Great Trotting on Long Island, Flora Temple Beats Ethan Allen.

[From the New York Tribune of yesterday.]

The great trial of horses between Ethan Allen and Flora Temple took place on Fashion Course yesterday. The contest was for $2,000, mile heats, best three in five, in wagons. Flora won in three straight heats.

First Heat.—Flora won the pole. Ethan was a little ahead at starting. He reached the half-mile pole in 1:11, and opened a gap of two or three lengths, which Flora closed up at the turn before entering upon the home stretch. Flora came in the winner by about a length. Time, 2:25.

Second Heat.—Flora had a trifle the advantage in the start, and this she soon increased, leading Ethan the entire heat, and coming in winner by a little more than a length. Time, 2:27½.

Third Heat.—This was a repetition of the second. Flora led the stallion again around the entire track, winning the heat and the race. Time, 2:27½.

The first heat is the best trotting to wagons on record. The difference between going to wagon or, as it is technically called, to harness, which one is attached to, is reckoned, on a track like the Fashion, equal to 3 seconds, so that the trotting yesterday, by that mode of computation, was equivalent to 2:22 to harness—the best previous time to harness on record being 2:24, which was also made by Flora.

The betting was pretty heavy, some of it even, but mostly at odds in favor of Ethan, generally about 10 on Ethan to 6 for Flora. Mr. McMann, who entered Flora, took three bets of $1,000, each, at this rate, just before the trot commenced.

About ten thousand persons were in attendance, including all classes. Some resided for their talents, piety, and wealth; and others, such as John Morrissey, and Tom Hyer, no less distinguished for their muscle. Mr. Morrissey's ventures were on the stallion, and were not so fortunate as those which he has at times made upon himself. He was reported to be a loser to the amount of $6,000. There were many carriages on the ground. One open carriage, ornamented with covering in blue, attracted general attention.

There can be no doubt that this was a fair and sincere contest. Ethan was driven by honest Hiram Woodruff, who would no more sell his stallion as he would wrong a friend. Flora broke badly in the second and third heats, but this was no fault of his driver—he is one of the most practised and skilful in the country—it was simply because he was trotted off his feet by Flora. The mare was equally well handled by D. Tallman.

When the horses were brought upon the track, Flora had the appearance of being badly crippled; she hitched and hobbled along, while Ethan was as supple and stately as a cat. The result showed that his lameness, as well as those other things, appearances may be deceitful.

Double Elopement.

TWO MEN RUN AWAY WITH MEN'S WIVES!

[From the Cincinnati Inquirer, May 19.]

Evening before last, just before the 5.30 P. M. St. Louis train left the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad depot, a well-dressed and honest-looking man, accompany with a fair haired lady, arrived at the station, and wished his baggage checked to the Mound City. While the baggage-master was picking out the stranger's trunks, another couple, similarly dressed and fancied, the latter dark-haired and black-eyed, went up for the same purpose, and were waiting patiently, when the brunette stared at the twain and said: "Why, you are my husband, and are you going West, and with this lady?" The husband, seeing the blonde more remarkable for their patience, so roundly did she abuse her that she hence could not withhold a very provoking reply. Whereupon the brunette leaped at her throat like a tiger, and would have strangled her, perhaps, had not her adversary protected herself valiantly.

There ensued a grand scene. The two females fought for their peculiar fashion exceptionally, tearing each other's clothes and hair and scratching each other's faces most lustrously. Their protectors, to the credit of their manhood, seeing rather to enjoy the sport, but at last two or three of the railway *attaches* interfered and caused a cessation of hostilities.

The brunette by this time was crying bitterly, and declared to her husband that as for deserting her proving the truth of what Montaigne says of the sex. The husband remarked that he was doing no more than she—that he was running off with another man's wife. And the other woman's husband, and wished to know the difference in their moral depravity.

This was a puzzle to the dark-eyed Xantippe, who, by way of answer, said she had always had her legal lord, and always would have him.

The blonde then spoke to her husband, the brunette's companion, of his faithlessness, but received a response to her query, assuring her she had not condescended to change her purpose, for she would never live with Miss again.

When the party became cool, they appeared well satisfied with the exchange of wives, and were in favor of continuing the arrangement, although at a loss for some time to determine how they had met at the depot.

The couples were neighbors, and the men had for months been enamored of each other's spouses, disliking their own accordingly. The consequence was an elopement on a certain night, which both happened to choose, ignorant of the intention of the other, and each was to have taken the train for Cincinnati last night.

Singular as it may appear, it is actually true, and shows the strangeness of coincidences in many cases in which it seems predetermined.

The couples liked their lovers, but abhorred their husbands; and, therefore, concluded—not unusually, it may be—that they would take what was agreeable to them, and leave the unpleasant part behind.

The husbands were satisfied, and the wives were delighted; and the couples agreed to go on to St. Louis, and live there in the new relations they had assumed. They had found their affinity, and were inclined to adhere there in spite of their husbands' law, and fate.

The hour for the couples was two different cars. The locomotive whistled, the train started, and the droll party passed through the shadows of the night beyond the reach of vision.

A banquet was given in Boston on Tuesday evening, in honor of Paul Morphy, the chess champion. Speeches were made on the occasion by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Prof. Agassiz, and others. Mr. Morphy on being toasted, made the following modest address:

I sincerely thank you one and all, and tender my most sincere, heartfelt gratitude. And gentlemen, on such an occasion as the present, unprepared, as you know that I am, I must be allowed to say, title as I know the remark may be, that I feel with unusual embarrassment and unaffected diffidence.

I see before and around me an intellectual aristocracy, such as I have never before witnessed—men whose great and well-deserved celebrity is enrolled on the page of fame, whose literary and scientific achievements form part and parcel of their country's history. In such illustrious presence is not for me to speak. I can only tender the cordial, the sincere, my thanks for the cordial welcome extended me upon my arrival at Boston, the expression of my sincere acknowledgments for the pleasure and honor of being surrounded by so distinguished a circle.

You have spoken, sir, of the game of chess. I took occasion in New York to express my views on that subject, and will not weary and detain you by repeating them here. I may only say, once more, that chess can never form the object of my life; it is, at best, but a relaxation to more serious pursuits. As such, and as a discipline for the mind, I think it worthy of the warmest recommendation; and I think you will agree with me when I say that the substitution of the chess-board for the card-table would go far towards improving the morals of our people. [Applause.]

I will not detain you, gentlemen, by any protracted remarks. I thank you most sincerely, Mr. President, for the very kind and highly flattering manner in which you have given my health, and the gentlemen here assembled, for the equally flattering manner in which they have been pleased to receive it. I will beg leave to propose, in conclusion—

The Literary and Scientific men of whom Boston is so justly proud—the stars of the first magnitude that adorn the intellectual firmament of the country.

[Warm and prolonged applause.]

A CROW KILLED BY BEES.—We are informed, by reliable authority, that a few days ago, on a farm near Easton, a swarm of bees, in their frenzy to get away about, pitched upon a crow as it went and lit and lived to his existence. The boys on the farm then went in pursuit of the bees, to capture them, but they were compelled to make tracks the best way they could.—*Easton (Md.) Gazette.*

IMMENSE swarms of grasshoppers have made their appearance in Upper and Lower Makefield township, Bucks county, Pa. They are yet quite small, but have most voracious appetites. These insects are quite abundant in these and other townships of this county last year, but did not appear so early. They have already destroyed much of the grass and clover.

FIRE AT SEA.—The steamer Stephen Decatur, from Louisville, Ky., last Saturday, from St. Joseph Mo., with a number of returned emigrants from Pike's Peak. They have seen the steamer, but did not see the gold, and looked at it with contempt. Their expedition.

A CHRONICLE paper has commenced the publication of Saturday lectures of the lords of Scripture, from which the several clergymen of the city propose to preach on the following day. This is certainly a novel idea, and is worthy of Western enterprise.

THE COURTS.

SUPREME COURT—Judges Woodward, Thompson, Strong and Read.—John Mount, plaintiff in error vs The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Error to the Court of Over and Terminer of Erie county. The facts of this case are, that on the 6th day of August, 1858, the plaintiff in error was indicted upon the charge of arson. On the 9th day of February, 1859, the defendant was brought to the bar of the Court for trial, when a panel issued to search for a jury of jurors summoned for the session, of forty-eight legal jurors had been called, and answered, one of the jurors being an unnaturalized foreigner, and not competent to serve as a juror in the courts of this State.

The defendant's counsel objected to the impanelling of the jury, on the ground that the defendant had been brought into court, and before he was arraigned, his counsel objected to twelve of the jurors, as they might be selected to try the cause, because one was only forty-eight jurors, and that one of the jurors was deaf, and could not hear. Whereupon the Court overruled the objection, and the defendant excepted to the ruling of the Court upon that bill of exceptions. The Court refused to grant a writ of venire for the purpose of summoning other jurors to complete the panel. Whereupon the defendant excepted to the refusal of the Court to grant the writ of venire. Argument concluded this morning.

SUPREME COURT—Judge Grier.—Potter vs. Jones. Ejectment. An action was brought to recover a tract of land in Potter county. Verdict for the plaintiff for $116 50.

John Hart vs. Jacob Hart. Appeal from orphans' Court. Issue to ascertain whether or not Jacob Hart, deceased, died intestate. Verdict for the plaintiff for $116 50.

Edward W. Hooker, Administrator of George W. Hooker, deceased, vs. Thomas C. Hooker, et al. Issue to ascertain whether or not Thomas C. Hooker, deceased, executed a deed of trust for the benefit of his creditors. Verdict for the plaintiff for $116 50.

COMMON PLEAS COURT—Judge Allison.—William Hall vs. Thomas Hall. Action of assumpsit to recover the amount of a note for $1,000 given by the defendant to the plaintiff. Verdict for the plaintiff for $1,000.

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