COCK FIGHTING.

Contest Between Virginia and North Carolina - Spirited Fighting - Fine Birds Engaged-Excellent Condition-A Draw Main-Outside Betting-Great Excitement-Inclement Weather and Much Mud-Virginia Triumphant, Etc. Cool Spriso, near Petersburg, Va., March 22, 1867.—Near the Cockade of Virginia, to with Petersburg, there has, been during the last week one of the most spirited contests in the arena that has been witnessed for many a long day. The "early bird" had been chal-

lenging his neighbor in vain; for the booming of the cannon and the whirr of the Minie ball had almost stilled him into silence; but at last the echo caught the sound, and it was answered shrill, clear, and defiant. Virginia challenged North Carolina, and after due preliminaries the combatants met at Petersburg on the 19th instant to settle their unanswered differences. Notwithstanding the unprecedented inclemency of the weather, a large crowd of sporting gentlemen assembled at Cool Spring, which is situated near this goahead city, to decide on the respective merits of the historic, valiant warriors of the two States of Virginia and North Carolina.

The number assembled was, I suppose,

about five hundred, mostly of the sporting fraternity, the exceedingly rainy weather and muddy ground preventing others from witnessing the sport. The pit was forty feet in diameter, and (which tended greatly to damage the fun) was out of doors; but of such great interest was the affair, large numbers vere present each day. Virginia was most ably represented by Robert Allen, a magistrate of the city of Richmond, a great sportsman, who, in the handling of birds, is not to he surpassed, and who, for reliable sport, may be thoroughly depended upon. North Carolina was well represented by several gentlemen who enjoy a sporting reputation, and who also displayed skill in the management and pitting of their cocks. Baltimore, Philadelphia, and even New York, were represented by members of this fraternity, and a large amount of money changed hands outside. The prize was \$2200 on the "main," each and every fight being \$100 per side.

On Tuesday morning the contestants met, and the "show" took place, each party displaying their birds to the greatest advantage. In this North Carolina took the victory, Thirty-one cocks aside were shown, and twenty a side matched-those from the North State being finer in appearance, and heavier in every instance. The lightest bird shown weighed four pounds four ounces, and the heaviest six pounds ten ounces. North Carolina by this exhibition had the choice of the fight; and they compelled Mr. Allen, of Richmond, to fight a red cock against a North Carolina grey, both weighing four pounds four ounces. This being the opening fight, a good deal of interest was excited and the spectators pressed forward eager to witness it. Not much betting was yet indulged in. The birds were both in good condition, being neatly trimmed and heeled with two three-quarter gaffs. They came up game, and after an excellent display of genuine pluck for seventeen minutes, Mr. Allen's cock won, his antagonist dying immediately. This ended the first day's proceedings.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was again exceedingly inclement; but, nothing daunted, the parties appeared again upon the scene with their birds in line trim. As to-day the sport was to com-mence in good earnest, Mr. Allen, of Richmond, and Mr. James Falkin, of North Carolina, were equipped for the pit. The birds were all game and some of them very fine looking. In the majority of cases the North Carolina cocks weighed most, the show giving them this precedence.

fight Mr. Allen pitted a handson Virginia bird, weighing four pounds eleven ounces, against Mr. Falkin's North Carolina bird, weighing four pounds twelve ounces. This fight was very spirited, but lasted only forty seconds, Mr. Allen's cock winning,

Falkin's being killed. The second fight soon took place, outside betting being quite brisk. A Virginia red cock, four pounds fourteen ounces, was now pitted against a North Carolina grey cock of five pounds. Fighting very spirited, both birds true game, lasting twenty-seven ininutes, when the North Carolina bird was declared the victor, his antagonist dying. A good deal of money here changed hands.

The third fight was not of long duration Mr. Allen now pitted a Virginia "pile," weighing four pounds fourteen ounces against a five pound, North Carolina black. In this Allen was victorious in one minute and ten seconds, the North Carolina bird being

The fourth encounter was between a Virginia "pile" of five pounds, and a North Carolina bird of five pounds two ounces. Both birds looked well and fought spiritedly for two minutes, when the Virginia bird killed its antagonist, and was declared the winner. Betting

A Virginia black red, of five pounds two ounces, was now put against a North Carolina bird of five pounds four ounces, same color. The betting was very good, odds being given against the Virginia bird. The fight lasted fifteen minutes, North Carolina being the victor. Considerable sums changed

The closing fight of the day, being the sixth, now came off. Mr. Allen pitted a "pile" of five pounds four ounces against a North Carolina black grey of five pounds five ounces. This fight was of short duration, but very fierce, lasting only one and a half minutes, Mr. Allen's bird being the victor. THIRD DAY.

As usual, wet and exceedingly disagreeable weather, the ground being mud ankle-deep, and consequently difficult for the animals to fight. The first contest was Mr. Allen's Peteraburg red, five pounds six ounces, against Mr. Falkin's North Carolina black grey, five pounds seven onnees, which lasted five minntes, when Allen's ran clear out of the pit. and the North Carolina bird was declared the

The second fight was between Allen's "pile, five pounds eight ounces, and Falkin's black, pounds ten ounces. These two birds looked beautiful, and excited a great deal of attention, betting being brisk. The fight lasted seven minutes, when the North Carolina bird was killed, and Allen's declared the

victor. Allen's grey, five pounds ten ounces, was now pitted against Falkin's North Carolina blue grey, five pounds eleven ounces. This fight was very desperate, and lasted nine minutes, the North Carolina bird being the victor, Allen's bird dying. This was the third

fight. For the fourth contest to-day a black grey Virginia, five pounds eleven ounces, was pitted against a North Carolina black red, five pounds thirteen ounces. This fight opened well, and was very spirited for thirteen minntes, when the North Carolina ran and Vir-

ginia was declared the victor. Next Allen's black, five pounds twelve ounces, fought Falkin's blue-red, five pounds | wincing. before his arms were pinioned he was

thirteen ounces. The beautiful appearance of these two birds engaged the attention of everybody, and after a glorious fight of twenty-seven minutes, the North Carolina bird killed his antagonist. A good deal of money changed hands on this fight.

The sixth and last fight of this day was between a Virginia white five pounds thirteen ounces, and a North Carolina black, five pounds fifteen ounces. The betting became spirited, and the fight was decided in four minutes, the Virginia bird being the victor his antagonist killed, after fighting a minute, with his throat cut.

FOURTH AND LAST DAY.

If anything this day was still more disagreeable than any of the preceding days; alternately there was snow, sleet, and rain, which, added to the miserable condition of the ground, rendered the amusement rather anything else but an amusement. Still the sport progressed, and it might be said with a greater vim and more spirit than heretofore. The contest was opened by Mr. Allen's Virginia blue red, five pounds fifteen ounces, being pitted against Falkin's North Carolina black red, six pounds. This fight was spirited, lasting eleven minutes, when Allen's bird ran, and the North Carolina bird was declared the victor. In the second fight Allen was still unsuccessful. He placed a Petersburg red, six pounds, against a North Carolina grey, six pounds two ounces, and after lighting four minutes the Petersburg bird ran, North Carolina being the victor. The betting was still quite brisk, and a considerable sum changed hands.

Again, in the third contest, ill-luck attended Allen. This time be pitted a Charlottesville grey bird, six pounds two ounces, against a orth Carolina bird, six pounds four ounces. These were two powerful birds, and heavy bets were made on both sides. Both birds came to the scratch game, and fought obstinately for seventeen minutes, when Allen's Virginia followed the example of the two preceding him, and ran.

The fourth contest now excited intense interest, in the hope that Allen would recover his lost prestige, on the part of the Virginians, while the North Carolinians were jubilant over their success. He now brought out a finelooking heavy bird, six pounds four ounces, and Falkin produced another splendid black, of same weight. The weights being equal, the betting was spirited on both sides, and large sums were staked.

The birds, seeming to appreciate the importance of the occasion, went to work vigorously but guardedly, and after a most spirited contest of forty minutes, both animals fell victims, the North Carolina bird being declared the victor. The throats of both

In the fifth encounter Allen was more sucessful. He now pitted a large black red, six ounds, eight ounces, against a North Carolina black, six pounda nine ounces. Both birds were in a beautiful condition, and the excite ment among the spectators becam intense Large bets were made, and both parties seemed hopeful of victory.

The birds went to work gallantly and fought without intermission for over one hour, when the threats of both were cut, and Allen' was declared the victor, it having survived. Considerable sums again changed hands.

The sixth fight was not of long duration. Allen pitted a white bird, six pounds eight ounces, against a North Carolina, six pounds nine ounces. They fought two minutes, when Allen's bird was declared victor, the North Carolina bird being killed.

The seventh being the last fight of the main the only two matched birds left were pitted, being a Virginia blue red against a North Carolina black. This fight lasted five minutes, the Virginia bird being killed. Here a large number of bets were settled and large amounts changed hands, both on the single fight and

This last decided the contest to be a "draw main," the North Carolinians seeming to be pleased with the result of the last day's fighting, which redeemed their prowess, and they left the field in good spirits.

Allen, on the part of Virginia, challenged them to fight in sixty days for \$5000 a side, or even \$2500; but from this they backed down. In addition to the above three back fights took place, all of which Allen won. All present were pleased with the sport, and the whole passed off without even a quarrel.-N. Y.

FRANCE.

Execution of the Murderer Lemaire -- Exciting Scene.

Paris Correspondence (10th) London Times, Lemaire has been guillotined. It will be remembered that he had deliberately murdered a woman whem his father was about to marry. In court he not only pleaded guilty, but gloried in his crime. He stated that his "plan" was to murder his future step-mother and her family, and then to kill his father; afterwards he meant to rob the house, and "jaire in noce"
-a slang French phrase, the only equivalent to which is to "have some fun" with the money, and then surrender. He told the court that a life of hard work would not suit him, and he made a speech to the jury, pointing out that his was not a case for extenuating circumstances, and told the Court that his judges would have a great deal to answer for if they did not sentence him to death. The jury, for a wonder, brought in a verdict of guilty, without extenuating cir-cumstances, and sentence of death was duly recorded against him. He refused to appeal to the Court of Cassation, and stubbornly declined to be in any way a party to the efforts of his counsel to obtain a commutation of punishment from the Emperor's mercy. His advocate, however, used his almost endeavors to save the life of this precocious murderer; but the report of the medical men who examined him was con-clusive as to the absence of any indication of anything like insanity, and it was deter-mined to let the law take its course. For several days past the Place de la Roquette, where executions now take place, had been thronged by that motley crowd which the guitlotine always brings together. Night after night, in spite of the sleet and snow and frost, thousands had met in the narrow dismal street that leads to the dingy little square. The per-severance of these amateurs of the guillotine was rewarded—the sinister-looking machine was being put up by torchiight. Presently a large body of troops and police were marched up, and cleared the narrow square, so that the crowd, driven into the back streets, was, after all, cheated of its treat-to see the fall of the knife. But some dilettanti, who occupied the knife. But some dictitanti, who occupied the windows of neighboring wine-shops, had a full view of the ghastly scene. As day was breaking, about half-past five, the executioner and his staff made their appearance on the platform, and immediately proceeded to see that the machinery was in good working order, by twice letting the knife fail. Meanwhile his attendants brought up a number of pairs of water, and a number of bundles of straw, which they proceeded to make a dles of straw, which they proceeded to make a litter of under and around the fatal machine. A little later a black, one-horse spring wagon was driven up. Whilst this was going on the crowd in the streets were not pushing or tighting, but quietly singing, "La femme a barbe," "Fallait pas qu'il y aille," aud other ditties of the same character. Lemaire was roused from his sleep at about half-past 5, and was told that the time had come. He braved it out to the last—be quietly remarked that he had been waiting long He underwent the fatal toilet, i. e., the shaving of the hair at the back of the head, and the cutting off of the collar of his shirt, without

asked whereer he should like to take auything. He said he should like to smoke a pipe to the He said he should like to smoke a pipe d, and he ascended the scaffold quietly pulling away at a short, black clay pipe. On the scaffold the executioner took it out of his mosth, snd removed a blouse which was thrown over his shoulders. He looked around unconcernedly. The attendants then bound him to the plank. The eye-witness who supplies me with these particulars felt unable to look on any longer—he turned his head aside, heard a heavy thud, and when he ventured to look no say the hud, and when he ventured to look up saw the executioner's assistants dashing great bucket papers state that he consented to confess his sine to the prison chaplain, and to receive the last sacraments, but nothing in his attitude showed penitence for the crime he had com-

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And whereas, It is desirable that the same should be paid, and withdrawn from the market

should be paid, and withdrawn from the market therefore,
Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the Governor, Auditor-General, and State Treasurer be, and are hereby, authorized and empowered to borrow, on the faith of the Commonwealth, in such amounts and with such notice (not less than forty days) as they may deem most expedient for the interest of the State, twenty-three millions of dollars, and issue certificates of loan or bonds of the Commonwealth for the same, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per annum payable semi-annually, on the lst of February and 1st of August, in the city of Philadelphia; which certificates of loan or bonds shall not be subject to any faxation whatever, for State, municipal, or local purposes, and shall be payable at any time after five years, and within ten years; eight millions of dollars payable at any time after five years, and within ten years; eight millions of dollars at any time after five years, and within the years; and ten millions of dollars at any time after five years, and state Treasurer, and countersigned by the Auditor-General, and registered in the books of the Auditor-General, and registered in the books of State Treasurer, and countersigned by the Auditor-General, and registered in the books of the Auditor-General, and to be transferable on the books of the Commonwealth, at the Farmers' and Mechanies' National Bank of Philadelphia; the proceeds of the whole of which, loan, including premiums, etcetera, received on the same, shall be applied to the payment of the bonds and certificates of indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The bids for the said loan shall be presented in the presence of the Governor, Auditority of the presence of the Governor, Auditority of the said to the presence of the Governor.

Section 2. The bids for the said loan shall be opened in the presence of the Governor, Anditor-General, and State Trensurer, and awarded to the highest bidder: Provided, That no certificate hereby authorized to be issued shall be negotiated for less than its par value.

Section 3. The bonds of the State and certificates of indebtedness, now overdue, shall be receivable in payment of the said loan, under such regulations as the Governor, Anditor-General, and State Treasurer may prescribe and every bidder for the loan now authorized to be issued, shall state in his bid whether the same is payable in cash or in the bonds, or certificates of indebtedness of the Commonwealth.

wealth. Section 4. That all trustees, executors, admin istrators, guardians, agents, treasurers, committees, or other persons, holding, in a fiduciary capacity, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the State or moneys, are hereby authorized to bid for the loan hereby authorized

authorized to bid for the loan hereby authorized to be issued, and to surrender the bonds or certificates of loan heid by them at the time of making such bid, and to receive the bonds authorized to be issued by this act.

Section 5. Any person or persons standing in the nauciary capacity stated in the fourth section of this act, who may desire to invest money in their hands for the benefit of the trust, may, without any order of court, invest the same in the bonds authorized to be issued by this act, at a rate of premium not exceedby this act, at a rate of premium not exceed-

by this act, at a rate of premium not exceeding twenty per centum.
Section 6. That from and after the passage of
this act, all the bonds of this Commonwealth
shall be paid off in the order of their maturity.
Section 7. That all loans of this Commonwealth, not yet due, shall be exempt from
State, municipal, or local taxation, after the
Interest due February 1st, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, shall have been Section 8. That all existing laws, or portions

thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby re-JOHN P. GLASS.

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L. W. HALL,
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Approved the second day of February, one
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