An Old Horse-Dealer's Talk " ${ }^{T}$ T 18 my oplnion,", mald Mr. Bishop, er, whe hasa been for forty years in the
buskeses, "that there are no horaed in thits country to be compared with thos that come from Maine, I don'l mean,
mind you, that nothing comes froun nuywhere else, for that lin't oo ; but the Eastern horse wears bettor than any ${ }^{1}$ lave ever seen. Bengs thooky' In butha,
hie has sometting to run on, witle the long legged, thin: bouthel, narrow.headeed antmut that comes from este where estarts nocomet-that's the end of him. The Mratne borse holdd his own, and keps
gettiug better and better all the time, and lis good to the last, Id rather jusi
have the tail of a Maline horse than whole horse from nuy where else. That
old fellow of mine out there in the wagon is one of them,
Idtrve him for conmon. Bring him
out of the stable noy day, and hell make sut of the stable any day, and he'tl make
hits sisteen miles an hour right hero tin
the city. Nobody can pase him. Hees asgentle as a kitten ; ; wounan eat Hrive
him, Snap a wilp withth an theth of his ear, and It wont tstirte htm. You
might throw a paek of lighted fire
erackers under then move a pegt $I$ never tie bim anywhere.
T can stand here and tell himin to go, aud at wor tiadge na tweh; but the min
ate into the wagon, and take those
tines my hands, nad give him the of 'like a tlash.
"Arf. Kelly's picture of the Andros
coggin is As true
ns and Lewistown on the other. That's
ane of my buyin-places. A weelk or
as before going up 1 advertite that I am
coming, and when I get there they drive
 crockerer crate. lustied on a frame. work
pinued Into two hickory saplings nicked and ient up for shafts and runners. Not three hours, and serves only to carry
the man to town. If he eells his horse,
he throws his jumper away, het trows his jumper away, and rides
tome with the mau who didu't sell and no it colda up there. May a Well, It it have
ridden for miles when the thermometer was twelve below zero. You can see for yourself in the pieture the river is frozen
over, and the sleighs are driven on the
"I don't buy all they bring me-prob-
abty not one out of ten. Someme of the
men that sell them are men that sell them are. milghty smart,
bat there's woman up there-a specu-lator-who is smarter than any of them
Mr. Kelly calls ber 'the
 why, for she iss't old, and she is good
Looking. Shes quicker than lightning.
That other woman up in the corner tenching a motherless colt to take milk.
She holds the bow in her lap, and wetting her thumb in the milk, gets him to
take it into his mouth. After he he done this everal times, she gradually lowers her net unith his lips touch the
milk, and hed draws a full supply. soon afterward he learnss to lap in up directiy
from the basitio, and needs no further assistance.
buy? ', Weli, I bring them down bere
trim them up ntely trim them up nicely, clean them off,
and feed them up, and when they' good shape, sell them. They'rej fust tike are nice as they can be on the farms, but anter the city milliner and dress-maker
fixes then up, yon wouldn't kuow them. So with horses, when they're
dreseed a litle it makes a great difter
encee in them. It coats to do th thent nud sometimes we don't get the money
back, Last trip I made I bought a hosse for $\$ 325$, and d fiter all the expense
lind been putton him, $I$ had to sell him
fo that I sold for four tuges what hother cost
ther the businest, A torse may sibken be
fore you get him to market, and elther other dhy for ups. took ppeumonht, and
I would be gad to sell
... Tricks?' There isn't any end or helieve your own brother. Take no man's word for it Your eye ls your
market. Don't buy a horse in harnee Unhitcol him, and take everything off he hasa a oorn, or is stiff, or has any other fulling, you can see it. Let him
go by himiselfa litile ways, and if he staves right inta any thing, you may
know bebs tone blind. No matter how bright and elear his eyes are, he can't cee any more than a bat. Buck him up,
too. Bome horea show thelr weakneses or trleks that way when they "Bat be as smirt on'll get caught sometlmes. Even an

| expert gets atuek. A horse may look |
| :--- |
| ever so nlce, and go a. mile a minute, |
| and yet have fits, for tnitance . There | ever so nlse, and go a. mile a minute,

and yet have fits, for Intance. There
lan't a live man could tell it fill some an't a live mas or hemay hive some buok. Give him the whip, and off he goees for a mile or two; then, all of a
sudiden, he alis right down in the road Affer a rest he gets up and starts again, nothing but a derick could raise him. There are aharpers in Now York who make a business of selling such horsee. After the sale, hey have their agents
slyly follow the buyer, and when the alyly follow the buyer, nd when we
final brenkdown comes, they slep up, and after expressing their sympathy for him, buy the horae back ugain for mere song, only to sell bim to the next greenhorn who may come along. Even a horse with
the henves may ie doctured up so you the henves may ie doctored up so
can't tell him. They feed him on how him off, drive him so smartly that you can't see there's anything wrong.
"Do you know what a 'dummy' Is?
You don't' Well, I ll tell you. He's a horse that don't know snything. His
brain ts gone wreng. A dark stall and overfeeding have ruined his digestion,
and that has affected his brain. Drive Jim out ways and pretty soon hell
Jerk his head around and pull right
straight on one line. You ean't hold him; It's of no use to try. The first diteh, or smashed you up against a lamp
din a post. Tie him in the stable, and he'll
bnek up till he breaks every halter you nd of the stall so he can't back out, and he'll elimb up the wall.
"Maybe you don't believe it, but It's
o. I have seen one go clear up stairs,
and and once I saw one go out of a second-
story window, and another walked off a atory window, and another walked off a
dock into the river. Watch him when he's eating, and you'll often see him go
to sleep with the feed in his mouth. He doesn't know any better; he's Just a I was a beginner in the busineas. He broke everything in the stable, and then
went up the wall like a lunatic. Afterward one of the boys that groomed him for the man I bought him of admitted that the amimal was 'I can tell one now the minute
dumb.'
I set eyes on him. He steps uneommonly I set eyes on him. He steps uncommonly
high. In most cases, when you see a
horse do that, be sure he's a dummy. " What do we do with horses we get where huyers take all the risks. No reputable dealer ever sells a bad one any
other way. It doesn't pay to do it. "I could talk all day about these
things, only your paper is full now, I guess, and I'll stop. But don't you ever
buy a horse, young man, unless you
know how to do it."-Harper's Weekly.

A Brave Trooper.
$A^{\text {Dernort paper, talking of " nerve," }} \begin{gathered}\text { recalls among two or three cases }\end{gathered}$ A recalls among two or three cases
that of Jno. Melrose, a trooper in the sixth sichigas cavairy. He was an had that wonderful nerve which not
three other men in the whole brigade three other men in the whole brigade
possessed. While acting as a scout in the Shening dinner at farm was one day walken seven Confederate soldiers. They knew him for a Union scout, and he
knew them for Confederates. A brave man would have made a rush or had a
fight. Melrose simply looked up as they filed in, smilled over his fix, and "Say, old woman, put on more din
ner here, and we"ll all have a square
mel toter meal together.
geant of the squad as he sidyanced "Yes, I know it, but Ill pay for a same I sit right down and make your selves at home.'
His nerve upset the soldiers, and after a moment they took seats at the table, forming a complete circle around the
board. As soon as they began to eat he
began to think of escape. It was gime mer, and the window, behind him and ten feet away was open. It he stood up
all eyes would be fixed on him, and any excuse to leave the room was not to be
thought of. The meal was about hale finished, and
captors and captive were chatting away when Melrose suddenly flung himself
backward, upset his chair, and bounded back ward, upset his chalr, and bounded
through the window. The soldiers ra out and fired at and pursued him, bu he made good his escape.
affir known as Wailey, just before the rose and his companion fell out of ranks to forage. After securing a supply of
meat they pushed on after the collum meat they pushed on after the column,
and were riding at a gailop when flve and were riding at a gailop when five
bushwhackers, well mounted, came out of the cross-road about twenty rod ahend of them.
companion as they came to a halt. Looking back, they to a halt.
bughwhackers ellming the funce to tak
positton on the highway. Melrose calm-
ly viewed Iy viewed their altuation, and finally "We will charge them ! Fall in be hind me and there will be leas danger. The other dared not try it, though he was a brave man. He therefore kept hls place as the keout danhed forward.
Melrose rode atralght at the men with drawn eabre, and the volley they fired went over him. He struck the line, sabred a man as he passed, and soon rejoined the column. His companion was
never heard again, probably being mut dered In cold blood.
In 1884 Melrose and three other foragers were captured in the Shenandoath valley, taken to a small encampment,
and the four placed la a log liouse under and the four placed ln a log louse under
guard until thetr cases guard untir therr cases could be disposed
of. They talked the situation over, aud the bravest of them could see no hope of escapes. Melrose quitely listened to
their discouraging remarks, and as quietly replited that he wonld be inside of
the Union lines lefore miduight. There the Union lines leforemidnight. There
was a circle of sentinels around the bullding, which had no door. The sen-
tinels paced within six feet of the building, and the one in front could see the prisoners through the doorway.
Meirose sald that if all would rush together the sentinels would be confused,
aud either bold thelr fire or fire wild.
and than twenty battles, and were known brave fellow, but here they wanted
nerve, and nerve was what they hadn't $\stackrel{\text { got. }}{\text { " } V}$
the quiet announcement alone!" was came on Melrose was ready. Standing in the doorway, he asked the sentinel "You git back "Yes -1 'm going right backI" the scout, and he dinshed upon the man, the woods. He had to run across an open field in full sight of camp, snd,
though it was dusk, he could be seen quite plainly for half the distance. and then pursult began, but he reached the woods and made his escape.

Must We Gilve up the Bird.
$G^{\text {EORGE W. PECK, in his Fourth of }}$ It has been noticed that thus far I have made no allusion to the American eagle,
the national trade mark, patent applled for, but ilis not that I do not appreciate the position that species of poultry
occupies on these occasions. The poet alluding to the eagle says

Bird of the broad and fleeting wind,
Thy home is high in heaven. This is too true. He is a high old
bird, and the committee that gelected ord, and the committee that selected
the eagle na a national emblem should have been arrested for disorderly con-
duct. O great bird! You live on mice. You soar aloft on plulons airy, until
you see a poor little mouse with one leg you see a poor little mouse with one
broke, and then you swoop down like a are a nice old bird for a trade mark, for a nation of heroes, you old coward. You
sit on a rock and watch a peasant womsit on a rock and watch a peasant wom-
an hanging out clothes, and when she an hanging out clothes, and when she
goes in the houes to turn the clothes wringer you great bird, emblem of
reedom, you representative of the land of the free and the home of the brave, crush your talons in the quiverihg flesh of her little baby, take him to your
home high in heaven, and pick his inhome high in heaven, and pick his in-
nocent little eyes out. The bird that of our country, the bird of patience, perseverance and the bird of terror when
aroused, is the mule. There is no bird hat combines more virtues to the square foot than the mule. Whers the mule
emblazoned on our banners, we should oa terror to our foe. We are a nation
of uncomplaining hard workers. We mean to do the fair thing by everybody,
We plod along doing as we would be We plod along doing as we would be
doue by. So does the mule. We as a nation are slow to anger.
mule. As a nation we occasionally
stick our ears forward and fan tlies ofl our forchead. So does the mule. But
when any nation sticks spurs lito our We come down stiftrilegeed in front, our
wars look to the beautiful beyond, our ears look to the beauturnal beyond, our,
voice is cut loose, and is still for war,
and our subseenent drum on any thing that gets in reach of
us, and strikest terror to the hearts of all
tyranta. So does the mule.

> Grateful Women

None recelve so much beneitt, and
none are so profoundly gratefal and how such an interest in recommending remedy pecullarly adopted to the many inls the sex is almost universally subject o. Chills and fever, indiguation or deranged liver. Constant or periodical kidney, pain in the shoulders and different parts of the body, a feelling of las-
situde and despondency, are all readily

## SUNDAT RIADING

## England's National Vioo.

THE devotion to liquor, as every one Enows who knows anything about nation; and, so fur from trying to check thls besetting sin, we enoourage, we render attractive, we protect, we indefnite ly multipiy, we thrust at every atep be
fore those whom it stroy, innumerable temptations to it and this we do, and continue to do though we know that so diflicult is in for the poor, even when they wish to
keep aloor from it; so subtle, so rapld futal, enslaving, is the horrible fuscina don of it, that a man often becomes a
drunkard almost before he sees the aw fulness of his peril; and when once he is a drunkard, most often he is hurrient
all downhill with fatal ail downhill with fatal rapldity into in
curable ruin of body, curable ruin of body, mlnd and coul.
Can we then wonder that, more and more, by common confession, a confes slon, alas! how humiliating, of a fact
how notorious, the natlonal vise of Great Britian is drunkenness? Not on
day passea without our withessiog it day phases without our witnessing
terrible ravages. To the ruin it engen
ders, all alike bear witness. army, from the navy, from the police,
from from guardians of the poor, from manumen, from all large employers of labor clergy of every, denomination, and most
dudges, from the often and most bitterly from the workingmen themselves, come pouring in the
accumulated teatimonies - emphatic, heart-rending, unmistakable, reiterate to the deadiliness of this degradiog sin you who, shat up in your stately houses
or quiet homes, know notbing of this, and therefore, nureling in some delielous stilness your dainty loves and slothful
sympathles, hear it with Indifference or sympathes, hear it with hdifference or
Impatienee? If you would know what cause there is to lift up the yote respee Ing it, leave your ease; do not be afraid for once to sicken your sensibilities ; do not be afraid to soll your robes. See
women, or what had once been those women, or what had once been those
gracious beings, shrieking, fighting, off their backs, and the very bed on which their ehildren lie. Watch the poor, ragged, emaciated drunkard-lost
to health, lost to respectability, lost to shame-reeling from the counter where
he has over and over again shamefully squandered what might have kept hin seff and his family in comfort and inde pendence. Follow him, at least in im-
agination, to the chronic and squalid agination, to the chronic and equalid
misery of that bare, foul room, which might have been a home. See
children tly from him terror-stricken and huddled away out of sight in the corner, in the street, anywhere. See bi
wife-but the preture, though infinitely less than the reality, is too horrible ; an you may see this ulmost anywhero; you
may see it almost any day ; and when you have seen it you will know at last why the hearts of thoussands sink within them as they contemplate this standing shame, this clinging curse, this eat-
ing canker of our prosperity and of our ing canker of our prosperity and of our
life. These are its infamous resultsparent of evil. Who will venture to de which I bere arraign it? Unnecessary as ilis, except possibly in rarest cases of
illuess, being nelther a food nor a source
of entreng of strength, it wastes our resources ; it
saps our national strength; it saps our national strength; it empties
our churehes ; it fruatrates our schools; It fills our prisons; it crowds the wards of our hospitala; it peoples the cells or
our asylums; it swells the tables of our mortality; it degrades many of our
rich; it brutalises multitudes of our poor. Now, an, this believg so, that there
will you do? Oh,
are thousands of good meu and good women who, if they knew about this
subject all they might know, not look
on coldy and on coldy and indifferently while other struggle. They would not think the
drunkard a it subject for a smile or a Jest. They would not oppose any legiss
lative eudeavour to diminish for the working man bis worst and fatalest seduetion. They would not meet the ar-
guments of temperance by those feeble Seriptural reasoning which have been Seriptural reasoung which have been
used ere now to kindle the fagot of the loquisitor, and rivet, the fetters of the
slave. They would not supply to the
cause of intemperanee the shallow caase of intemperazee the shallow
sophism or the enauaring eplgram. But what they will do would be to Join
hand-in-hand in a holy crusade against thif curse of nations ; this worst stum.
blingblock on the path of moral, tintel. lectual, and religious progress. they did not see their way to do, as
simple and much needed protest, whin thousands, thank-God, of our olergy without injury to health, but with posi-
tive advantage to it- not olly tive advantage to it-not only without
diminution of atrength, but with diminution of atrength, but with decid-
ed increase of it, namely, abstain from
all intoxicating drinks for their brethern's aake, If not for theif own;-if they did not make this cheap and bene-
ficial sacrifice, yet at least, In order that ficial sacrifice, yet at least, In order that
the next generation may be partially the next generation may be partially
dellivered from that whith to the bitter curse of thls, they would train up their ohildren, when any fermented liquor is ret before them, to say with the children
of Jonadab, the son of Rechabb, "We of Jonadab, the son of Rechab, "We
drink it not, for our father commanded us, sayitug, "Drink it not,"" Oh, what how wealthy, how clear of intellect, how strong of arm, how fertile in re-
sources, how rieh in hope, to which drink would be unknown.

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