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### A Horse's Wonderful Leap.

The event of the National Horse Show in New York last week was the high jump, for which four horses were entered in the class and all responded, they being Mr. Foxall Keene's Hempstead, Mr. P. F. Collier's Majestic, Mr. George Watt's Tycoon and Mr. P. Gabbart's Peter. The rails were first placed at 4 ft 9 in. and all went over without touching. The height was then raised to 5 ft. 3 in. and Tycoon and Peter failed. This left Hempstead and Majestic the only competitors. The rails were placed at 5 ft. 7 in. and both accomplished it, amid excitement. Then it was made 6 ft., and at the first attempt Hempstead did it. There were cheers, waving of handkerchiefs and clapping of hands. Majestic tried and failed. "But, ah!" said thousands, "he has two more trials." Majestic accomplished it the second attempt, and the cheers were deafening. Everybody was excited. The enthusiasm was tremendous. You needed hardly to look into the ring to tell whether the one or the other horse was successful. You could see it all by looking into the faces or eyes of the hundreds of ladies. Then the height was made 6 ft. 6½ in. The world's record was 6 ft. 6 in., made by Mr. Gebhart's Leo in 1884 at the Garden. The announcement that half an inch more than the record was to be attempted made the excitement more intense. People moved uneasily in their seats. Those around the ring pressed the rails closer and closer. Hempstead succeeded and the Garden was wild. Majestic succeeded and hundreds acted as if beside themselves. The world's record beaten by both competitors and not a tumble during the trials. Once more the rails were raised, this time to 6 feet 7½ inches. The announcement of the height was received with tremendous cheers. "Could they do it?" "Is it possible that a horse can jump that height?" "No, there will be disaster—somebody hurt or killed." Thus hundreds said, but old Hempstead obeyed the call of his rider and tried. He failed. Majestic tried and failed. Hempstead made the second attempt and succeeded. Was everybody crazy? It looked so as you saw the waving of hankerchiefs and of hats, and heard the cheers. Majestic can't do it. Well, give the aged gelding a chance. He took his chance and cleared the obstacle. More cries, more hats in the air, enthusiasm unbounded. A spirit level and a standard were produced by the master carpenter and the height proved to be as stated. The owner of Majestic proposed to compromise and make it a draw. Probably his willing animal was tired, but fatigued or not, Mr. Foxall Keene desired to go, and Secretary Wharton ordered the height to be made 6 feet 8 inches. The standard and spirit level were again produced, and the height verified in the presence of a dozen well known gentlemen and club members. "They never can make that jump" was in the minds of every man and woman in the excited assemblage. Well, give them a trial. Charley Mason, the rider of Hempstead, had finished shaking hands with Frank Alfort, the mount on [illegible]istic, when he slowly took Hempstead to the Fourth-avenue end of the ring, [illegible] the old horse and then sent him [illegible] obstacle. As the horse rose in [illegible] all thousands in their seats and [illegible] as trip hammers. Hempstead [illegible] "Bravo!" "Bravo!" from throats [illegible]hout, and the Garden was white [illegible] kerchiefs. You could not hear [illegible] neighbor speak and you didn't [illegible] Meanwhile Hempstead walked [illegible] old woman and did not mind [illegible]. Majestic's trial was to take [illegible]illed the first time, refused the [illegible] failed the third. Willing [illegible] beaten!

[illegible] by his victory takes the plate [illegible] offered by Vice-President Hecks [illegible] has been standing for two years [illegible] beating Leo's record.

### CIDER MAKING.

[illegible]er and November, according to [illegible], or when light frosts are occurring [illegible] the fruit is in all perfection of ripeness, [illegible] time to make a choice article of cider. [illegible]der from late apples is of better quality and possesses more body than from early apples. It will also keep much longer. Cider varies in character, not only with the the season in which it is made, but also with the quality of the apples. The best is made from apples which are somewhat astringent in their properties, the juice containing the largest percentage of alcohol. The strongest, as a rule, comes from apples which contain the least amount of juice. The different crab varieties such as the Virginia, Hessian, Canfield and others, are chiefly esteemed as cider apples, as also are the Russet and Pippin varieties, although almost any sort of fairly developed late apples make a very good article. The general opinion seems to be that the best cider that reaches the larger markets is made at steam mills, where the fruit is crushed in large bulk, it being thought that, other things being equal, cider made in a large press keeps better than that made in the common sized country presses. But however that may be, one thing is certain, that a richer, fuller-flavored and better colored cider is obtained when the romace is allowed to remain in the vat a few hours to become a little fermented before ex pressing the juice. The color of the juice is influenced more or less by the management of the pulp. Different varieties of apples impart different flavors, but from any one variety two distinct flavors may be produced—one by expressing the juice before any change of color takes place consequent upon the romace being longer exposed to the atmosphere, and the other before such exposure. In making what is called champagne cider, or where a little [illegible]r is desired, the juice should be ex[illegible]ssed immediately after grinding, and [illegible]ained through a cloth in the barrel—[illegible]hiskey barrels being best. When those cannot be obtained, care must be observed to the roughly cleanse the barrel with lime or wood ashes and hot water, after which, for greater security, the barrel should be well fumigated with rags dipped in melted sulphur, and, after igniting, dropped into the same.

If it is desired that the cider should be kept sweet, place the same into a kettle and bring to a boil, skimming off all scum as it rises. Then while the cider is still warm, bottle it as you would fruit to preserve it, sealing the bottles with corks dipped in a composition of equal parts melted tallow and resin—the main thing in in its preservation being to entirely exclude the air.—[Baltimore Sun.

### The Battle at Chrysler's Farm.

The 11th of November was the anniversary of the battle of Chrysler's farm, in which General Wilkinson, of the United States army, with 17,000 men from Sackett's Harbor, attacked a force of British under the command of Colonel Morrison, near Prescott. The U. S. forces were defeated with considerable loss and retreated to St. Regis, across the river, whence in the month of February following they retreated to Utica, frozen out. The battle of Chippawa was fought on the 5th of July following, and Lundy's Lane on the 25th.

Gen. Roberts started for Mandalay, and will at once commence operations against the Burmese insurgents.

## GIVING WEDDING PRESENTS.

The custom of giving wedding presents, as it now exists, is a social tax which though paid by every one, is only paid grudgingly and on compulsion. It represents neither affection nor interest, and is not productive of the smallest profit to any save the manufacturer whose wares are sold for that purpose. History does not say much about wedding presents, except as to the presents that the bridegroom and the bride gave to each other. The Greeks, we read, always presented a newly married couple with a basket of acorns mixed with bread. They gave household furniture besides, according to their feelings, admiration running to a four-post bedstead, while respect contented itself with a foot-stool; but the acorns were compulsory, and were to the Greeks what the teapot is to us. Why acorns we do not know; but everything those people did was emblematical. If they coughed it was highly emblematical, and if they stabbed their friends through the back, or a man ran away with his wife; it was still emblematical; so that, no doubt, both giver and receiver perfectly understood one another, and their acorns found their way to the pigs and the bread to the chickens, with benefit all around. Among the Romans, whom we could no more afford to lose than the Greeks, the relations and friends of the newly-married pair, we are told, were very great at parting with nuts at the marriage festival. The nuts in this case were also obligatory; the present-giver might throw in a toga, or an electro-plated chariot, or a fasces, or the back-pocket if he liked, but the nuts he must disburse. The nut again were emblematic of something serious, though historians have not yet made up their minds exactly what. Cracking nuts is still a standing pastime with the youth of certain classes even in our own day, and the custom probably has the above weighty sanction. But beyond the acorns and nuts we have nothing very definite as to what was expected of friends and relations in the way of presents.

### "Temperance Drinks."

From the Family Herald, London, Eng.

Some instructive information respecting "temperance drinks," as they are called, is to be found in the report for the past year of the Principal of the Laboratory of the Inland Revenue Office. Among the analyses of beer and malt made by the department during the twelve months, were 425 samples of "botanic beers" and other temperance beverages, more than one-half of which, it is stated, contained over the legal 2 per cent. proof spirit, the range extending from a mere trace up to 25 per cent. In nineteen of the latter cases the samples, although represented as non-intoxicating, contained as much spirit as—or more than—ordinary ale or porter. On the label of a professedly non alcoholic beverage which was analyzed a short time ago, it was asserted that total abstainers who consumed it were both pleased and surprised at its "comforting and exhilarating effects." The reason of their pleasure and surprise was, the Principal of the Laboratory remarks, obvious, inasmuch as the beverage in question contained no less than 23 per cent. of proof spirit.

### New Cars for the N. & N. W.

The first of the new passenges coaches being built for the Northern and Northwestern railway arrived in this city last week, direct from the shops. It is the finest, undoubtedly, that has ever passed over the road, and it is questionable if its equal runs to the city now. It is of a bright brown color on the outside and a lighter shade within. It is higher than most cars; the wood work is elegantly finished, the ceiling ornamented and the seats cushioned with olive green plush. It is supplied with double doors, double windows, and is heated with steam. The passenger will have the luxury of a footstool as well as that of a comfortable seat. The windows are large and the car light. It is well ventilated and supplied with five double and two single lamps, has an improved water reservoir, wash room and many other improvements. Sixteen such cars are being built and will be on the road before long.—Times.

### A Canadian Cricket Team for England.

A plan is on foot to send a team of Canadian cricketers to England next summer. The party will leave next July and play 10 games in the last two weeks of that month and the first half of August. The team will include Harley (Guelph), Ogden (Chicago), Boyd, Saunders, Vickers, A. Allan (Toronto), B. T. A. Bell (Montreal), W. Little (Ottawa), Henry (Halifax), Ferrie and Gillespie (Hamilton). At least these are the most prominent names in Canadian cricket, and these gentlemen will be asked to go. In fact, several of them have agreed to join the party.

### NEWS ITEMS.

Over five and a half million people visited the Indian and Colonial Exhibition since its opening.

A citizen of Tottenham called a young man of the place a puppy, and a magistrate decided that he had offended to the extent of $2.

The amendment to the Illinois constitution prohibiting contract convict labour was defeated at the recent election by a majority of 7,500.

The Committee of the Colonial Exhibition has announced that there is a surplus, and that no demand will be made on the guarantors.

Important modifications have been made by the Department of the Interior in the regulations regarding land warrants granted to volunteers for services during the North-West rebellion.

The Canadian Pacific railway authorities have made a proposition to the ratepayers of West Toronto Junction to remove their workshops at Parkdale to the Junction on certain conditions.

Proceedings have been instituted in Montreal against a cattle dealer, for knowingly bringing diseased sheep into that city from a scab infected county. The sheep were seized at the abattoir and destroyed.

It required a posse of constables, under an order from a federal court, to obtain a meal for a colored man at an Arkansas hotel one day last week. Few white men can afford to dine with so much constitutional and fifteenth amendment pomp and circumstance.

The Chatham, N. B., World has taken the Salvation Army under its protection, and offers a reward of $5 for the detection and conviction of the person who fired a stone through the head of the local contingent's big drum.

Prince Waldemar, replying to the Regents, expresses a grateful sense of the honour conferred upon him by the Sobranje. His decision as to the acceptance of the throne of Bulgaria rests with the father, and this is considered the preliminary to declining the rulership.

King Kalakaua personally draws annually from the enfeebled treasury of Hawaii the sum of $30,000, a large portion of which he invests in pin and poker. Other members of the royal family are pensioned at about $60,000 a year, and $20,000 is paid for the King's household expenses.

The New Westminster, British Columbian vigorously condemns the Vancouver City band for seeking to raise funds by means of a lottery with three prizes stated to be worth $990, and urges that the law be put in operation against promoters and ticket holders.

Scientists have found out that blonde hair is the finest and red the coarsest. This is not a very important contribution either to physiology or to toxicology, but, nevertheless, in order to prove it, a German physiologist has counted the hairs on four heads of equal weight—brains, bone, etc., excluded, with the following results:—The red head contained 90,000 hairs; the black, 103,000; the brown, 109,000, and the blonde 130,000.

Confirmation of the desertion of five of the Mounted Police from Regina has been received by the Department of Ottawa. The amount of money stolen, however, was $400, not $2,000, as reported.

There is a movement at Peterborough, England, to arrange for the adequate celebration next year of the tercentenary of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots. It is proposed to commemorate the event both at Fotheringay Castle, where she was executed, and also at Peterboro', as the cathedral there was her first burial place.

Prof. Saunders, superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm stations, left Ottawa last week for Manitoba, to select a site and make arrangements for the station in that province. He will also, if possible, proceed to the North-West Territories and British Columbia for the same purpose.

The fish story season is still open to reckless competitors. The latest entry is that made by an Edinburg lady who found a valuable gold ring in a herring she was eating. The New England fish ring will probably claim the jewelry had escaped from within their three mile limit.

Miss Kate Field complains that while travelling in Prohibitionist Iowa she was taken ill, and found her private medicinal brandy bottle empty. She was obliged to substitute a vile decoction for the pure quill. We should have thought so experienced a traveler would have known enough to take a keg with her.

Furs when taken out in the fall are often found to have a mussed, crushed-out appearance. They can be made to look like new by following these simple directions:—Wet the fur with a hair brush, brushing in the wrong way of the fur. Leave it to dry in the air for about half an hour, and then give it a good beating on the right side with a rattan. After beating it, comb it with a course comb, combing up the right way of the fur.

Mr. Michael Davitt will be married on Dec. 30, to Miss May Yora, of Oaklands, Cal. The young lady became acquainted with Mr. Davitt on his first visit to the Pacific Coast in 1880. The forthcoming event is the result of an attachment then formed. Miss Yora was born in America, of Irish parents, and is 23 years of age. She has been carefully educated by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Oakland, and is intensely patriotic.

It would seem that Nevada's day as a silver-producing country is past. It is announced that all operations in the lower levels of the mines on the great Comstock lode have been suspended. This really means that the mines have been worked out. From 1873 to 1878 Nevada produced over $200,000,000 of silver. Since then the yield has steadily declined, although the miners went deeper and deeper, and now nature has forbidden further operations. The population of the State has never been large, and it will now probably dwindle away to nothing. It was the search for the hidden treasures only that induced people to remain in the region of volcanic mountains, deserts and waterless plains.

It is odd that nobody appeared before the "Railway Commission" Commissioners when they sat to enlarge on the iniquities of the companies in regard to the transport of live stock. Our agricultural contemporaries fairly bristle with the injustice done the farmer, but where were their representatives on this occasion? The farmers contend, with some truth, that their township tax to pay bonuses conferred on railways once intended to be competitive with the trunk lines, but since absorbed by them, is oppressive, and that in addition the charge for local freight and for the interchange of small lots of live stock is almost prohibitive. Thus they catch it both ways. They also protest against the present classification of live stock as well as against the rates.

What must be considered the heaviest gun at present in existence has been just shipped at Antwerp for Italy. It was manufactured by Krupp, is 46 feet long, weighs nearly 116 tons without the breech piece, and 118 tons 3½ cwt. with the breech. It arrived at Antwerp on a specially constructed carriage, 105 feet long, and running on thirty-two wheels. It was at first intended to send the gun overland; but, the St. Gothard Railway and other Swiss railways objecting on account of its great weight, and fearing for their bridges, the weapon had to be taken to Antwerp, and thence forwarded to Italy by sea. Its ultimate destination is Spizza, where it is to be mounted in one of the ironclad ports guarding that harbor.

Mr. Charlton, M. P. for South Norfolk, closed his great speech at Victoria, B. C., as follows: "You are now a part of a great nation. Acquaint yourselves with its affairs and labor honestly to form a right conclusion upon them. Place country before party; draw the lines: determine in your own minds what policy is right or wrong—what leaders are worthy of support and who are not—and having determined, act accordingly. This great country, with its mountain peaks and valleys, its timber, its minerals, its fisheries, with all its resources—this great country is yours and your children's, and I implore you to realize how great and how sacred is the trust placed in your hands, remind you that you are now building for the future the foundations for a great commonwealth; and impress upon you the importance of laying those foundations in justice and in truth."

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 11.—Colonel Platt B. Walker a prominent lumberman, says that a syndicate of Canadian lumbermen, with partners in this State, have acquired the title to about five hundred million feet of pine timber in Northwestern Minnesota and are arranging to gobble up the rest of the vast timber belt on the Northern slope, far area including about one half of the entire State. He charges that the clause in the Sundry Civil Bill providing for a commission to treat with the Indians now occupying these lands for their removal to the White Earth Agency was aimed directly in the interest of this Canadian syndicate. Col. Walker adds that if these treaties should be confirmed $10,000,000 worth of Indian pine will certainly go into the hands of a foreign syndicate, and $15,000,000 worth of lumber that Dakota and Minnesota will shortly need will be owned by the same pool.

THE BARNADO COLONIZATION SCHEME.—The London Telegraph says:—Arrangements are being made for the establishment of a Canadian training farm for boys and girls from the Barnardo homes in England and Canada. The farm or colony is to be located at Birtle, in the Canadian North-West. Dr. Barnardo has purchased from the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Dominion Government, and the Scottish and Ontario Land Company, seven square miles, or 4,480 acres of land en bloc. Mr. Owen, travelling superintendent of the homes, has been successfully negotiating with the squatters on the land for the purchase of their interest, and the land is now ready for use for the purpose indicated. It is proposed to erect the necessary buildings, and to have the first batch of boys sent out next spring. They will be taught practical farming, and as they grow up to manhood will be encouraged to settle on farms of their own, thus giving place to other rescued waifs. As the scheme developes, creameries and cheese factories are to be established, which will give employment and industrial training to girls. There is plenty of wood and water on the farms, or in the vicinity.


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