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Glorious Race Furnished Inspiration for Poet's Song of the Strenuous Steeds.

The West against the East contending, Has sent her champion to the fray, On blithe High Ball our eyes are bend-The sluggard holds the right of way. Where's Irish Lad, the New York won-

Whose deeds have set the turf on fire His hoof beats ring like rumbling thun-His Titan heart will never tire!

Which horse will win the Derby laurel? Will Woodson snatch the Croesus prize? Will Highball conquer in the quarrel, Or English Lad the world surprise? Rapid Water, too, may loom as master-Big brother to the boisterous breeze,



"How the frenzied crowd is shouting, as English Lad bends to the chase!"

Than surging foam from wind swept

'Tis Derby Day, our glorious season, When summer swoons upon the land, To back the bangtails is no treason, To pick the winner from the stand. Each jockey grimly eyes his neighbor, And trails him at his saddle belt. And urges on the steeds that labor With the fire and fury of the Celt!

Over fifty thousand here assemble To see the maddening, bruising chase Shy, piquant maids will pout and tremble, "Brave Highball will win the race." Blithe Highball looms so spruce and

Moharib stout may snatch the prize; Fort Hunter looms a keen contender-Rich laughter gleams in Beauty's eyes.

What ringing cheers salute the Master, Blithe whirlwind of the pampered East; Staunch Highball neighs and spurns dis-

And looms a supple, splendid beast. A crafty jockey guides his chances— Fuller-impassive in his seat. The pompous paifrey proudly prances And caracoles with dainty feet.

Comes English Lad, the West's Defender, The stubborn sluggard takes his case. Requital's son looms spruce and slen-

Big brother to the bolsterous breeze. Old Time, they say, is fast and fleeting: Time Limps a laggard in his train! What flerce delight when steeds are met-

And grappling on the wind swept plain! They're at the post-all grouped together; They're lockeying for the friendly rail; With hearts as buoyant as a feather,

Like chevaliers of Grecian tale. They hearken to the higle blowing: Its aerial challenge through the air. Keen silvery stanges thinly flowing Like haunting strains from Siren's lair.

"They're off they're off," the railbirds "All ranged together in a line" inpreme delight to see them flying

As stately squadron o'er the brine Each gallant thoroughbred is straining

With foam flecked mouth and tossing

And dauntless Highball's grimly gaining.

POOR LUCK WITH ALLIGATORS.

When I got down into Mississippi

the Negro.

began to look for alligators, thinking to find them basking in the sun on the banks of every creek and bayou, but three weeks passed and I had not yet got sight of one. Then I

accepted an invitation to stay with Major Burbanks for two or three days. He had a big bayou on the west of his plantation, but would not guarantee an alligator. On the second evening I walked down to the water to look in vain, but at the same time I was somewhat interested in a negro who sat on the log fishing. He told me he had never seen a 'gator in the had turned away when there was a of increased bodily vigor." vell and a splash. I whirled about, but all I could see was the muddy water churned into foam and the

waves lashing the bank. At that moment the major joined me and I said: "Major, there was a negro fishing from that log a moment ago."

"Yes?" "And something has taken him."

"But—but it must have been an alligator?" "And you never caught sight of

"Shoo! You do seem to be out of luck with the 'gaters, for shore. Let's go back to the veranda to smoke.

BEGGARS AMUSING CHARACTERS.

Strange Requests Made by Impecuni-

ous Mendicants. Miss Mary Richmond of Philadelphia is one of the noted charity work-

As the executive head of the Philadelphia Society for Organizing Charity. Miss Richmond has made a thorough study of all sorts of beggars, and some of the beggars she has met must have been amusing characters. There was one, for instance, a New England beggar, who used to tramp about in the twilight, saying to every housewife who answered to his knock:

"Will you give me a drink of water, lady? for I'm so hungry I don't know where I'm going to sleep to-night."

And Woodson nobly stands the test!

How rich the sweep, how grand the That rises like grey ocean's swell, They spurn the turf with lordly pleas-

Exulting like clear chiming bell. They rise and fall like billows swelling, And surge and shoulder in the fight, Full fifty thousand men are yelling And cheering at the glorious sight!

How the frenzied crowd is shouting. As English Lad bends to the chase; Lithe lily lasses flushed and pouting Show lustrious eyes, shy roseleaf face.
Blithe Highball gallops surely faster,
Than whimpering wind or rippling rain,
Rapid Water seems to spurn disaster,
Stout Woodson nobly stands the strain.

Far back English Lad is hiding. The stubborn sluggard bides his time; His jockey nurses, calmly guiding, His hoof beats ring like silvery rhyme, Relentless as lithe leopard leaping, Highball comes bounding thro' the throng, Resistless as fierce cyclone sweeping, He glides as splendid as a song.

'Come on you hound," the tipsters yelling. "Wake up and do your song and

The railbirds with alarm are swelling-"You brute, move up and take a chance. But English Lad still keeps his distance, Blithe Highball holds the right of way; He seems to spurn the turf resistance, And Woodson trails him in the fray.

They're in the stretch and madly strain-

The panting steeds set sail for home; And gallant Highball's grimly gaining. All dappled grey with flecking foam. ckeys nurse the steeds that labor And trail them at their saddle belt, And grimly eye their strenuous neighbor With the fire and fury of the Celt!

The pace was swift, the struggle bruis-As they thunder down the sloping way, With foam flecked mouth like hounds a-

Staunch Highball leads the strenuous

Blithe Highball's stride seems surely Their hoof beats drown the rumbling thunder. Relentless as flerce Cyclops might. There is no time to break or blunder

Since Death's in ambush for a fight. Who won the race, who snatched the 'Twas Highball filched the Croesus

The Eastern champions roused the world's surprise. Vain. English Lad, your desperate strain-For dauntless Highball's vanquished Time

His hoof beats ring like rumbling thun-



"Vain, English Lad, your desperate straining, for dauntless Highball's vanquished Time."

And Woodson at his heels was gaining-Their names will live in rippling thyme. -James E. Kinsella.

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> PESSIMISM HAS LONG EXISTED. People Were Prone to Complain Ages

> Dr. Richard T. Gottheil, of Columbia University, has a broad knowledge of Oriental tales and prov-

Dr. Gottheil was condemning pessimism one day at Columbia. "Pessimism," he said, "is as old as

the hills. Mankind has always recognized it, and has always derided it. "There is a Persian story about a pessimist. This story is so old that no date can be assigned to it. It con-

cerns a pessimistic farmer. "'Good friend,' a viitor said to the farmer, 'you are fortunate this year.' He pointed to the heavy and rich grain fields spreading as far as the eye could see. 'You can't grumble,' he went on, 'about your crop this sea-

"'No,' whined the pessimist, 'but a crop like this is terribly wearing on

Reason for Long Workday. A recent attempt to reduce the daily

hours of female factory workers at Freiberg, Germany, was opposed, on the grounds that competition with Italy, Japan and China would not permit it, and that, if factory life were made too attractive, domestic help would be still more difficult to obtain than it is now.

Secrets of Old Roman Bath.

Women used to lose their hairpins a thousand years ago much in the same way as they do to-day. That, at least, is the impression one gets from the antiquities found during last year at the Silchester excavations.

The most interesting discovery was the building which formed apparently the principal baths of the Roman town. The exploration of the baths yielded a number of architectural fragments, including a small altar, portions of capitals and bases, part of a large basin of purbeck marble, and some singular pieces of metal.

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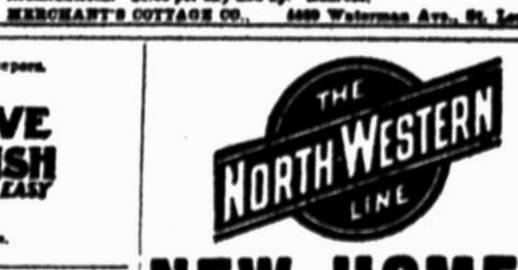
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