; he had one daughter, this girl whose portrait you see here.'

'What,' I exclaimed, interrupting him, 'is that Miss Meares the heiress, of whom I have heard so much?'

'Yes,' he answered. 'At that time they were poor enough; since then, however, she has come into a large property, and is one of the richest heiresses in England. However, as I was saying, at that time they lived near M—, and I was a frequent visitor at her father's house. I need hardly tell you the owner of that face was clever, original, spirited, without being in the least fast; she could dance and ride quite as perfectly as most Irish girls do—some, indeed, thought she excelled most of them in those accomplishments—and besides many other talents possessed no mean skill with her pencil. You may imagine that I, then young and impressionable, easily fell under the spell of her beauty and accomplishments; I spent almost my whole time at Belvor (their place), and her mother, a charming, handsome woman, seemed to see no harm in our intimacy. Day by day we went out sketching about the place, never going far from the house, but as the scenery around was lovely, always finding plenty to do. I, though acting as instructor, oftentimes found it difficult to equal my pupil's productions, and from day to day her winning, sprightly ways and clever, amusing conversation made me more and more deeply

'that you are never inclined to walk out now, or sketch either, even those views are close to the house? Have I done anything to annoy you? You are so changed to me lately.'

'No, indeed,' she replied earnestly, 'You have never annoyed me;' and then she turned to a rose-bush beside her and began cutting off the withered leaves and putting them into a basket that hung on her arm.

'If I have not annoyed you, why, then, are you so altered of late?' I persisted. 'You don't know what pain the least coldness in your voice and look causes me. I will not bear it any longer; I will speak and tell you.'

'Hush!' she said, turning round so as to face me, while holding up her hand with a warning gesture—'hush! I know what you are going to say. Don't think me unwomanly or forward because I tell you before you speak that I know what you intended to say. For some days I have seen that it must come to this, and I have been turning over in my mind how I could best spare you the pain of saying—myself the pain of listening to—what will do neither of us any good, and must cause us trouble and grief. Stay,' she continued, with a pretty imperious gesture, as I was about to interrupt her eagerly, 'you must hear me to the end patiently: I won't keep you long. I think the best thing for both of us will be for you to know a little more of my past life than you at present do. It is—here she paused for a moment, and I thought a tinge of color crept into her pale cheeks; but with an effort she after a minute tossed her head with a pretty impatience I had often admired, and went on—'it is this: Years ago, when I was a very little child, an old friend of my father's died, and on opening his will it was found that he had bequeathed the whole of his immense property to me when I should have attained the age of twenty-one years, on condition I should marry a nephew of his, a Mr. Cameron by name; until then the property is rigidly tied up, not a penny being spent on me, but everything being allowed to accumulate. About a week ago my father told me this Mr. Cameron, who has until lately been out with his regiment in India, is on his way home to claim the fulfillment of the compact entered into years ago by his father and mine. I shall be twenty-one in a few weeks now, and my father, who has long been obliged to live in great poverty to provide me with a good education and those few comforts which our means afford, is now naturally anxious to enter on the enjoyment of this fortune, and insists on my giving this young man such a promise as shall insure our possession of the property, though it will not be necessary for me to marry at once. I can now only beg of you, Mr. Melton, not to judge hardly of me for having in this matter taken the initiative, and overstepped those boundaries of reserve usually observed by women; my only excuse is that I hoped to save you pain.'

'But,' said I, when she had finished speaking, 'do you consider this for one worth more than the love I have to offer you? You guessed aright what I had to say. I do love you; but if you prefer a miser's gold to the earnest, faithful affection I feel for you, then I would not utter one word to induce you to alter your choice, for in that case you are not worthy to be my wife, or to take the first place by right in my heart, which you have already usurped there.' I spoke defiantly and bitterly, for it seemed to me from the firm, decisive way in which she spoke that she had made her choice, and that loving me as much as her cold heart could, she yet preferred the gold.

'She answered faintly, 'Sit down; I want to talk this over with you. I have no one to whom I can go for counsel; my father and mother both have but one opinion on the matter; now I will hear yours, and try to decide between them. My earnest desire is to do what is right; but now I don't see the right. I am like a person wandering in a strange place in thick darkness—I see nothing, and when I stretch out my hands for something to lean on, I find only empty space.'

'How can you hesitate a minute!' I answered, boldly and hotly, thinking I was sure of victory, and pressing on with an eagerness that perhaps caused my failure. 'Is it not your duty if you love me, and knowing I love you, to give up everything for the sake of completing and

spoke with you any more on this subject? Good-by, Mr. Melton. Some time, when you have ceased to regret this—and you will soon do so, for you are still young—then you may come and see me, and we shall be the good friends I would wish us to be; but until you feel you can regard me in that light it would be better we should not meet again. She held out her hand to me, but I, maddened by jealousy and disappointed love, bowed coldly to her and turned away. In this insult I saw, as I turned slowly from her, her large eyes filled with tears, and a pitiful pleading expression came into her face as she made one step toward me. I would have turned again, but before I could do so she had run quickly away, and was already disappearing among the thick shrubberies surrounding the house.

Long afterward, when I could think calmly over the whole affair, I began to see that perhaps looked at from her point of view, she had been more in the right than I had first thought; and it was then I painted the picture with the motto underneath, and the motto I have ever since tried to follow as my guide. I fear I followed it but badly, for she said then, one so often finds it difficult to know the right. A faint glimmer of light, however, there generally is, which guides one in some degree, and for the rest that must make up for the deed.'

## CHAPTER II.

THE STEEPLE CHASE.

Some time after this we were ordered to headquarters at Aldershot, and found there a Captain Cameron, who had lately joined, and who took care soon to let us know that Miss Meares, the heiress, was his promised bride. Even if I had not heard Hugh's story I should have disliked this man, who was not only insignificant in appearance, but seemed equally contemptible in mind. A little fair man, with scanty yellow whiskers and moustache, and dapper person, always neatly dressed; not bad-looking, perhaps, but for the sinister underhand expression in his light blue eyes. I often wondered why Hugh felt toward him, as he sat glowering at him from under his bent brows across the table at mess, but, indeed, I need not have wondered, for his feelings were often plainly visible on his face to need any expression in words, and the new arrival very soon became aware that for some reason or other 'that dark looking fellow, Hugh Melton' (as he called him), bore him no good-will. The time now drew near when we were to have the steeple-chases which he had got up with us to come off, and throughout the whole week nothing was talked of but the merits of the respective horses and their riders. There was one horse in especial that all the judges declared must win, if only his abominable temper could be kept under, or got rid of for the day; but even his greatest admirers were afraid to trust their money on so ill-tempered a brute. Templeton of our own was to ride him, and in this fact lay the consolation to his backers for they thought if any man in the service could master him it was that dashing 'light weight.'

Every one who had once seen Templeton sitting back on his chestnut thoroughbred, his hands well down and his head up, rising in the first flight with the Pytchley, or better still, flying along in the front at the Grand Military, will recollect him: a small, spare, boyish-looking young fellow, with pale, fair complexion, large, prominent blue eyes, drooping moustache, and a mild, unassuming expression of countenance. But to those of my lady friends who may not have seen him in his favorite career, let me recall the same slight figure leaning languidly against the wall in a ball-room, looking so intensely bored that you are reminded of a death-head at a feast, and long to ask him why he came there, when the festive scene seems so little to his taste. You must have seen and pitied him, gentle reader; recall him to your mind's eye now, and have before you the intended rider of Spitfire (so the horse was called).

Cameron, who, by-the-way, hardly knew a horse from a cow, had a pot of money on him, so had Southam and one or two more. I didn't like his temper, and so backed Jack Masterman, the second favorite, for a small

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"What do I think of our quarters, you asked me," he went on. "I like them; the town is clean and neat, the barracks are comfortable, and, above all, the scenery is very pretty. I shall luxuriate in sketching while we remain here."

"Yes," I answered, rather pettishly, "that's all you think about, but the fishing is best, at least as far as I have seen to-day; and the hunting season is such a long way off that there is no comfort in looking forward to it, while I haven't a chance of getting off after the grouse this year to while away the intermediate time."

"My dear fellow, I really am sorry for your want of success this morning, and I dare say you'll do better next time, and if you'd take my advice, you'd try again after lunch with a lighter fly. Stay, you have a few feathers with you, pass them over here, and I'll tie you one I think will do."

I did as he told me, and feeling sorry for having spoken so crossly to him, I watched his nimble fingers as he proceeded to dress a very artistic-looking fly.

"Now," said he, as he finished, "try that in the dark pool over there, and I think it will rise something before long; but first let us take our lunch now we are together."

We lay down in the shade, feeling very lazy and luxurious; and while we are discussing the sandwiches of which our lunch consisted, let me tell you who Hugh Melton was, and also a little of his history, besides describing his personal appearance for the benefit of my lady friends.

First, then, his appearance, which I hope may not disappoint you, though I do not know that he was so much handsome as distinguished-looking. He was unmistakably a gentleman, and, by-the-way, it is not every one even among those who really can lay claim to the title that looks so nowadays. Tall and well knit, with good hands and feet, and a face that I never thought of calling handsome, though I always admired it more than any other I had ever seen. Imagine a square broad brow surmounted by wavy light hair, from under which looked out dark hazel eyes, usually soft and caressing in expression, though I have seen them flash with the light of hate and defiance.

For the rest, his nose could lay claim to a particular type, and his long fair moustache had a mouth from which gleamed a very perfect row of teeth. There was great determination and inflexible will in the straight eyebrows and square-cut jaw, and one could imagine that his mind once made up on any subject, he would not easily be induced to change it. Altogether, his would not have been the pleasant face it was but for the rare softness and sweetness of the dark eyes, that seemed to caress one with a look, and that always made me wonder how our Colonel could have the heart to be down on him when those grave gentle eyes met his. As to his story, it was sad enough as I then knew it, namely, that he was the only son of very poor parents; in fact, his mother's had been a runaway match, and her relatives, wealthy people, totally refused to have anything to say to her as long as her husband lived, yet for that matter they might well have been proud of the connection, as he was, though poor, of old and noble family. He died, however, when Hugh was about fourteen, and then one of his mother's brothers condescended to give her a small year-

thinking of marrying again. Now the person she has chosen is a merchant in the City, very wealthy; but the connection does not suit my uncle's taste, and he has sent me a message through the Colonel, who is a great friend of his (being doubtless afraid to broach the subject himself), that if I will write to my mother, refusing my consent to her marriage, and farther saying that in the event of her persisting in her determination I must decline having anything more to say to her, he will then not only purchase all my future steps, and make me the very handsome allowance of £800 per annum, but also declare me his heir. That's a bribe worth having, Charlie," he continued, turning toward me, and speaking in a light tone that belied the fierce flash in his eye and the dark frown on his broad brow.

"What did you say? is the question," I replied, thinking, however, that I knew the answer pretty well.

"I told the Colonel," answered Hugh, "that it was very well my uncle had sent his message by him; for if he had come in person, I doubted much if I could have refrained from the pleasure of throwing him out of the window. The request alone would have deserved such an answer, still more the bribe."

"And what did Armstrong say?"

"Oh, he pool-pooled my sentimentalism, as he was pleased to call it, and laid before me all the advantages of being friends with my uncle and pocketing his £800; what a figure it would enable me to make in the regiment, and all the rest of it. Then, seeing me unmoved by that, he went on to state that in the event of my refusing to do as he wished, my uncle had determined to have nothing more to do with me, but to leave me in future to sink or swim, as best I could. To this I replied, that while I repudiated the charge of sentimentalism, it was my earnest wish to try and do what I saw manifestly to be my duty, and that in no way could I feel it to be my duty to prevent my mother providing herself with a comfortable home in her old age to gratify my uncle's pride. My duty lies to her, not to him; and while I consider her quite right in the course she has chosen, if she loves man she intends to marry, I can in no way perceive the right either of my uncle's interference or the manner of it."

"Well done, old fellow! I knew you were true steel," I answered, raising myself on my elbow and looking at him, wishing the while I had his gift with the pencil, that I might transfer that animated countenance, with its sparkling, flashing look of defiance and disdain, to paper. What a splendid fellow he is, and how he must have electrified old Crusty, if he looked and spoke like that to him! I thought as, having finished my pipe, I rose to try Melton's fly in the place he had recommended. He took up his position for another sketch, and we both bent to work. I had not been long at it when I got a bite, and soon was very busy playing a remarkable fine trout. He was a big one—over ten pounds weight—so that it took me some time to land him, when, greatly encouraged by my success, I continued whipping the water diligently, and in two or three hours had taken about a half a dozen fine trout.

"Why, Cairnsford, that's splendid!" said Hugh's voice close to me, as I landed my last, a fine three-pounder. "What luck you have had! One doesn't often get such sport as that."

"Nor should I to-day if you had not given me that fly. How is it, old fellow? You know everything, and yet one never sees you shooting or fishing?"

"I used to go in for both once on a time, when we lived in Ireland, before my father's death. I was very young then, but the little knowledge I picked up about such things has staid by me, and I am very glad it has. It is of use to you to-day, Charlie. Now you can take the conceit out of that stupid fool, Southman, who is always talking about his doings in Norway, and who has not hooked a minnow here yet."

"I should never have guessed it," I replied; "the face looks mirthful rather than serious. How came she by such methodical opinions?"

"I don't mind telling you all about it, Cairnsford, though I would not tell every one, but this is how I became acquainted with her, and how she came to give me advice. A good many years ago now, soon after I first joined, I was quartered near M—, in Ireland, and as there were never many officers in that part a time, the few who did go there were entertained very hospitably and made much of. There was in particular one gentleman, a Mr. Meares, who lived in a small place near M—; he had one daughter, this girl whose portrait you see here."

"What," I exclaimed, interrupting him, "is that Miss Meares the heiress, of whom I have heard so much?"

"Yes," he answered. "At that time they were poor enough; since then, however, she has come into a large property, and is one of the richest heiresses in England. However, as I was saying, at that time they lived near M—, and I was a frequent visitor at her father's house. I need hardly tell you the owner of that face was clever, original, spirited, without being in the least fast; she could dance and ride quite as perfectly as most Irish girls do—some, indeed, thought she excelled most of them in those accomplishments—and besides many other talents possessed no mean skill with her pencil. You may imagine that I, then young and impressionable, easily fell under the spell of her beauty and accomplishments; I spent almost my whole time at Belvor (their place), and her mother, a charming, handsome woman, seemed to see no harm in our intimacy. Day by day we went out sketching about the place, never going far from the house, but as the scenery around was lovely, always finding plenty to do. I, though acting as instructor, often found it difficult to equal my pupil's productions; and from day to day her winning, sprightly ways and clever, amusing conversation made me more and more deeply in love with her. For her society, and in order that I might sit near her and watch her, and for the hope of touching her hand at meeting and parting, I now neglected everything; my duties were shirked whenever I could prevail on anybody to undertake them, and my art, of which before I had been a devoted student, was now entirely thrown aside, except during the sketching expeditions I have spoken of. Once or twice in that that happy time I found Miss Meares looking at me with a curious, half-puzzled, half-anxious expression, and I wondered what brought so troubled a look to her sunny face, half-hoping and half-fearing I must be the cause of it. Happiness such as I then enjoyed was, however, too great to last, and for some days I saw the cloud approaching which was to blot out all the fair dreams I had woven for myself during those long, bright summer days. Latterly Maude—for I had begun to dare to call her so in my own thoughts—had appeared sad and disheartened, rousing herself with an evident effort to laugh at the merry sallies I now and then made in the vain hope of dispelling her melancholy. I was pained at this, as I always was pained by anything that gave her sorrow; and as her manner towards me had a tinge of mournful tenderness in it, I determined to take courage, and speak the decisive words that should settle at once the position we must in future occupy toward each other."

"It was one fine bright morning, when, as usual I had come over armed with my sketching apparatus, that I came to this resolution. For some little time she had appeared to avoid these excursions, once so pleasant to both of us, and that day, when I came toward her in the garden, she said, with the gentle, joyless smile which of late I had seen so often on her radiant face, 'I don't think I can sketch to-day, I don't feel inclined for a walk.' Upon this I spoke. 'Why is it,' I said,

been obliged to live in great poverty to provide me with a good education and those few comforts which our means afford, is now naturally anxious to enter on the enjoyment of this fortune, and insists on my giving this young man such a promise as shall insure our possession of the property, though it will not be necessary for me to marry at once. I can now only beg of you, Mr. Melton, not to judge hardly of me for having in this matter taken the initiative, and overstepped those boundaries of reserve usually observed by women; my only excuse is that I hoped to save you pain.'

"But," said I, when she had finished speaking, "do you consider this for me worth more than the love I have to offer you? You guessed aright what I had to say. I do love you; but if you prefer a miser's gold to the earnest, faithful affection I feel for you, then I would not utter one word to induce you to alter your choice, for in that case you are not worthy to be my wife, or to take the first place by right in my heart, which you have already usurped there." I spoke defiantly and bitterly, for it seemed to me from the firm, decisive way in which she spoke that she had made her choice, and, that loving me as much as her cold heart could, she yet preferred the gold.

"She answered faintly, 'Sit down; I want to talk this over with you. I have no one to whom I can go for counsel; my father and mother both have but one opinion on the matter; now I will hear yours, and try to decide between them. My earnest desire is to do what is right; but now I don't see the right. I am like a person wandering in a strange place in thick darkness—I see nothing, and when I stretch out my hands for something to lean on, I find only empty space.'

"How can you hesitate a minute!" I answered, boldly and hotly, thinking I was sure of victory, and pressing on with an eagerness that perhaps caused my failure. "Is it not your duty if you love me, and knowing I love you, to give up everything for the sake of completing and filling my life, as well as insuring happiness to your own? Plainly your first duty is to the man you love."

"Yes, if he were my husband," she answered; "but until then all my duty lies to my parents, and their commands are strong on me; besides, I could not marry without their consent. Yes," she added, with a dreamy, far-off look, "I see my duty now: they have sacrificed themselves for me while I was helpless and they were strong, it is my turn to sacrifice myself for them now that they are getting old and want the comforts they have denied themselves hitherto. And you too," she continued, turning and looking at me, with a kind of enthusiasm lighting up her face—"you too have some object in life, some duty to perform, other than spending your days in careless enjoyment. With your talents you might be famous, and confer a benefit on your fellow-men; and yet how little you have achieved! See, I will confer a greater boon on you than if I had granted your request; take for your guide through life my motto, *Fais ce que dois advenne que pourra*."

"I will take no advice from you," I answered, angrily. "You yourself deliberately disobey your fine precept; you have determined to sell yourself for gold; for you love me—you know you do." Then, as anger and grief mastered me, I went on boldly and madly, "Only say you love me, and that you would marry me if you could; it will be some poor comfort for me to take with me into my banishment."

She opened her mouth to speak, and I leaned forward, listening breathlessly for the avowal my heart told me would follow; but after an instant she shook her head, and said, "You would, indeed, have cause to reproach me for not keeping my precept if I answered you. It is precisely because I ought not that I will not reply to your question. How should I be acting toward Mr. Cameron, whose promised wife I am, if I

table at mess, but, indeed, I need not have wondered, for his feelings were often plainly visible on his face to need any expression in words, and the now arrival very soon became aware that for some reason or other 'that dark-looking fellow, Hugh Melton' (as he called him), bore him no good-will. The time now drew near when some steeply-chases which he had got up were to come off, and throughout the whole camp nothing was talked of but the merits of the respective horses and their riders. There was one horse in especial that all the judges declared must win, if only his abominable temper could be kept under, or got rid of for the day; but even his greatest admirers were afraid to trust their money on so ill-tempered a brute. Templeton of 'ours' was to ride him, and in this fact lay the consolation to his backers for they thought if any man in the service could master him it was that dashing 'light weight.'

Every one who had once seen Templeton sitting back on his chestnut thoroughbred, his hands well down and his head up, riding in the first flight with the Pytchley, or, better still, flying along in the front at the Grand Military, will recollect him: a small, spare, boyish-looking young fellow, with pale, fair complexion, large, prominent blue eyes, drooping moustache, and a *nil admirari* expression of countenance. But to those of my lady friends who may not have seen him in his favorite career, let me recall the same slight figure leaning languidly against the wall in a ball-room, looking so intensely bored that you are reminded of a death's-head at a feast, and long to ask him why he came there, when the festive scene seems so little to his taste. You must have seen and pitied him, gentle reader; recall him to your mind's eye now, and have before you the intended rider of Spitfire (so the horse was called).

Cameron, who, by-the-way, hardly knew a horse from a cow, had a pot of money on him, so had Southam and one or two more. I didn't like his temper, and so backed Jack Masterman, the second favorite, for a small sum. The race was to come off on Wednesday, the 28th of July; but on the Friday before, as we came in to mess, I observed an unusual excitement on Southam's generally stolid face, and on looking round, perceived that Cameron, Templeton, and Hemmings, the owner of Spitfire, were all absent.

"What's up?" I inquired of Percy Langham, who sat next me.

"Why, haven't you heard? That idiot Templeton has gone and sprained his wrist with those confounded gymnastics he was always bothering about, and so Spitfire must either be scratched, or some one else must get to ride him. They do say that Cameron has nearly gone out of his mind since he heard of Templeton's accident, and I hear he will be ruined if that horse doesn't win. He has gone now to the stables to find Hemmings, who went over there some time ago, and they say that he intends to ask permission to ride the horse himself sooner than let him be scratched."

"But why? Wouldn't it be much better for him if the horse was withdrawn? He could then make a new book, or he needn't make any at all."

To be continued.

It is an error to suppose that the Arabian horse is bred in arid deserts and owes its power of endurance which he possesses in his adult state to the hardship he endures while he was a colt. The real fact is that the Arabs select for their breeding places some of those delightful spots known only in counties like these, where, though all may be dry and barren around, there is pasture unrivalled for its succulence and its nutritious and aromatic properties. The powers of the young animal are afterward developed by the mingled influence of plentiful and healthy food, and sufficient exercise.



"What was a cannon?" That, in the middle of the great convention of hogs, stood a big oak stump about five feet high, and in the center of the stump stood a big gray wolf—a gaunt, hungry-lookin' feller as ever I seed.

He was handsomely treed, and wasn't in any pleasant fix, as he was bogiunin' to find out. Poor devil! that he stood—his tail tucked close between his legs, and his feet all gathered into the exact center of the stump—and Lord! wasn't he a sick-lookin' wolf? He seemed to be thinkin' he had sold himself awful cheap.

Right close about the stump, and rainin' up against it, was a crowd of some of the biggest and most onprincipled old sows I ever set eyes onto. Every half minit one of these would rair up, get her fore feet on top of the stump, and make a savage snap at one end or t'other of the wolf, her jaws comin' together like a flax-brake.

The wolf would whirl round to watch that partickler sow, when one on t'other side of the stump would make a plunge for his tail, an' so they kept the poor, cowardly, cornered critter whirlin' round an' round, humpin' up his back, haulin' in his feet and tail, and in every possible way reducin' his general average. I'll bet his entire innards was drawed up into a bunch not bigger'n my fist!

Almost every instant there was a charge made on him from some quarter, an' sometimes from three or four directions to onct. Lord! wasn't it hurryin' times with him then!

When he had a moment to rest an' gaze about, all he saw was them two acres of open mouths, restless bristles, and fiery eyes. His long red tongue hung out of his open jaws, and as he moved his head from side to side he seemed to have about the poorest conceit of his smartness of any wolf I ever seed. I determined to try an experiment on that wolf. I raised my gun and fired into the air. At the report the critter forgot himself. He bounded from the stump with the crack of the gun, but he never tetchad ground. Half a dozen open mouths reached up for him, and in them he landed. There was just one sharp yell, then for a rod around was seen flyin' strips of wolf-skin, legs and hair; for half a minit was heard a crunchin' of bones, and then them old sows were lickin' their chops, rairin' up onto that thar stump and prospectin' about for more wolf.

#### A DUEL WITH TWENTY MEN ON A SIDE.

The famous duel in which forty or more gentlemen, were engaged, in 1827, is still remembered in Natchez. Col. James Bowie, the famous fighter and inventor of the knife which bears his name, used to spend a great deal of his time in that city. He was challenged by a gentleman from Alexandria, La., whose friends, to the number of forty or more, accompanied him to Natchez to see fair play, knowing that Bowie was a desperate man and had his own friends about him. All parties went upon the field. The combatants took their places in the centre, separated from their friends in the rear, or enough not to endanger them with their balls. Behold the battle in array thus: Twenty armed Louisianians fifty yards behind their champion, and his seconds and surgeon, and opposite them, as far behind Bowie and his seconds and surgeon, armed Mississippians. Behold the heights of Natchez thronged with spectators, and a steamer in the river rounded to, its deck black with passengers, watching with deep interest the scene.

The plan of fight was to exchange shots twice with pistols and to close with knives, Bowie being armed with his own terrible weapon. At the first fire both parties escaped. At the second the Louisianian was too quick and took the advantage of Bowie, who waited the word. At this Bowie's second cried "foul play," and shot the Louisianian dead. The second of the latter instantly

#### EFFECT OF IMAGINATION.

During the siege of Breda, in the Netherlands, in 1625, the garrison was dreadfully afflicted with scurvy. So useless was the medical aid afforded to the soldiers, and so desperate were they in consequence, that they resolved to give up the city to the enemy. This resolution came to the ears of the Prince of Orange. He immediately wrote addresses to the men, assuring them that he possessed remedies that were unknown to physicians, and that he would undertake their cure, provided they continued in the discharge of their duty. Together with these addresses, he sent to the physicians small vials of colored water, which, the patients were assured, were of immense price and of unspeakable virtue. Many who declared that all former remedies had only made them worse, now recovered in a few days. A long and interesting account of the wonderful working of this purely imaginary antidote was drawn up by M. Vander Mye, one of the physicians in the garrison whose office was usurped by the Prince of Orange. A corroborative proof of the well-known power of the imagination in affecting disease is afforded in the following Arabian fable: One day a traveller met the Plague going to Cairo, and accosted it thus: "For what purpose are you entering Cairo?" "To kill 8,000 people," rejoined the Plague. Some time after the same traveller met the Plague on his return, and said, "But you killed 20,000!" "Nay," replied the Plague, "I killed but 8,000; the rest died of fright."

#### IMPORTANT TO SHEEP RAISERS.

A young Scotchman and shepherd, Mr. Charles Scott, of Howford-Ettrick, Selkirkshire, Scotland, made the discovery a year or more ago that carbolic acid was a sure remedy for the fever of ewes produced from bad lambing. He communicated this intelligence to Mr. Henry Woods, an extensive sheep raiser of Norfolk, England, and asked that the remedy should be thoroughly tested, and, if found effectual, to make the fact public. In the last issue of the Farmer's Chronicle, London, England, this gentleman gives his experience with the remedy, and cites several very hopeless cases that were speedily cured by the treatment. The first symptoms of puerperal fever is dullness and decrease of milk flow—the latter may be known from lambkin showing signs of hunger. No time should be lost when these symptoms appear. The remedy should be applied at once after this manner: Pour in 'o the uterus carbolic acid one part; olive oil two parts; and bathe outside well with the mixture. It is well to notice carefully the condition of ewes for three days after lambing, and if found to be drooping, with signs of inflammation of the uterus, apply same remedy but in weaker solution, and repeat every ten hours. Puerperal fever is a common affliction, particularly with young ewes, and heretofore has proved fatal in a majority of cases, and this discovery should have the attention of sheep raisers.

#### A CITY TOO GOOD TO LIVE.

The city of Oberlin, O., is too good to live. Some day it will die young, and a memoir will be written about it. Not long ago an ungenerated wretch opened a billiard-room within its limits and thereby caused intense agitation. After much deliberation it was decided to starve out the importer of Satan's invention by picketing. Two women are as observing sentries near the door of the billiard room, that open gate to the lower regions, and endeavor to dissuade those who would enter with their most reproachful looks; and when they fail they enter in a book the names of such persistent malefactors. At intervals they are relieved by other

a good deal of suspicion, and caused many ill-natured remarks. It is a great pity he did not insist upon rowing for the championship.

"Why didn't he? Is he afraid?"  
"No, I don't think that, but I am inclined to think he has got into bad hands. He is a simple, inexperienced fellow, and no match for professional sharpers. He is not his own man. He has let men get influence over him by providing him with board and so on. He ought to pay anything he owes in that way, and say plainly that he is going to consult his own interests and reputation and not other persons." Hanlan has already beaten him in a financial sense."

"How's that?"  
"Well, he said to Courtney at the beginning of the season, 'Look here, Charley, I don't want to row you now, because if you beat me my backers won't support me in matches with second-rate men, and if I beat you, I shan't be able to get any one to row against me. Let us put off our match until late in the season.' Courtney consented, and while Hanlan has been winning race after race, he has done nothing at all. So Hanlan occupies the best position. He has kept himself before the public, has been ready to row anybody who came along, and has fairly won the title of champion."

"Would he row Courtney for the championship?"  
"He couldn't help himself. If Courtney challenged him to row for it he would have to accept or forgo the title."

"What is Courtney's object?"  
"I can't say. Perhaps each is a little afraid of the other, or perhaps they don't want to settle the question of superiority too quickly. Three purses are better than one, and there will probably be three races between them, unless either of them is lucky enough to win the first two."

"Is the Lachine course a good one?"  
"Well, I understand there is a side current there which is rather troublesome. On a former occasion they tried to neutralise the effect of it by anchoring a long line of barges outside the course. Hanlan knows the course better than Courtney, and that is to his advantage; but of course Courtney will go there at once to practice, and it won't take him long to learn."

"The Ottawa course is the best?"  
"Oh, infinitely. There is no current there, no advantage for anybody, and splendid facilities for seeing the race. This Lachine arrangement may be all right, but there is a suggestion of 'hippodroming' about it that I don't like. At all events the race ought to be for the championship."

The opinions here expressed by Mr. Blaikie as regards the relative rowing ability of the two men are based upon careful observation of their physical qualities and methods of training, and may be regarded as nearly accurate. As regards Courtney having fallen into bad hands, however, we think Mr. Blaikie is in error. To both oarsmen the championship is of far less importance than the large amounts of money that people are willing to give to see them row. Courtney has spent much time and considerable money in attaining his sculling skill, and it is not reasonable that his managers should take all that people are willing to pay to see an exhibition of that skill. Hanlan's backers think that he can beat Courtney and are giving great odds on the Canadian against the American. Fears are entertained among the friends of the latter that his side trouble will lessen his chances in a five-mile race, and that Hanlan's excellent condition at present will give him an advantage that will tell strongly in his favor.

#### TROTTING AT LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

In the Grand International Trotting Meeting over the Aintree Course, Liverpool, England, August 5th, our British consins had a chance to inspect an American bred trotter in the horse Childs Harold, by Harold, dam Young Portia, by Mambrino Chief, bred by Mr. A. J. Alexander, Woodburn Farm, Spring Station, Ky., and sold to Mr. Dick, of Scotland, in 1872. Childs Harold won the International Handicap Stakes, two-mile heats, in 5:05, 5:50. The Sporting Life, speaking of the trot, says: "The International Handicap Stakes, which so far as trotting went, requires but little description. In Childs Harold we were introduced to one of the best trotters that has been seen in this country for a long time, as in his preliminary heats, in which he had to meet Motley (winner of the Palace Stakes at the late Alexandra Park meeting) she stood no chance whatever with the grand-looking

The Georgia Historical Society must to a profoundly solemn body if they failed to rear at the following story, which was read to them the other day by Captain W. W. Paine.

Morgan Gillis was a hunter of some renown, and a bold and powerful man. One day, hunting in the piney woods, he killed a blue back, and while engaged in skinning it he discovered several Indians creeping toward him. There was no time to deliberate or to tarry. Springing to his feet and leaving rifle and venison behind, he ran for life, and reached the swamp, where he noticed a large poplar, which had been broken off near its top, and had the appearance of being hollow. A knarled or knagged hickory which rested against this enabled him to easily climb the tree, when, to his great joy, he found it hollow, with an opening in the top sufficient for him to enter. He entered it, and sliding to the bottom, found it tenanted by two fat cubs, and at once discovered that he was in the den of a bear, which, fortunately for him, was not at home. About three feet from the bottom of the den was a knot hole, from which Gillis saw the Indians approaching, and who seemed much puzzled at not finding him. After hunting around, the Indians disappeared, supposing that Gillis had escaped to the river. Waiting some time, and the Indians not reappearing, Gillis thought it time to leave his hiding place, and, attempting to do so, found to his dismay that he could not climb out, and that he was entombed within the wooden walls of a tree. Our friend was not the first man, nor the last, who had gotten into a scrape and found it difficult to get out. Gillis could not perish with hunger for some days, for he could eat the cubs; but he might perish for water. Having his large hunting knife with him, he commenced trying to cut his way out of the hollow, and while thus engaged he heard, as he supposed, some one climbing on the outside of the tree. He thought of the Indians, and gave himself up as lost. Soon the aperture at the top of the tree was darkened, and an object commenced descending, and, horror of horrors! it was the old bear. Bears always descend a tree backward—and as Mrs. Bruin neared the bottom, Gillis, in terror, commenced using his knife vigorously on her, and she not expecting such a warm reception in her quarters, hastily ascended, and Gillis, taking advantage of her discomfiture and hasty retreat, seized hold of her shaggy hair and was drawn to the top. He escaped and reached home in safety, a wiser if not a better man."

#### FINE BOOKMAKING.

The victory of the Duke of Magenta in the Kenner Stakes was the last link of a deadly series which nailed a bookmaker to this city to this time. He laid one gentleman \$1,000 to one that the Duke would not win the Withers, Belmont, Travers and Kenner Stakes, and that Mahlick would not win the Louisville Cup. Then he laid \$500 to \$10 against the Duke winning the Withers, Travers and Kenner Stakes, and Mahlick the Louisville Cup. He has lost both. A worthy voyager of our acquaintance wins this last bet. The bookmaker says he would like to argue the left-and-right-hand question with Charles Reade, the author to be the recipient of practical demonstrations. This is from the New York Sportsman. Such a bookmaker must have been a green one. Three to one against him for the Withers \$4; two to one in the Belmont, making \$12; three to one against Mahlick, \$48; two to one against the Duke in the Travers, \$144; even in the Kenner makes altogether \$287—\$250 to \$1 was all that he could afford to give, if the bookmaker recollected how the Leviathan was clinched by Mr. Bowie when West Australian for the first time carried off the treble event of the Guinea, Derby and St. Legor, and had backed his horse to do it.

#### SELF-CURE FOR INEBRIETY.

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The other day a man employed in the water works near Byron drank out of a stream nearly after dark, and thought he swallowed a blade of grass, a piece of moss or something else while drinking. He took no further notice of it at the time. After a day or two, however, he commenced to feel unwell and sick at his stomach and concluded he would take a glass of brandy in the village and see if it would not settle it, thinking probably it was a fit of indigestion. The brandy was no sooner down than the man experienced the most violent convulsions, and thought he was poisoned. The frog, as it was appeared, as quick as the liquor reached him, to have commenced a series of jumps and somersaults in his stomach. The man, after the most excruciating retchings, vomited a decent sized frog, which is now perfectly healthy, and doing well, and may be seen at Mr. Jonas Turner's hotel, Byron.

#### THE FIRST CHINAMAN.

The first Chinaman who came to America, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, was Chum Ming, in 1817. He was a native merchant of Nai Bang, a province of Canton, intelligent and enterprising. He went into the mountains, and, finding gold, wrote to a friend, the one? Yum, in 1818, about the new country. Chong Yum immediately came to the Pacific slope, but before doing so, told a number of his countrymen of the discovery of gold in America. It was then that the Chinamen began to flock to the Pacific coast. There were at that time no steamers to bring them, so they came in sailing vessels. In 1849 the Argonauts began to arrive from the East, and at that time the Chinese influx was a mere drop in the bucket. Within the next four years the arrivals of Mongolians became more frequent and in larger proportions, so that in 1852 there were 4,000 on the coast, 2,000 of whom lived in San Francisco. As soon as the tide of Chinese emigration had set in toward California, the Young Wo and the Kong Chow, the first two of the present six companies began the business of aiding the shipments.

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A FAIR RACE.

Away back in ancient times horse racing was a popular amusement of the masses. In Rome we read that the people at that time took as much interest in these contests of speed as people of our time would in a race with Parole, Ochiltree, and all the other cracks engaged, and the excitement was as great as a trot between Rarus, Hopeful, and Edwin Forrest would create. But they managed things differently then. The horses were left to run on their own mettle, the persuasion being applied in the shape of rowels loosely fastened to a girth around the horse's body. No trained hand was required to guide them, the equines being educated to run the track alone. The courses were usually straight, many times on the main street of the city, which was kept cleared for the purpose. At the start the racers were held by their attendants until the signal to go was given, when they were unloosed, and sped rapidly on their way to the goal or winning place alone. This style of racing has certainly something to recommend it. There would be no chance of "pulling," the best horse in all cases would win; claims of foul would be unheard; and there would be an entire absence of the dissatisfaction which is so frequent when a favorite is badly beaten. "Fixing" would be out of the question, and the old sports' advice to never bet on anything that can talk would be without effect. On our circular or oval courses the track would have to be protected by a fence and rail, and there would have to be a corral into which the horses could be run at the finish. In Dubuque, Iowa, in the early part of the month, a special purse was given for a half-mile heat race which was won by a horse called Hod Gregory, who ran the course without a rider, and stopped on a signal being made by his owner. This may tend to revive the ancient mode of racing in the West, the novelty of the affair exercising an irresistible charm on the spectators, who it said fairly made the welkin ring at the riderless horse's success. This style of racing would reduce the expenses materially to the horse owner, jockey's fees being an important item that would be absent. Seriously, as a novelty the riderless race might be a success; but the innovation will never become the practise.

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current in the river is supposed to be adverse to Courtney's chances, all his experiences having been on dead, still water. There can be no doubt if both men should be all right on the day of the race and feeling well, it will be a tremendous struggle for a part of the road anyway, until one or the other finds his powers relaxing, after which the fight will be of short duration. It will be found that besides the Canadians the Boston and New York parties will pin their faith to Neptune Ned; the major portion of the Courtney money coming from the western part of his native state, where he is deemed invincible. It is not known what the railway arrangements will be from the West, but from the immense crowds that will go from Ontario to Lachine the Grand Trunk Railway can afford to submit a very liberal tariff. In Toronto the elections have rather monopolized discussion, but the parliamentary race being now over, the next big thing—the boat race—will be on the tapis.

THE TROTTING STUD BOOK.

Breeders and owners of trotting stock are hereby notified that the "American Trotting Stud Book" is now in a forward state of preparation for the press, and that its publication cannot much longer be delayed. Those owners who have not yet reported for registry the pedigrees of their stock, are urgently requested to do so without further delay. It is essential, also, that all unnamed colts and fillies, the produce of the last few years, should at once be claimed, so that their names shall appear in said work. No charge is made for registry in the Stud Book. The compilers have been for the past eleven years collecting the material for this work, which promises to be the grandest and most complete compilation of equine genealogy ever published. It will embrace some twenty thousand pedigrees of trotting stock bred and owned in the United States and Canada, alphabetically arranged, for convenient and ready reference; every animal is traced to fountain-head, and its true history given in simple and comprehensive form. In the work of investigating, proving and classifying the pedigrees for the Stud Book, those only will be discarded which have been found to be spurious. This mention is deemed necessary from the fact that a number of names have been and will continue to be accepted for registry, which are of humble origin, yet attached to progenitors from whom trotters have descended; no genealogy being considered complete that does not trace to the original source. The "Trotting Stud Book," when completed, will be published in two volumes, imperial octavo, and will contain some eight hundred pages each, with illustrations of noted horses. Breeders should at once send on their pedigrees to the Turf, Field and Farm office, No. 37 Park Row, New York.

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Sporting Gossip.

At the late Saratoga meeting there were 108 races, and the aggregate value of the purses was \$78,000. And still some people would say the turf is an interest not worth protecting.

Mr. Wm. A. Bookless, manager of the Royal Hotel, Guelph, was last week seized with a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs and lost a large quantity of blood.

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At the Agricultural Fair, Ottawa, last week, there was a premium for the best horsemanship over hurdles. It was won by Mr. Sparks, on Belle Temple; Dr. Coleman, V. S., being second on the Major; and Dr. Murootte, V. S., third, on The Squire. Mr. Skead, on Modesty, was the only other contestant.

Dr. Bergin, of Cornwall, Ont., was another horseman who drew a prize in the electoral lottery of Tuesday, being elected by a majority of 45. The Dr. is the owner of the Hamletonian stallion Ringwood and the promising Almont colt Midway, besides having quite a nice stock farm. Horsemen are appreciated in the Eastern section of Ontario, and Messrs. Wiser and Bergin their constituents will have a team that can be depended upon.

Gentlemen wishing to purchase a first-class young trotting stallion at a low price should consult the advertisement of Mr. F. J. Chubb, who announces Abdallah Chief for sale.

A SQUEALING SCULLER.

The Ishmaelites among sportsmen of my class are the "kickers" and "squealer." These two classes of parasites on the body of legitimate sport are responsible for the ruin and decay of any class of athletic amusement with which they are unfortunately brought in contact, and over which they exercise any influence. With the "kicker" everything is "dead wrong" or "fixed" to beat him that does not come his way, and his reliability is tested in giving publicity to this class. But the "squealer" does not stop at this comparatively harmless whirlwind of words, but if unfortunately any event in which he may be pecuniarily interested goes against him, he throws the decision of the referee or judges to the dogs and appeals to the civil law for a reversion of the verdict of the properly constituted arbitrators of the sport in question. He loudly cries for justice, the only thing his craven heart is afraid of; and speaks glibly of a higher power, beyond the reach of the machinations of schemers. The innocent stakeholder is too frequently made the victim of the squealer's greed, and it is against him the powers of the law are brought. In some cases, like in Wentworth, the judges of our courts have some knowledge of how society is made up, and when a case of this kind is brought before a judge who has mixed up with the people enough to obtain a knowledge of the lower strata of human nature, the "squealer" usually gets justice but in a shape he least expected and in a form very unpalatable for him to swallow. The only regret is we are not honored with more judges on our bench whose knowledge extends beyond the practice of the law and the records of musty legal books, and whose experience of society has been gained by being brought in contact with all shades of humanity outside of their own exclusive circle.

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Charleston, S. C.....	Feb. 5 to 8

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Cyrille Dion will play anybody cushion-caroms, 400 points up, for \$1,000 a side, and will play on any cushion.

The races at Winnipeg, Manitoba, will take place on October 4 and 5.

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"What is faith?" asked a Sunday-school teacher of a boy scholar. He belonged to a nine, and replied: "Betting on a left-handed pitcher."

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Ottawa Races take place Thursday and

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Canadian Turf.

TROTTING AT TRURO, N. S.

Truro, Aug 28—Purse \$250.  
C Mabon's Frank Allison..... 1 0 1 2 1  
Owner's Nellie Thorne..... 2 0 2 1 2  
Time—2:39, 2:40, 2:40, 2:39, 2:39.

MOUNT FOREST RACES.

The Fall Races at Mount Forest took place on the 5th and 6th inst. The track was in good condition, the weather favorable, entries passable, but the attendance light. We have not received the Secretary's report, and can only present the following incomplete summary, which however indexes the winners and the horses engaged:—

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**THE LACHINE COURSE.**—The Spirit of the Times in a short article on the course at Lachine over which Hanlan and Courtney will row their championship race, speaks as follows:—"The Lachine Club held a regatta last Saturday, and the local reports show that the tide is so strong that the buoys drifted continually, and the four-oared shell race was first postponed, and then abandoned on account of rough water. This can hardly be the best course in the world, for a single-scull match; and if four-oared races have to be abandoned, the visitors to this match, which must be rowed in smooth water, may have a repetition of their St. John experience."

**RILEY VS. SMITH.**—We are pleased to state that there is, after all, a likelihood of James H. Riley of Saratoga and Warren Smith of Halifax measuring blades on Bedford Basin before the close of the present season. On Thursday, Sept. 5, we received a letter from Matzenstein of Saratoga, inclosing one hundred dollars, and stating that if the Halifaxian was willing to row the race on Oct. 10 or 15, Riley would make the match. We are confident that the Halifax party will view the proposition favorably, and expect that a match will result.—*Clipper.*

**OTTAWA.**—There was some talk of getting up a rowing regatta in Ottawa in which Hanlan and others would take part, if good prizes were offered. As yet no one has taken the matter in hand, there being a feeling that coming so soon after the Lachine regatta, it would not draw a large crowd from outside towns and cities. Several members of the Rowing Club are under the impression that it would be advisable to postpone the regatta until Dominion Day, next year, and it is more than probable that this course will be adopted.

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440 Yards Run.—W. T. Arthurs, 1; H. E. Suckling, 2. Time, 57½s.

One Mile Run.—W. L. Allen, Montreal, 1; H. Pellatt, Toronto, 2. S. Johnson, J. Pearson, and E. R. Rogers also started. Time, 4:55½.

Consolation Race, 220 yards.—R. T. Martin, 1.

CANUCKS AT PHILADELPHIA.

The Sons of St. George held their inaugural games at Schutzen Park, Philadelphia, on Sept. 2. The Canadian athletes put in an appearance, and their doings are reported below:—

**E. W. JOHNSON.**—Standing jump, first, 11 ft 2½ in; running hop, step and jump, first, 42 ft 5½ in; running high jump, first, 5 ft 7 in; running long jump, second, 21 ft 2½ in; standing high jump, first, 5 ft 2½ in. hurdle race, second.

**A. C. REID.**—Three-legged race, Reid and Robertson, 1; running long jump, third, 20 ft 8 in; hurdle race, third.

The jumping was without weights and done on ground having considerable of a fall. A Mr. F. Davis, who was first in the running long jump, cleared 21 ft 5 in, which would have led the records had it been on fair ground.

A CHALLENGE TO ALL AMERICA.

The New York Sportsman of last week says:—"We had the pleasure of a visit from Rains and O'Brien, the Canadian runners, who did so well at the New York Caledonian Club's games on the 5th. The purport of the visit was to issue the following challenges:—Raine will run Hughes ten miles level for any sum he may name, or he will run any man in America one mile level. Certain rumors having come to Raine's ears that some gentleman, are willing to back McNulty (the Harlem newsboy), with a start, the Canadian says he will give him anything up to 200 yards in two miles, and if the gentleman who told Captain Fraser that he was willing to lay \$500 to \$800 that Raine could not beat Cummings' time (4m. 28s.), will call at this office he will be accommodated. O'Brien says he will run anyone in New York or Boston 440 yards. Any or all of these matches can be made by applying at the office of the New York Sportsman."

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SPRINTS.

OLD COUNTRY.—At the Kilkenny, Ireland,

electd; Committee, O. Armstrong, T. M. Morton, re-elected; S. O. Richards, J. A. Soybold, re-elected; Secretary-Treasurer, John M. Greata.

**HEAVY WEIGHTS.**—Ross has received a communication from Hugh McKinnon, of Belleville, requesting that their match for the championship at heavy weight throwing should be postponed for a time. Ross is anxious that the contests should take place, as proposed by the Belleville man, and now that \$200 a side is up at the Clipper office for the contest, the Torontonian thinks if Mr. McKinnon does not make his highfalutin proposition good on his own terms he should forfeit the money already in the hands of the stakeholder. Ross thinks McKinnon knows talks is cheap.

**MATCHED.**—A match was made at Newmarket last week between Ohas. Bigger of Salem, Ont., and Stone the Australian athlete who has lately arrived from England, and has been running and jumping in the States under the name of F. Davis. The articles provide for a 100 yards race, and a running jump with or without weights at the option of the jumper, for \$100 a side each event, to come off on Oct. 11, at some place not yet agreed upon. \$100 forfeit is already up.

**WHO IS HE.**—D. J. Ross, who styles himself the champion mile runner of Canada, has challenged J. Powers of Boston to a one or two-mile race. He says he will concede a start of fifty yards in the former distance, and 100 in the latter. Who is Ross?

**A QUARTER.**—Two New Brunswick youths named J. R. Dalton and W. Morrison, are to run 440 yards at St. John on the 25th inst.

**OTTAWA.**—The following telegraph report of the 100-yd heat race at Ottawa on Saturday would create the impression that there was a pretty good sized African gentleman in the fence somewhere. We have received no further particulars of the race, but Stone should have won easily, as we are informed he claims he can give McIver four or five yards in a hundred:—"The 100 yards race for the championship of Canada was won by McIver of Montreal. Duffy of Ottawa, took the first heat in 10½ seconds, and McIver the two following in 10¼ and 10½ seconds. Stone of Australia, also entered, but did not run for first place, it being understood between the two that McIver should win."

Lacrosse.

**CHAMPIONSHIP.**—A match for the championship will be played on the grounds of the Toronto Lacrosse Club, Jarvis street, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, between the Torontos and the Caughnawaga Indians. The Caughnawagas in their matches with the Shamrocks this season have shown themselves to be able exponents of the game, and the match to-morrow will doubtless be one of the most interesting of the championship series. The ball will be faced at 8 o'clock sharp.

**WONDERFUL LACROSSE.**—A western contemporary publishes a remarkable account of a lacrosse match at Stringtown, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, between teams of thirty-five men from Atoka and Sack Fork Counties. Atoka won 8 goals out of 10, and the game broke up in a free fight. Each team has a conjuror, who can make his side win by hocuspocus. Notwithstanding this supernatural assistance, the selected players are dieted for two months, and are not allowed to eat anything for forty-eight hours before the match! The players frequently throw the ball the great (?) distance of 200ft. We should think that a player who had eaten nothing for forty-eight hours could throw a ball just about 200ft. Before the game the players scratch the cords of their legs to prevent the muscles from contracting!

**CHARITY.**—On Wednesday afternoon a match was played on the Toronto Lacrosse Club's grounds, Jarvis street, between the twelve of the Torontos and an All-Comers team selected from the leading city clubs, for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers of Memphis. Up to the time of making up our forms the result of the match had not reached;

for a purse of \$225; Marmion being second. Mr. W. E. Owen's bay mare Parslow captured the Consolation purse of \$100, with Mr. Campbell's province-bred Amella for second. The attendance was large, especially the first day, and the racing was first-class. The management was exemplary, and no complaints have been heard.

OPENING OF THE THE MONTREAL RIDING PARK.

On Saturday, the efforts of Dr. McEachern, V.S., and the other citizens who have labored so earnestly to provide the people of the city with a suitable place in which to ride, were crowned with success by the opening of the new riding park. In the afternoon a party of ladies and gentlemen met at Dominion Square, and proceeded to the ground, which is at the left of the Corte des Neiges road near the toll-gate. The drive is oval in form, about three-quarters of a mile in length, and in every way suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. The party on the grounds just before the sports began numbered fifty, including many of our most prominent citizens, and the scene presented was a most striking and picturesque one. The judges of the sports were Lt.-Col. Crawford, 5th Royal Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Bethune, late of the Victoria Rifles, and Hanbury Macdougall, Esq. The first competition was in jumping, in which Mr. Hugh Allan, son of Mr. Andrew Allan, mounted on Dilemma, was successful. The tilting at the ring and the sword exercise were won by Lieut. Stewart, of the Montreal troop of Cavalry. Owing to the unfavorable weather the list was not so long as it would otherwise have been, but notwithstanding the discomfort entailed by the rain and chilly breeze, the sports were much enjoyed by the spectators, of whom there were a large number in carriages and on foot. The opening ceremony was a very successful and pleasing affair, and certainly marks a new era in the history of riding in this city. The impression has been general among those who have read of the progress of the work connected with this Park, that it will be for the exclusive use of those who have subscribed toward defraying the expenses, but this is not correct. No person can—and the gentlemen who have been instrumental in completing the work have no wish to—claim any exclusive right to it whatever. They have, at their own expense, and with the consent of the Corporation, improved a bit of city property, which is still owned by the Corporation and is freely open to the citizens.—*Gazette.*

Amusements.

CITY.

The success of the season so far at the Grand Opera House has been the engagement of the Colville Folly Company, of which Mile. Emé Roseau is the bright particular star. They opened on Monday night to an immense house, despite the election excitement, in the burlesque of Robinson Crusoe, in which Miss Roseau appeared as Polly Hopkins. The same bill was repeated on Tuesday, to good business. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings the bill was Our Cinderella. To-night Miss Roseau takes her benefit in the funny burlesque of the Babe in the Wood. Mr. Charles Drew, formerly of the Holman Opera Troupe, is the leading tenor of the Company, and he had a fine reception on the opening night. For to-morrow's matinee and evening performances Babes in the Wood will be presented. The Colville Company is a strong one in point numbers and talent, while their pieces are devoid of anything objectionable. Next Monday evening Miss Ada Cavendish, the distinguished English actress, will commence a week's engagement, opening in the La; of Lyons, to be followed by her New York success, The New Magdalen; Jane Shore &c.

The Royal Opera House has been doing a fine stroke of business this week with the new opera of The Chimes of Normandy. The strength of the company is in the cast, and the music is more than acceptably rendered. Miss Sallie Holman is to be congratulated for this addition to her repertoire. Owing to the disappointment caused by Miss Backingham breaking her engagement to appear as Mazoppa on Wednesday, opera was continued throughout the week. To-morrow the regular matinee at 2 o'clock. Next week on account of the Fair, an extraordinary attractive bill will be presented.

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## SPLASHES.

A grand shell race—the oyster.  
**JOKE.**—An Auburn, N. Y., paper says that Courtney is receiving cedar boats by every mail, and if enough of them arrive, he ought to become very fleet.  
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# Athletic.

## TORONTO L. C. ANNUAL GAMES.

The annual games of the Toronto Lacrosse Club were held on their grounds on Saturday last. The attendance was good, considering the threatening weather, and the competition in the various races, etc., was very interesting. The Judges were Messrs. James Hughes, W. E. Matthews, J. Henderson, D. Carey, and A. McMurchy; the time-keeper George Massey, and the starter, C. E. Robinson.

The competitions exclusively for members of the Club were as follows, and resulted as detailed:—

- Bowling Cricket Ball.—G. F. Alexander.
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- High Jump.—Pearson, 1, 5ft.
- Quarter-mile Run.—W. T. Arthurs, 1; H. E. Suckling, 2. Four ran. Time, 55s.
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### SPRINTS.

**OLD COUNTRY.**—At the Kilkenny, Ireland, athletic sports, on Aug. 20, Mr. F. Davin, a nephew of N. F. Davin, Esq., of this city, won the first four events, 42-lb shot, 2½ ft 8 in; 16 lb shot, 86 ft 8 in; running high jump, 4 ft 11 in; and running broad jump, 22 ft 1 in.

**MATCH.**—Duffy, of Ottawa, and Fitzgibbon, of Waddington, N. Y., have been matched for \$800 to run a 100 yard race in heats, 1st 2 in 3, at the county fair at Canton, N. Y., this week.

**AMATEUR GAMES.**—The annual fall games of the Montreal Lacrosse Club will be held on the club grounds, Sherbrooke street, Montreal, Oct. 5, commencing at 2:30 p.m.

**HAMILTON.**—The athletic sports of the Hamilton Cricket Club will take place on Saturday, 23th inst. The entries close tomorrow. Not having seen a programme we are unable to say what the open events are.

**STONE.**—Stone, the Australian, says the reason he did not win the 100-yard heat race at Ottawa was because he had a sprained ankle. People who saw him there think if he can run as he did with a sprained ankle, he must be a veritable flyer when his locomotary powers are intact.

**SHARP PRACTICE AT NEWPORT, R. I.**—Some residents of Newport recently sent to New York City for a sprint runner, and J. Wheat (colored), of Pittsburg, was forwarded to them. Sept. 8, Wheat ran a 200-yard match against a Newport colored waiter, named W. Noble, beating him easily. Next morning the same parties ran 100 yards, and, of course, Noble won, and the sharpers pocketed \$2,000. Newport people must be very green to be caught by a simple trick, which has been exposed in the newspapers years ago.

**FOOT BALL.**—The Ottawa Foot Ball Club held its third annual meeting on the 11th inst., when the following were elected officers for the ensuing season.—President, A. P. Sherwood, re-elected; Vice-President, James Fletcher; Captain, A. L. Jarvis, re-

the first at a 10, sec 11, and Melbourne two following in 10 and 11 seconds. Stone of Australia, also entered, but did not run for first place, it being understood between the two that McIver should win."

# Lacrosse.

**CHAMPIONSHIP.**—A match for the championship will be played on the grounds of the Toronto Lacrosse Club, Jarvis street, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, between the Torontos and the Caughnawaga Indians. The Caughnawagas in their matches with the Shamrocks this season have shown themselves to be able exponents of the game, and the match to-morrow will doubtless be one of the most interesting of the champion ship series. The ball will be faced at 9 o'clock sharp.

**WONDERFUL LACROSSE.**—A western contemporary publishes a remarkable account of a lacrosse match at Stragtown, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, between teams of thirty five men from Atoka and Sack Fork Counties. Atoka won 8 goals out of 10, and the game broke up in a free fight. Each team has a conjuror, who can make his side win by hocuspocus. Notwithstanding the supernatural assistance, the selected players are doted for two months, and are not allowed to eat anything for forty-eight hours before the match! The players frequently throw the ball the great (?) distance of 200ft. We should think that a player who had eaten nothing for forty-eight hours could throw a ball just about 200ft. Before the game the players scratch the cords of their legs to prevent the muscles from contracting!

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## OGDENSBURG RACES.

Our returns from Ogdensburg Races are incomplete, no report of the second day's proceedings having come to hand. The rain storm caused repeated postponements, and the meeting was not concluded until Monday. The first day running, dash of a mile and an eighth for \$250 was won by the four-year-old gelding Diamond, by Leamington, dam Black Slave by imported Eclipse, a recent Saratoga purchase of Mr. Henry Ford, 1 recout, the owner of the dead Ella Wooten, the little "blue nose" Islander being second. Maritime was the favorite. There were ten entries and eight starters. Time—1:59. The 2:40 class had eleven entries and nine starters. \$300 was the purse. It was won by the Ottawa gelding The Moose easily enough in three straight heats, 2:33, 2:32½, 2:33½. The horse appears to have come to himself this fall and is trotting very fast. Another Ottawa horse, Decet, was second. He is a pretty good horse to back for second place, but somehow or other he scarcely ever gets to the front, possibly because he can't trot fast enough, or, may be his driver has not got the gauge of his mouth and pulls on the bit too hard. Dan Jenkins' Jim Ward was third. In the 2:28 class nine started, but in a four-heat race Mr. Wiser's promising young stallion Chestnut Hill came to the front in 2:32½, 2:33½, 2:33½; Harry Russell taking second place, and the grey gelding Capt. Smith third, the Toronto gelding Cooles fourth. On Monday Clifton Boy won the free-for-all trot, with Huntress second, Sadie Bell third, and The Moose fourth. Mr. Ford's Diamond again came to the front in the handicap mile and half heats, having the "old mare" Goldfinch behind him. Mr. Wm. Carson's Montreal mare Kate F. won the handicap hurdle race, dash of two miles over eight hur-

# Amusements.

The success of the season so far at the Grand Opera House has been the engagement of the C. Valleilly Company, of which Mile Etne Roseau is the bright, picturesque star. They opened on Monday night to an immense house, despite the election excitement, in the burlisque of Robinson Crusoe, in which Miss Roseau appeared as Polly Hopkins. The same bill was repeated on Tuesday, to good business. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings the bill was Our Cinderella. To-night Miss Roseau takes her benefit in the funny burlesque of the Babes in the Wood. Mr. Charles Drew, formerly of the Holman Opera Troupe, is the leading tenor of the company, and he had a fine reception on the opening night. For to-morrow a matinee and evening performances Babes in the Wood will be presented. The Valleilly Company is a strong one in point of numbers and talent, while their pieces are devoid of anything objectionable. Next Monday evening Miss Ada Cavendish, the distinguished English actress, will commence a week's engagement, opening in the Lady of Lyons, to be followed by her New York success, The New Magdalen, Jane Shore, &c.

The Royal Opera House has been doing a fine stroke of business this week with the new opera of The Chimes of Normandy. The strength of the company is in the cast, and the music is more than acceptably rendered. Miss Sallie Holman is to be congratulated on this addition to her repertoire. Owing to the disappointment caused by Miss Buckingham breaking her engagement to appear as Mazoppa on Wednesday, opera was continued throughout the week. To-morrow the regular matinee at 2 o'clock. Next week, on account of the Fair, an extraordinary attractive bill will be presented.

The Lyceum is making a big bid for public patronage. This week they have no less than six new faces in addition to the regular company. They are Adele Leonard, Winnetta Graven, Lydia Ross, Tom Hedger and the Perry Bros. Business has been good all through the week despite the other attractions in the city. A grand double company has been engaged for next week. The usual matinee to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### GENERAL.

**MONTREAL.**—The Theatre Royal is occupied this week by the Bertha and Ida E. y Combination.—Harry Wood and Ned West are running the variety business here in first-class style.

**HAMILTON.**—Mechanics' Hall - Furbish Fifth Av Combination, on 19th, in 1st night.—Hyer Sisters, in out of Bondage, Oct. 3 and 4. Mr. Wm Richardson has leased Pronguey Hall and will run it as a variety theatre, Sept. 28.

**ST. CATHERINES.**—Cole's Circus Sept. 21. From here to the States.

**BRANTFORD.**—Hamilton Corbett at Wickliffe Hall, Sept. 18 and 14.—The Lingards at Palmer Hall, 18th.

**WOODSTOCK.**—Hamilton Corbett, Town Hall, Sept. 19 and 20.

**QUELPH.**—Town Hall—Sullivan's New Mirror of Ireland, Sept. 17th to 20th.

**SALE OF BILL ARLINGTON.**—C. A. Carey, Camden, N. J., has sold to English parties the fast pacer Bill Arlington.

**MR. A. WELCH.**—This gentleman, the proprietor of Chestnut Hill Stock Farm, Philadelphia, Pa., sailed Sept. 7th on the City of Chester for England with his sons William and James A. He intends to place two boys at school in England, and will doubtless inspect some of the leading breeding establishments before his return home.

*Hur, Fin and Feather.*

**RULES FOR TRAP SHOOTING OF THE TORONTO GUN CLUB.**

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Mr. F. E. Colenso, the eminent English naturalist, writes as follows to the scientific London journal, Nature, from Maritzburg, South Africa: "I noticed one morning that along the bottom of the front wall of my house, on the verandah, there lay a quantity of reddish brown powder. There was enough to fill a coffee-cup. On looking closer I discovered that it was made up of small and larger fragments which glistened, and on inspecting some in my hand they turned out to be heads, legs, trunks, &c., of countless ants. A number of these animals were still on the wall above, and my attention being now arrested, I watched them, and saw that they were contributing to the carnage beneath. This species of ant is a small, comparatively harmless one, the chief sin of which is that it makes its way to every species of food and swarms on it. As is usual with ants, the general body of insects is accompanied by larger individuals which are provided with heads and jaws quite disproportionate to the size of their bodies, and with these jaws they do all the cutting up. Among the ants on the wall there was a large sprinkling of these 'soldier ants,' and the whole community seemed to be bent on destroying them. The proportion of heavy-jawed to ordinary ants was about one to ten. I saw a group of little ones fastening on to a big ant, which made desperate efforts to release itself. At first the big one bit several little ones in two, and the parts dropped down from the wall; but after a while the little ones severed all the legs of the big one, and finally got him on his back and cut him in two. The group then dropped down to swell the mass below. Similar scenes were enacted elsewhere on the wall. The commencement of one combat was as follows: A big ant walked along till it met another big one, and the two shook antennae. Just then a little one seized hold of a hind leg of one of these big ones. Neither took any notice, but continued a rapid conversation. Suddenly other small ones came up, when the big one, whose leg was grabbed, turned furiously on the little one and seized him by the middle. This could not be done until the big one had doubled himself up; as soon as he had hold of his small antagonist he lifted him in the air and snipped him in two. Meanwhile all the big one's legs had been seized by the little ones, and the party seemed to turn over and over, little bits tumbling down, now a leg, now half an ant, till the big one was vanished. The ant is most assuredly subject to passions. The way in which the big ant turned on the little one was singularly indicative of rage. The determined manner in which he laid hold of the little one was quite human. If I had had a magnifying glass the scene would have been really exciting."

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#### A BLACK WOMAN TURNING WHITE.

A physiological phenomenon has just been discovered in Cincinnati by one of the district physicians. It is nothing less than a colored woman turning white. Her name is Luella Smith, aged 30 years, who is living at 60 Gana way. She is not a Mulatto. She is black in the face, but her body is beginning to turn as white as any Caucasian. This changing process began about five years ago, and now her body is fully two fifths white. On her breast there is a white spot about eight inches long and six inches wide. Her limbs, too, present the same appearance, and if the change keeps on she will in a few years be as white as anybody. At present she is being treated for consumption. The only white spots about her face are directly behind either ears. The doctors call this transformation and absorption of pigment, but, whatever it is, it is extraordinary, and will elicit a good deal of attention from the medical profession.

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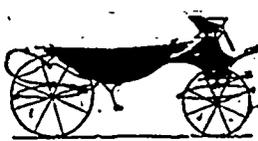
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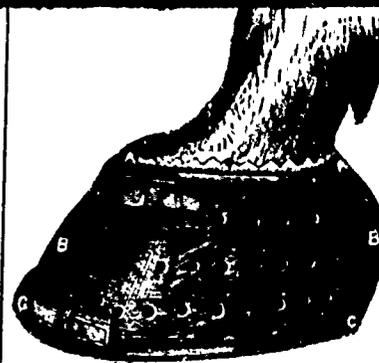
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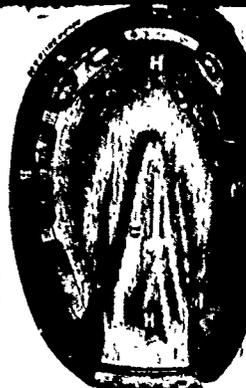
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