

Press on I surmount the rocky steep,
Climb boldly o'er the torrent's arch;
He falls alone who feebly creeps.

ASTRANGE WOOLING.

The weather had been very cold,
even for January. For days nobody
had stirred out, unless compelled by
necessity, and I've no doubt our dear
mother had longed many times for a
change which would allow her noisy
children to exercise their lungs and
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A Story of an Infatuated Youth and
his priceless Cane.
A highly dressed youth whose supple
form was tightly encased in a horsey
check suit, and who, in spite of the
fact that the thermometer was at some-
thing lofty in the shade his well worn
tan gloves in his left hand and strolled
into Central Park at the entrance oppo-
site the Arsenal. He was alone, save
for the mute companionship of a large
silver-headed rattan cane, with which
he toyed in his foolish, immitable way.

A black satin Duchesse tulle has
a jetted panel upon each side of the
skirt, shown between double revers.
and long, straight train is represented
in a striping of velvet and Duchesse.
The fancy material is also used for the
bodice, which has its square front filled
up with a jet fichu, and its transparent
sleeves correspond.

Modesty is likely to be as good this
season as she ever was.
—None of the Palo-Alto trotters will
come East this season.
—Mr. Baldwin says that Gollah will
be a starter in the Chicago Derby.
—The Arab-Majolica race will prob-
ably be trotted somewhere in the West.
—It is said that Tommy Dunbar will
campaign Gossip, Jr., 2.14, this sea-
son.
—Bonnie McGregor has been let up
all winter, and will not start until late
in the season.
—The report that the Dwyers had
purchased Egmont for \$15,000 pro-
to have been untrue.
—A new half-mile track is being
built at Hopkinsville, Ky., by the newly
organized Christian County Driving
Park Association.
—Jim Gore seems to be coming
around again. Much to the surprise
of his trainer the colt worked without
lameness the other day.
—Joseph Battoll, of Middleburg,
Vt., brings evidence to show that the
dam of Ethan Allen was by Red
Robin, a son of Woodbury Morgan.
—For the next road-horse race for
2.40 class the following horses would
make a good race: John Condon's sorrel
gelding, Jacob Justice's black gelding,
the b. g. Cruiser, the b. m. Mag-
gie S., and the ch. w. Loreta.
—A. B. Cladin, of New York, has a
fast time in the g. g. Gray Dave and
the ch. g. Overman. He drove them
himself a half-mile in 1.10, and then,
coming around again, got them a
quarter in 33.4 seconds very handsly.
—A silver cup valued at \$250, is of-
fered for the horse making the fastest
time in the champion stallion stakes to
be trotted at the meeting of the Na-
tional Association of Trotting Horse
Breeder to be held at Cleveland, Sep-
tember 13 to 15.
—Royal Bounce, the property of Mr.
Charles Newhall (the great cricketer),
won a good race at Suffolk and still a
better one at Belmont, getting a record
of 2.21. He is evidently in the hands
of a good driver. Last year Mr. New-
hall was anxious to have him win, but
he was "shut out" in 2.37 over Bel-
mont Course.
—The Ives bill, restricting betting on
races to chartered tracks, thirty days
each year to one track, has passed both
branches of the New York Legislature
at Albany, and it now awaits the signa-
ture of Governor Hill. It is thought
that the Governor will allow it to be-
come a law, under the ten-day limit,
without his signature. The outlook for
trotting and running in the State is
bright.
—The nominations in the \$10,000
Guarantee stakes, offered by the Char-
ter Oak Driving Association, are as
follows: George A. Singler, Philadel-
phia, Pa.; H. C. Woodnut, Meola,
L. I.; Frederick Wiles, New York;
George T. Cogswell, Chicago; M. V.
Wagner, Marshall, Mich.; Andrew
Kaul, St. Mary's Pa.; W. H. Mc-
Carthy, Lexington, Ky.; W. C. Trim-
ble, Newburg, N. Y., and J. B. Lewis,
Louisville, Ky.
—Dates have already been claimed
by De-roit, Cleveland, Buffalo and
Rochester for their Grand Circuit
Meetings. Utica, it is presumed, will
this year be in the hunt, and, by right
of way, her dates would fall on August
16 to 19. Albany as next in line would
take the following week, and Long-
keepsie, in the direct line of travel,
naturally wants the week after Island
Park. In conceding that week to
Poughkeepsie, Charter Oak Park's
meeting would take place a week later
than that of last year, an immaterial
difference of time. By this arrange-
ment Springfield's dates would fall on
September 13 to 16. Mystic Park has
claimed the same dates, but an amic-
able arrangement can be made in this
regard.
—Some changes in the classes of
membership in the National Trotting
Association were made at the meeting
of the Board of Review. There are
still five classes of membership, but it
was agreed to assess the fifth class on a
basis which would prove satisfactory to
weak and struggling clubs. If the
member shall do a business for the sea-
son not exceeding \$2000 the assessment
shall be \$25. If it shall do a business
of only \$1500 the assessment shall be
\$20; of \$1000, \$15, and of \$500, \$10.
This rebate of \$5 on every \$500 under
\$2000 is to be credited to the member
on its renewal of membership. To il-
lustrate: If a member pays \$25 in dues
this season and shall do business
amounting to not more than \$500, it
will be credited on the assessment ac-
count for next year with \$15. The
fifth class is practically cut up into
four classes—\$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10.
—The French racing societies have
been experimenting on new systems of
betting under the late compromise
arrangement with the Government.
The latest instrument for recording
bets on the Paris mutual system is
named the "Totalisateur," and a
French journal says of it: "The Total-
isateur is the lion of the day. Installed
in haste in a most rudimentary form, it
has clearly conquered the favor of the
public in spite of the many deficiencies
in its operation. The best proof of its
success is the fact that tickets could
not be diversified rapidly enough to
supply the demand. At the races at Long-
champs the operation for the first day
amounted to more than 270,000 francs.
At the main stand, 160,000 francs, on
the lawn 86,000 francs, and at the pavil-
lion 34,500 francs were sold. A commis-
sion of 5 per cent. was deducted, of
which 2 per cent. is reserved for "pub-
lic assistance," and 3 per cent. is re-
tained by the society for expenses. In
view of these results, the Society d'Encouragement has decided to re-
duce the percentage previously deduc-
ed to, possibly, 2 per cent. Another
mode of betting will be tried at St.
German, on the occasion of the meet-
ing of the Societe de Sport de France.
In this way the best method will soon
be arrived at." The price of tickets
was 20 francs at the main stand, 10
francs on the lawn and 5 francs at the
pavilion; 1270 tickets were sold on the
Prix de Viroflay, of which only six
were on the winner, paying 201 for 1.