If I knew what poets know,
I would find a theme
Sweeter than the placid flow
Of the fairest dream;
I would sing of love that lives
On the errors it forgives; And the world would better grow If I knew what poets know.

PAYING THEIR DEBTS.

John Ramsey was ploughing the seven-acre lot, his careless, loose dress displaying to advantage his tall, muscular figure, and a broad straw hat shaded a handsome face, with large dark eyes set beneath a forehead whose breadth and beight promised a powerful brain. The hands that guided the plough were strong hands, but whiter and more delicate than such pursuits usually allow.

Dalsy Hale sat perched upon the topmost rail of the fence that enclosed the seven-acre lot. Her dress was print. but made with flounces on the skirt, and ruffles on the walst. Her short golden hair was curled carefully in a fringe over her forehead, and gathered into longe curls into a comb behind, above which was a very jaunty hat, covered with puffs of white muslin and bows of the ribbon to match the spots

upon her dress. The face under Daisy's hat was gloomy, not to say cross. A very pretty face, but not pleasant, having a pettish, spoiled-child frown, and a brooding discontent in the large flue eyes.

Presently the ploughman drew near the fence, and taking off hishat, fanned himself with 1t, stopping his horses while he leased indolently against the

"You look deliciously coo under this great tree,"he said, 'and-h'm-very much dressel for nine o'dock in the morning."

"In a tencent calico,', she said, contemptuously "When are you coming

"At noon to dinner."

"It is too absurd," she broke out, angry, tears n her eyes, "for you to be ploughing and hoeing and miking cows and doing the work of a laboring man. I thought when you came home from college you would do something besides work on a farm,"

"And let be farm go to ruin? That would be a petty way to pay my debts.' "Your deits!" she said, looking as-"bo you owe debts?" rainly! You and I are both

in debt. Daisy, and I think unt Mary took us in, poor little I, he nephew; you, her second cosin," she interrupted,

'since you as so particular! I know what you men, but am very sure that when Aunt Hary sent you to college and me to the Brookdale Academy, she never intended to have us return to drudge on the horr! old farm!" 'Do you know that all the money

she savel in a life of hard work was spent on our education? Do you know that she has nothing now but the farm, and that to take her away from it would probably shorten her life?"

"She always has taken care of it her-

"Are you blind that you cannot see how the four years she has been alone here haved aged her, how fetble she is? While we were living at ease in our college and school, she has tiled for us until she is wearied out,"

"But you could send her money, if you were in the city in some rentlemanly occupation.' "Perhaps so, ten or tvelve years

from now. To day, I propose to plough this lot and see how many bushels of corn I den raise on it!"

He tok hold of the plough handles as he spake, started the horses, and left her, hereyes full of angry terrs. 'He night as well have sad what he

meant, she thought, springing down and staring for the house. 'He thinks I ought to cook and wash, and make butter, and work like a sevant girl, when I have studied so hard and tried to make myself a lady, that he might not be ashaned of me."

And jet, in her heart, sheknew that he was ashamed of her, and that she deserved it. Ashamed that she could sit in her room, selfishly e grossed in making pretty articles of dr ss, or reading while her cousin, or, s she, too, called her, Aunt Mary, wirked in the kitchen, the dairy and the pultry yard,

from day's dawn till night She was not all selfishnes, and heartlessness, though there had grown a thick crust of bath over her better nature. Her idea of ladies and gentlemen depended argely upon clothing and pursuit, and she had not yet quite realized how much more nearly John's standard reached the desired point than

As she drew near the house the sting of John's words lenetrated more and more through the trust she had drawn over her heart, until a fresh stab met her at the door. Looking in at the open door, she saw awhite head bowed in weeping, a slight figure shaken by

Quickly through all the selfishness, self-reproach struck at the girl's heart, yards or more immediatly in ront of and in a moment she vas on her knees

the weeping woman. "Oh! Aunt Mary, what is it? Oh! the open piny wods."
please don't cry so! Oh what has hap-

"Why, Dalsy, dear" that would not be chec ment's notice-"don't only tired, dearie-only Could she have struck

letper? Tired! los become a At seventy housework wearness! At seventy and seem as if one ought to rest who young hands and active feet take u the burdens. She was very tired, thisatic ant old wo-

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man, who had given her lime work for others; first for her parents, an for an invalid brother, lastly for two orphan children, with such innumerable acts of neighborly kindness as only the record-

ing angel of good deeds knew. Weil might she be tired! It was new to her to be caressed, to have tender hands lead her to her room and looses her dress, a tender voice coax her to lie

"Now I will darken the window, Dalsy said, "and you are to rest. Sleep, if you can, until after dinner time." "But, Daisy, you cannot get the disner," "I could get a dinner ever since I was

a dozen years old," was the quick reply, and Aunt Mary submitted. Washing the potatoes, shelling peas, frying ham, making coffee, all allowed thought to be busy, and Dalsy sighingly put away some of her day-dreams

over her homely tasks.

"I cannot be a lady," she thought, "and John won's be a gentleman, but I will try to pay my share of the deats." She had taken off her flounces and hat, and put on a plain dress and large check apron before she began to work, and she was rather astonished, as her kitchen duties progre-sed, to find berself happier than she had been since she returned home.

When John came to answer the dinner bell he was astonished to find Kunt Mary, "quite dressed up" as he blushingly said, in a clean print dress and white arms, was carrying in the dinner. "The new girl at your service," she said, saucily, as she pulled down her sleeves, "Dinner is ready, sir."

But her lips quivered as he bent over her and whispered. "God bless you, dear! Forgive me if

I was too hasty this morning."
It was a merry meal. They made a play that was more than half earnest, of Aunt Mary's being a great lady who to his ploughing, and Aunt Mary, pans.

John said but little as the days wore other enemies. on and still found Daisy at her post. It was not in the nature of thags for but it became Daisy's task to mauguof a pleasure.

And the young girl herself was surprised to find how much she enjoyed

omestic affairs they seemed to engross | blood of her helpless family, every hour of the day, and John ensigned its gay vase of stiffartificial and deliver. flowers and stand of wax fruit to make shiny horse hair sofa and chairs pretty | end of time. bits of embroidery were draped, and fresh flowers were supplied each day.

same will and brains that had carried him through college, was inaugurating a new order of affairs on the farm, and made the work pay well.

Once more came a June day, when Daisy sat on the fence of the seven-acre lot and John stood leaning against the rails beside her. Four years of earnest loving work had left traces upon bo h the young faces, ennobling them, and yet leaving to them all the glad content that rewards well-doing. Many hours of self-denial both bad met bravely, many deprivations both had berns well. Daisy wore a black dress, and upon the hat in John's hand was a band of crape. but though a sadness in their voices there yet rang a tone of happiness. "You love me, Daisy?" Join had

said to ber. "When have I not loved you?" she

"And you will be my wife? Iarling. I have long loved you, but after Aunt Mary was struck down with paraysis I would not ask you to take u) new duties. Now she needs you no longer

"Leave the farm! Oh, John must we leave it?" I thought it was yours now."

"So it is." "And you have made it beautful as well as profitable? Oh, John, why must

we leave?" "Only because I thought it was your

wish." "It would break my heart to go away. I leve my home, and since we have been able to keep a girl for the roughest work I have leisure for so many

things. could produce a sweeter, daintie little lady than the one he held in his arms,

Butterflies in Georgia.

In the fall butterflies are always seen | health. in quantities on sunny days flying east-ward. The edito says: "We sit talkng to a friend abut an hour on Monday morning, will an open space of 100 us, and counted be migrating pigrims beside the law chair, ler arms around passing before a, averaging one to every minute. Syriads may be seen in

> when an increased decoration is desired. For full-reas, however, Parisians are almostumiversally adopting loops of ribbon, the which are introduced a few natual-looking leaves or a flower.

THE FERRET FAMILY. Plucky, Pushing and Predatory Species of Animals.

to the English language with a meaning

in accordance with its own disposition.

To ferret out a secret. That is, by cun-

Romance Along the Shore.

There is a great deal of sentiment

connected with the sea. There is also

a great deal of lying connected with

the seashore. At Asbury Park there

were a great many omnibusses bearing

the sign, "To Shirk River.'1 Shark

River should have been named after at

least one shark. He ought to have been

at least ten feet long. If he died after

they named the river in his honor,

some other shark, even if only three

feet long, should have dropped around

once in a while to see that the river

After those signs had stared me in

River. I found it to be a rivulet, with

just about enough water to rinse the

"Some college gals, I believe."

"Was a shark ever seen here?"

there 'Lake Como,' they couldn't con-

sistently call this Mud Creek any

longer. They called it 'Dolphin Sound'

Retreat," and a couple of us rode out

one day to hunt them up, and see if it

over the fence with his tongue out.

pertickler they doan' git it here 'tail."

"So's to git \$7 a week for board."

duced the price of board to summer

visitors every season until the price had

now dropped to \$8 per week. They

presence of Mount Grant, which was

of music, and a rich man's son with

Surf Retreat was half a mile be

low. The Retreat consisted of a double

rods to the surf, and there wasn't

she didn't know enough to boil pota-

The Royal Academy in Sweden.

tion of spirit it is interesting to see how

in the far north another institution

which goes by the same name is flour-

ishing and appreciated alike by sover-

eign and people. The Swedish Acad-

emy, based on the same principles as

the Academic Francaise, has recently

celebrated its hundredth anniversary,

and King Oscar was one of the guests

of the "Eighteen," His speech deliv-

ered on that occasion is full of eloquent

passages, from which we take the fol-

lowing, as illustrating the progress of

civilization in Scandinavia. That the

statement is in no way exaggerated

will be acknowledged by all who are acquainted with the literature of the

north, which, unfortunately, is far too

king, "sang its first saga in the early

morning hours of our history. On the

"The Swedish language," said the

last thing the old man said was:

And Jim added:

away to your friends.

"How much per week?"

'Who named the place.

"Mam."

Shark River to catch greenhorns."

"Who named this river?" I asked of

whisky out of a shark's throat.

the driver.

"No."

"No."

miles of the place?"

"Do you expect to?"

million dollars' expense.

animal does the rabbit.

The struggle for existence among the lower animals is a matter which employs the greatest part of daily routine. This battle is also waged in the human family, but is masked by the more expansive reasoning powers of man. The ower animals are so innocent of wrong, so disingenious, so frank, that the selfishness of it all is apparrent to the most

casual observer. Among carnivorous animals living in their natural haunts there is little done beyond a constant search for food and to rest the necessary hours allotted them for sleep. It is a matter as to whether to eat or be eaten.

Ferrets are probably the most essentially selfish of all animals, and know better how to survive than any other. They are bold, bloodthirsty, cruel animals, and being gifted with great courage and indomitable perseverance, any animal caught by them has small hope of escape.

It seems that ferrets which belong to the weasel family, were brought from their homes in Africa by the Romans into Spain at a time when that country was overrun with rabbits. So plentiful were these hoppers in Spain that the desolation of the peninsula was threatened. They become naturalized and are now one of the wild animals of the country; but although widely dissemwhite apron, her dear old face showing | inated over the world from there, and in no sign of heat or weariness, while a manner domesticated, they cannot Daisy, with added bloom, and hare survive the winters of the northern temperate zone, and rely upon man for protection and support.

For a long period these snaky little creatures have been employed in hunting. Pliny mentions that as long ago as his time ferrets were employed for hunting rabbits. They were called viverru, and it is quite possible that we have our word ferret from this name.

All the weasels are carniverous, and have long slim bodies and short legs, was to be walted upon, and not allowed | On account of the peculiar shape of the to rise from the table under any con- body they are called by scientists vermisideration! Dinner over, John returned form carnivora, that is: Flesh-eating animals with worm shaped bodies. firmly refusing to sit in idleness, was | Having such little slim forms they can allowed to wash cups and saucers, while | pursue their victims into their burrows Daisy made short work of pols and and kill or drive them forth, attacking them in their forts, impregnable to their

These animals have great strength for their small size, and can overcome much Aunt Mary to sit with folded hands, larger animals. They inspire great fear, completely terrorizing the poor victim. rate daily naps, to see that only the This is not to be wondered at, because a light work came to the older hands, to rabbit, squirrel or rat feels itself secure make daily work less of a toll and more sitting at the bottom of its warm burrow surrounded by its family. Suddenly without warning mother rabbit wakes with a start to find a pair of calculating he life that had seemed to her a mere | eyes fixed upon her and her babies, and gleaming white teeth more than ready With younger hands to carry on the to tear her flesh and feast upon the

Ferrets may be called the burglars of couraged Daisy in making us of the t e animal kingdom; burglars, too, who stiff, shut-up parlor as a daily sitting- are not content with any less spoils than room. A pair of muslin cutains at lifeblood, which, when they make up each window were skillfully daped to their minds to get it, are the surest ones keep out the flies, the centre able re- in the world to make the victim stand

In this and other countries it is room for two dainty work-bakets for against the law to hunt with ferrets, the only mountain of that name any"afternoon work," and the periodicals but it has been done for hundreds of where on the coast. The woman hadn't John had sent to his aunt. Over the years, is done now and will be till the any boarders just then, but was ex-

The method is to muzzle the beast and start it into a rabbit's burrow. Aunt Mary's caps, her collars and They are not at all modest about invaaprons were adjusted to suit the new ding the privacy of the bunny's house, order of things, and the easiest of chairs | and in less than half a minute bre're'r stood ever ready for her resting time | rabbit comes out as though fired out of And John, bringing to his task the a gun, with the ferret running a close

It is necessary to muzzle them or they will kill the game, gorge themselves with its blood and remain in the hole to leep off the effects.

Poachers in England resort to this ethod. They take nets with them, hich they hold over the mouth of the le and catch the rabbit as he rushes

The best use to which ferrets are put s in ridding houses of rats and mice. If one be turned loose, a very short time elapses before the rats will be heard squealing and scampering in every direction. They kill them with one snap, sinking their teeth into the backbone just at the base of the brain. So of that, and we den't object to smokinvariably is this habit that one can say ing or swearing," with assurance that an animal wounded in this way received its injury from some member of the weasel family.

In the same group of carnivora are found martins, polecats, ermines-a variety of the polecat-skunks and others, the latter well known on account of its value as a fur bearer.

All of the groups are provided with a small portion of offensive liquids, most marked in the skunk, which they use as a means of defense. They all have long, slender bodies, sharp claws, short legs, and a large-sized appetite for blood.

The claws of the ferret are sharp and strong, and by means of them it can climb trees to rob nests; eat eggs or little birds, and probably catch an occasional squirrel. All of the family except otters live upon blood and flesh. The latter live near the water, and are such expert divers and swimmers that they can catch fish, with ease plunging into the water, summer and winter, and

seldom coming out without a victim. Ferrets are capable of being domesticated, but are more or less dangerous, Besides they show no affection whatever for the one who cares for and feeds them-a most unsatisfactory trait in a little known in England: They are fond of bread and milk, a diet which, if a little meat be occasionally added, will keep them in good

On account of their intrepidity they sometimes attack human beings. A case is related where a large-sized one nearly killed a baby, and would surely have done so had it not been discovered

and driven off. Another story showing the flerceness of them is told of a bargeman whose boat was infested with rats. He got a penned down, page by page, in elegant ferret and let it loose. It stayed away characters, with unwearied industry. through sobs at a modular mounted in brilants are also worn letter? Tired!

The present style of weating the present style of weating the hair has been sugestive of man' grace and hour or so was waked by a pain near has been sugestive of man' grace and hour or so was waked by a pain near has been sugestive of man' grace ful ornaments. The beast had left off hunting mounted in brilants are also worn letters. The beast had left off hunting upon the bed. ferret and let it loose. It stayed away had sunk his teeth into the bargeman's cheek, where it resisted all means to consonants." make it let go. As last its head was cut off, and even then the jaws had to

northern sky the day appears but slowly, and slowly Christianity and culture pressed through the dark of

> sprang from pure lips, in the depth of cloister cells rhymed chronicles were the manliness, hard as steel, of our

But with so poetical and patriotic a ruler as Oscar II. it is only natural that the Academy of Arts and Sciences FASHION NOTES.

-A charmingly pretty, but not very useful, is the crepe lisse pocket hand-kerchief, light as air and embroidered ning and perseverance to drive out the secret from its lurking place, as the around the edge in floral designs of great variety.

-The newest umbrellas have the ball tops made of petrified wood, with a pillar of the same introduced at the top of tae handle below the ball. Those with silver storks and emu heads are very beautiful, but are apt to soil the gloves.

-There are lovely caps for baby boys this season. One is a round cap in lamb's wool, the edges bordered with a cord and plaited beneath the brim. Another is covered with richly worked guipure, and many others are made in wool and embroidered all over

-Fedora, Mechlin and Oriental are the face for four days I part the sum of one dollar to be taken to Shark the most popular laces used. French thread and Chantilly lace will supersede Spanish for trimming and general White and colored crepe lisse, exquisitely embroidered with daisies and other flowers, will be used at the wrist and throat of handsome dresses,

-Bonnets are somewhat more rational in shape. Toques, with low, square crowns, somewhat recalling the "Did you or any of the rest of you swindlers ever see a shark within fifty Polish cap, are charmingly becoming; a model of this style has the crown of red velvet, the brim, narrow and slight. ly turned-up, is of black velvet, studded "No, but you don't want to take it with jet, and at the back is placed a that way, stranger. You see, when they cluster of small tufts of feathers as fine named that old saw-mill down there and light as silk. 'The Castle," and that frog puddle up

-The chief novel feature in black cloths, is that fancy woven ones are to be worn instead of plain, especially boucle, frise and plain stripes. These at first, but finally changed it to give them a far more substantial and at the same time a dressy appearance. I heard a good deal about "Silver Some of the fine vicunas have cord Dale," "Mount Grant" and "Surf stripes, some have interwoven stripes, forming checks; others have a large, coarse check on a dice ground.

wouldn't be best to change hotels. Sil--A redingote of bronze-colored ver Dale was a farmhouse about a mile open-work woolen material is lined from the worst piece of beach on the throughout with dark cardinal silk. coast. There wasn't a dale on the The back is simply made, having long farm. There wasn't a spot where a straight plaits set in just below the old gelding, by Danville, Wikes, for dale could have been constructed at a waist and finished with large buttons \$10. This is one of three colts got by "You take boarders, don't you?" we of oxidized silver. There are two asked of a raw-boned youth who hung wide bands of cardinal velvet extending from the neck to the feet. The of Lincoln, being the other two. square collar and revers are of the velvet, four of the silver buttons being placed on each side of the revers. "We go by the sezun, and if they

-Blue fox and golden-brown beaver sticks up their nose and is too darned are to be very popular fur trimmings, though not to the exclusion of many other handsome kinds Blue, so fash-"What did she call it 'Silver Dale' ienable all the summer past, is to lose no se of its popularity during this and the winter season. And blue fox tones From there we drove to Mount well with this beautiful color. Not Grant, a mile away. There was a farmthat the fur is really blue. Blue fur is house and a mountain. The mounas impossible as a blue rose. But blue fox has a certain tinge of metallic tain was six feet above the level of the sea, and as much as a red long. The grayish blue which in a degree justifies farm-house was warranted to have the name bestowed upon it. been erected in 1778, and to have re-

-The taste for antique ornaments still prevails, and on the black velvet in turf matters generally and in the neck-bands, which are again perceptible in ball-rooms, pendants are shown ments, where many of the best horses didn't charge for board, but for the which were fashionable two centuries ago. Wrought metals in Egypian, ing turned over the management of Indian, Roman and Norman designs Belle Meade some years ago to General are all pressed into such service. Ank- W. H. Jackson, his son-in-law, who lets are being utilized as bracelets, now has since added much to the value of that the latter are worn on a part of the fine farm of 400 acres. the arm that accommodates itself to their otherwise inconvenient size.

-A dress of dark-blue faille and striped wool has the skirt of the striped farm-house, occupied by a father and son with their families. It was eighty materials laid in deep plaits in front and draped full in the back. A broad any surf after you got there. The old panel of the faille on the left side is trimmed with an ornament of irridesman took us aside and warned us not to think of securing board on the son's cent beads, from which depend beaded tassels. The pointed bodice of the side of the house, owing to the fact that him and his wife were great hands striped material opens over a plaited plastron, crossing it beneath the bust to fight and jaw before company, and with nun's folds, and is trimmed with lace of a brownish tint. The sleeves toes with the hides on. Then Jim took us aside. He didn't want to say are of faille and are bordered with cuffs of the lace surmounted by a any thing agaist his father, of course, rosette of faille ribbon. but if we took board with the old man

-Trimmings are lighter and less is worth about \$50,000. we must run the risk of being robbed and murdered. Both followed us down voluminous than last summer, Capotes are smaller still, if possible, their flat the road as we Surf Retreated, and the border rests close over the hair; the "You'd better close with me at \$10 a peak in front is done away with, which The name alone is worth half is perhaps a pity, as it is so becoming to some faces; the capote is trimmed with a cluster of light feathers, three loops of ribbon and a scrap of lace "I'll give you a room looking out falling in a dainty little fanchon in to'rds the sea, and furnish you dime the middle of the border; the crown is novels and plug tobacco free gratis. If ornamented with a flower embroidered you can't come, please give the snap in silk and gold over a piece of tulle laid over the velvet; this crown is half plain, half plaited, dented in the middle; no strings, or else long strings of tulle, which look pretty, but are very While in England the Institution which rejoices in the name of "Royal fragile and rather inconvenient. academy" is causing much perturba-

-For town-costumes and receptiontoilets large pinked-out ruches have once more come into fashion. A very elegant half-mourning toilet is made thus: A skirt of iron-gray glace silk is edged round the foot with a very thick pinked-out ruche. A second skirt of woolen crepon of a lighter shade of gray is gracefully drapped over it. On one side a double row of bows of gray ribbon formed a sort of ladder pattern. A tight-fitting bodice of crepon, opened straight down the front over a chemsette of heliotrope foulard. A narrow ruche trimmed the fronts of the bodice; the turned-up collar and the sleeve-facings were of gray velvet. Three bars of velvet crossed over the chemisette, and were fastened with small bows of ribbon, in the midthere was a steel buckle; similar buckles on the collar and sleeve-facings.

-A return to the ancient mode of ornamenting the outer sticks of a fan is observable this season. Upon many heathenism into the loneliest parts of are to be seen butterfies, dragon-flies the north. But before long there and scarable in raised mosaic. On others are shown in enamel the preour dark pine forests, the songs of the dominant colors of either the founda-people, and in the semi-darkness of the tion or the ornament of the fan. Gartion or the ornament of the fan. Garnets, sapphires and emeralds are now uniting with diamonds to accentuate the floral designs seen upon those rich creations represented in Brussels point. Most of the less costly fans are of fine gauze, on which are painted flights of birds or groupings of the same upon branches of flowering trees. An example in neutral tints shows five or six wrens poised on a spray of cherry blossoms. On another is apparent a gathering of swallows, evidently having a conference prior to their southward flight.

100, at Monmouth Park, July 10, 1884.

Mile and a quarter—Binette, 5, 101, at Chicago, 2.07½; La Sylphide, 4, 98, at Lexington, 2.07½; Sir Joseph, 3, 116, at Lexington, 2.07½. Previous best, 2.07½, made by Gataway, at Saratoga, in August, 1881. Mile and five furlongs—Exile, 4, 115, at Sheepshead Bay, 2484.

HORSE

-A jockey club has been organized in Kansas City, and a mile course is in course of construction.

-Jimmie McKee, the well-known driver and trainer, is still very ill at his home, in Plainfield, N. J.

-The blk, m. Flash, 2.19, by Bonesetter, 2.19, owned by J. D. Rockfeller, of Cleveland, has folaed a filly by Phallas, 2.13%.

-Robert Steel purchased of General Withers, of Lexington, Ky., a yearling filly by Happy Medium, dam by George Wilkes. Price, \$1000. -John Splan has sold the b. m. Cora

Belle, by Hamblatonian Prince, to Major S. N. Dickinson, of New York, as a mate for Flora Hoff. -Lady Leah, record 2.241, formerly owned by Wash Dickinson, of this

city, has been trotting in the South, and is wintering at Greenville, S. C. -Aiden Goldsmith, a noted horse man, died on Sunday night Dec. 19th at Blooming Grove, Orange county, New York, aged 66 years. He was the trainer of Goldsmith Maid and other

famous horses. -The auction sale of the blooded stock belonging to the late Fred. Archer, the jockey, has been completed at Newmarket, England. It realized a total of £3585. Chilperic brought

-Mr. Lakland has purchased of Mr. John M. Clay, of Kentucky, two yearling fillies, one by Longfellow, out of Ballet (Modesty's dam) by Planet, the other by Longfellow, dam Cicely Bowling. The price reported was \$4000.

-It is said that James Murphy has left the employ of J. B. Haggin, and that Mr. Haggin's old trainer, William Claypole, has taken his place, and, in conjunction with Mat Byrnes, will train the horses of the Rancho del Paso

-L. T. Yeager, of Boyle county, Ky., sold to Egmont Lawrence, of London, Eng., on the 9th instant, a 3-year-Wilkes as a 3-year-old, Salhe Vagin and another, owned by George Bright,

-The Duke of Westminster heads the list of winning owners in England this year with £24,432; Mr. Manton coming next with £14,209: then Mr: Abington with £11,439, and then Mr. Barclay with £10,624. The Duke of Beaufort follows with £9563, and Mr. Douglas Baird with £9474 and the Duke of Hamilton with \$9378.

-General W. G. Harding, proprietor of the Belle Meade stock farm, located near Nashville, Tenn., who died Dec. 15th was 78 years old. He was one of the best known breeders of running horses in the United States. He had been in ill health for several years, but nevertheless manifested great interest success of his great breeding establishof the land were reared. General Hard-

-Isaac Murphy, the colored jockey, is described as a gentleman all over. He was reared in an excellent white family, and his manners were as carefully cultivated as the heirs of the house who are his daily associates; he is a man of refined feeling, never gets off smutty jokes, avoids crowds when they are being told, doesn't swear, use tobac co or drink, and seldom talks horse. He is about 23 years old, and has a very pretty wife, who scarcely shows the shadow in her blood. Murphy gets \$15,000 a year and expenses, with the privilege of riding in outside races, none of which pay him less than \$25, and from that up "into the thousands," He -A dispatch from Pittsburg says

Jewett, the pacer, is still held by Peter Schatz. Several months ago be was sold to Conrad Schaefer, of Frankfort, Germany. Schaefer paid Schatz \$5000 on account, the balance, \$12,000, to be paid when the borse was delivered. Schaefer was to take the horse away some weeks ago, but did not do so. When asked the reason, Schatz replied: "Jewett is still here, and I'm going to keep him until I get the balance of the money due me. They bought him for \$17,000 and gave me \$500), the balance to be paid when they get the horse. But they have not given me the \$12,000 yet. You know those horseman who bought him for Schaefer are slick, and horse laws are so funny that I have got Jewett hidden. Even my son does not know where the animal is. Only two men do beside myself. I'm going to keep him until I get that \$12,000. saw him last week, he is looking good. Just you wait until next summer and he'll show Harry Wilkes how to go. He was too fat last summer when he paced against Wilkes. -The best running records made in

1886 are as follows: At seven furlongs -Joe Cotton, 4, 106, at Sheepshead Bay, 1.27½; Rico, 4, 90, at Chicago, 1.27½; Telie Doe, 4, 105, at Washington, 1.27½; Bertie R., a, 103, at San Francisco, 1.27½; King Fox, 2, 112, at Sheepshead Bay, 1.27%. The previous best was 1.284, by Joe Murray and Little Minch. Mile and a sixteenth-Jim Douglass, a, 122, at Chicago, 1.47½; Little Joe, a, 89, at Chicago, 1.48. Previous best, 1.484. by Creosote, 114, at Louisville, in 1882. Mile and a sixteenth heats-Binette, 5, 110, at San Francisco, best four consecutive heats 1.50, 1.49\$, 1.50, 1.50, 1.50\$ Mile and three sixteenths-Highflight, 5, 107, at Lexington, 2.01; Exile, 4. 126 (on the grass), at Sheepshead Bay, 2.03; Editor, 4.98, at Sheepshead Bay, 2.03; Adrian 3, 98, at Lexington, 2.03½; Taxgatherer, a, 101, at Latonia, 2.03½. Previous best 2.03½, made by Kinglike, 100, at Monmouth Park, July 10, 1884.