



**STRANGEST HORSE RACE.**  
Winner is Given Extraordinary Honors.

Surely the strangest horse race in the world is that held at Siena for the Palio—the silken banner that is given to the winner. The course is stone-paved, the race being run three times round the Piazza Vittorio Emanuele, the big public square of Siena. There are sharp corners to negotiate, and a bad bit of up-and-down hill, and over all an inch or so of sand is thrown to "soften" the falls, but principally to hold the horses up. It is a bareback race; the jockeys, dressed in a suit of colors and an iron helmet, are provided with an official whip, made of ox-hide, with which they may thrash each other, each other's horses, or their own, as they prefer. It is only essential that the horses should win, with or without its jockey does not matter, or count for or against. Some forty thousand spectators occupy seats in tiers that are built up all round the square, and fill the balconies, and the centre of the square itself. It is the Contrade, or wards, of Siena that compete. There are seventeen of them, and each has its chapel, its emblematic animal or insect, its officers and officers. Only ten, however, can enter the race, the choice being made by lottery. Twice a year the Palio is so competed for, and has been for over 150 years. Before then buffaloes were ridden, and earlier still donkeys, were driven round the square, and further back again battles with clubs took place. Accidents are numerous. The honors to the winning horse are many; among these its hoofs are gilded and it is taken around the town the next day with more waving of banners and beating of drums. A week or so after the race there is a banquet, at which it is an honored guest, and eats at the head of the table.

**Waterman's Self-Filling Pens.**  
These are the highest achievement in fountain pen making; a source of endless satisfaction. We have them at \$2.50 up. Waterman's "Modern" pens at \$1 up. Come and see them at Wade's drug store.

**Hardly Possible.**  
Chicago News.  
"Oh, you can laugh all you want to," said Green, with a show of indignation, "but I'm not as big a fool as you think I am."  
"Well," rejoined Brown, "to tell the truth I didn't believe it could be possible."

**'T I EAT MEN DO?**  
SLAVE TO DYSPESIA—GROSS DERANGEMENTS CURED AND CURED BY TRUE REMEDY AS  
**Apple Tablets**  
ONE DAY

...ure fruit pepsin that is pleasant to take,—powerful in the work it does,—but as harmless as milk,—helps all the stomach distresses immediately and will give good relief to the most acute cases in one day.—You go about your business,—eat hearty meals,—enjoy all the pleasures as they come, and as you do so the Doctor plays his part, and works permanent cures.

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**LAMPS**  
50 Fancy Lamps. Just got them in a job lot. Come and get one for Christmas, as I am going to sell them at TURK'S Second-Hand Store, 399 Princess St. Phone. 705.

**FOR SALE**  
Choice Brick Residence, Barrie street all improvements, grand location. Double Stone Dwelling. Earl street, bath, gas, etc.  
Frame Dwelling, Albert street, barn, shed, large lot and many others.  
SWIFT'S Real Estate and Insurance Agency.

**Convict, After 47 Years in Prison, Scared of New York.**

New York, Dec. 16.—Forty-seven years a convict and now a free man, Franz Hoffman, in years of service the oldest prisoner in New York state, is afraid to leave Sing Sing prison and come to this city, where he fears he may be run over or lost. Hoffman has heard of elevated railroads and sub-

ways and of the new and strange things to be found in New York, and the thought of it all frightened him so that he begged to remain in prison until next week, when a keeper will accompany him here. Hoffman was convicted of murder in the second degree forty-seven years ago.

the charge of perjury, but they found that he had sailed for New York on Thursday last.  
**Appointed General Messenger.**  
Cecil Bateman, B.Sc., a graduate of Queen's School of Mining, in 1905, has been promoted to the general management of the Topia Mining company, at Topia, Dyranga, Mexico. Mr. Bateman is a son of George A. Bateman, Sydenham street, this city.  
No gentleman in Kingston would think of giving any other make of candy when he can buy McCoskey's and Hovley's high-class candy at Gibson's Red Cross drug store.

**Daring Crime Perpetrated at Orange, N.J.—Hammer Used.**

Orange, N.J., Dec. 16.—Frederick R. Romer, an undertaker, was beaten to death by a hammer in bed in his room in the Park hotel here some time on Friday night, while the occupants of nearby rooms slept peacefully. The murderer washed his hands and

**Jas. Redden & Co.**  
Importers of Fine Groceries.

**Diabolo A "Prohibited Pet."**  
London, Dec. 16.—Diabolo has become such a craze on board vessels in the Mediterranean fleet that diabolo pets are now rated with parrots and monkeys as "prohibited pets."  
Vantine's Oriental perfumes for Christmas giving at Best's.  
Fancy shaving mugs at Chown's drug store.