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International Boat Racing.
It is possible that there will be an international rowing match arranged before the close of the rowing season of 1892. For some time past an informal correspondence has been carried on between the president of the Oxford University Boatclub and the rowing men of both Harvard and Yale colleges in the United States. The medium of communication was Mr. Chase Mellin, an old Brasenose oar, who is at present residing in the states. The idea was to bring Oxford against the winners of the Harvard-Yale match. Harvard has always expressed a willingness to ratify an international match if such a thing was possible, and the only hitch likely to occur were the locale and the time. In an interview with R. C. Lehmann, the coach of the Oxford crew, that gentleman says:
"The Oxford University Boatclub is very anxious to arrange a match with the winner of the Yale-Harvard match this year. Informal communications have, I believe, come from the other side of the Atlantic, and have been answered by Mr. Fletcher, who is now president of the O. U. B. C."
Mr. Lehmann thought that a race might be arranged on the river Thames, between Putney and Mortlake, in the month of September, and that Mr. Fletcher and his companions expect to get a favorable reply in an open secret. It is a well known fact that a joint committee of Harvard and Yale has favored this project for some years, and it was the intention of the Americans to invite a representative crew of English college rowers to Chicago next season to take part in the national regatta there. It is more than probable that the winners of the Harvard-Yale race will meet the English rowers on the river Thames this year, and then ask for a return contest next year at Chicago.—London Sporting Life.

Worth Twenty Thousand Dollars to Him.
I. N. Locke, of Wayne county, Ind., was formerly an active trader. In May, 1873, he was in Chicago and bought a lot for a small sum. He put the deed in an envelope and placed it in his pocket with other papers. A few days afterward he lost the envelope and all its contents. He advertised for it, but really cared only for the notes, thinking the lot of little value. John Ritchey, a victim of softening of the brain, was wandering aimlessly on the street the day Locke lost his papers. He found them and laid them away, and even after his death no notice was taken of the supposed worthless papers. A short time ago John Ritchey found the package and gave it to Mr. Locke, and through his attorney his claim has been established. Had the deed remained concealed a few days longer the twenty years would have expired and no claim allowable. It is a lot in the boulevard addition, and the parties occupying it have given Mr. Locke \$20,000 for a quit claim.—Chicago Letter.

Money in Trust for a Cat.
In Paris there is a cat whose future welfare has become quite a question of public interest. The animal belonged to a Mme. Dubrai, and his mistress was so fond of him that she left a sum of money in trust to the mayor of the third arrondissement, in which she resided, for the use of the scholastic fund (Caisse des Ecoles) on condition that a certain amount shall go toward pussy's maintenance. A trusty person is to be nominated by the mayor, who will undertake to house the lucky cat and give him three meals a day, consisting of such delicacies as lights, liver and heart. It is estimated that after this charge has been met there will only be about 200 francs a year left for the fund, and the question now agitating public functionaries is whether that sum is worth the responsibility to be incurred.—Paris Letter.

Queer Antics of Clouds.
Tuesday afternoon, during the rain and hailstorm, a cloud was observed a few miles south of this place that acted very strangely, to say the least. It was quite near the ground and seemed to be violently agitated. Suddenly the cloud seemed to burst asunder, one part going to the northwest and only forty or fifty feet from the earth. One of the sections passed over or through the tops of some tall poplar trees and shaved them off as if a gigantic moving machine had passed that way. A heavy hailstorm also passed over a narrow strip of country near there, and at Sand Slough there were piles of them still remaining in spots late Wednesday morning. Very little hail fell here, and it was so small as to be scarcely noticeable.—Lemoore (Cal.) Leader.

A Church Shed for Bicycles.
The Center church committee is going to set aside one of the horse sheds as a bicycle shed. Not a few persons who attend the Sunday and week night meetings ride to and from the church on bicycles. Now they have to leave their bicycles outside, where the small boys tamper with them and where, in case of a sudden shower, the machines would be injured. The shed will be inclosed and conveniently arranged for the storage of bicycles. So far as we can learn the Center church is the first in the country to provide a bicycle shed.—Manchester (Conn.) Herald.

Trouble in the St. Clair Tunnel.
Great trouble is being experienced in ventilating the St. Clair tunnel, which was opened last year. Owing to the steep grades very heavy engines are used for working the tunnel section, and such quantities of smoke come from these engines that it is difficult to get men who are willing to run them. It is now proposed fitting smoke consumers to the engines with a view of mitigating the nuisance.—New York Times.

Mummy Paint.
Mummies taken from the Egyptian tombs, beaten into a fine powder and mixed with oil for paint is one of the latest industries of Cairo. The color of this human dust paint is a rich brown of lively tone.—St. Louis Republic.

Sunstroke Stops the Wedding of 25 and 25.
A marriage was interrupted Thursday night by the groom becoming suddenly overcome with the heat and he had to be taken to his hotel, where he has been confined to his bed ever since.
The groom in question is Mr. W. S. Fowler who boards at the Enterprise hotel. Until a short while ago he conducted a livery stable on East Market street, but retired about a year ago with a comfortable fortune. Mr. Fowler is a widower, seventy-five years old, and has several grown children. A short while ago he met Miss Lillie Townsend, a young woman twenty-five years of age, who is employed by J. Bacon & Sons at the glove counter.
The courtship did not last long till the engagement was announced. Mr. Fowler's children, it seems, objected strongly to the marriage and did everything in their power to break off the match. They were unsuccessful, however, and June 15, the day set for the marriage, arrived. The wedding was to take place where Miss Townsend has boarded for several years. Everything was in readiness at the time appointed—the guests, the minister and the happy couple.
Just before the time for the ceremony Mr. Fowler became very faint and would have fallen but for the support of one of the guests. He soon lost consciousness and was taken to the Enterprise hotel in a carriage, where he was put to bed and the doctor summoned. His condition was found not to be serious, but he was suffering from a slight case of sunstroke.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

An Imprisoned Genius.
Alberto Lopez, who was taken to Yuma recently to serve a two years' term for burglary gave his personal effects to his friends about the jail. Deputy Barry was presented with a facsimile of the Episcopal church made out of pasteboard. Lopez could see the church from one of the jail windows, and he reproduced it almost perfectly. He borrowed a knife from Deputy Sheridan with which he cut up the pasteboard, and then made paste from flour with which to stick the pieces together. It is a piece of workmanship to be proud of. The greatest production of Lopez while confined in jail here is a reproduction of the magnificent Merchants' exchange building in Guadalajara. The entire affair is constructed of paper. On the inside of the building are the stairways, etc., each perfect in its construction. The prisoner must be possessed of a memory much stronger than most men are, to remember every detail of that large structure for a number of years. However true genius the man possessed, he has made bad use of it.—Phoenix Herald.

Troublesome Seals.
The salmon fishermen down the river and bay are having trouble this spring from the seals, as usual. These pests are multiplying rather than decreasing and are causing great losses to the weirs. While the seals of the arctic regions have the reputation of being slow, stupid animals, hunters killing them with clubs, those on the Maine coast are the sharpest game to be found. They will go in and out of the salmon weirs, either by force or strategy, and eat all the fish they want. They are very hard to get a shot at, and when hit sink to the bottom, the carcass thus being lost to the gunner. One fisherman remarked on a recent Saturday that there was a small fortune in store for the man who would invent a trap that would catch seals and hold them. The bounty upon them doesn't seem to do a bit of good.—Bangor (Me.) Commercial.

No Buyer for Raleigh's Youghall House.
Sir Walter Raleigh's Irish home in Youghall, County Cork, which belonged to the late Sir John Pope Hennessy, M. P., was put up for sale by Messrs. E. & H. Lumley, in the Auction mart, Tokenhouse yard. The house is a fine specimen of Elizabethan architecture. It was there that Sir Walter smoked the first pipe of tobacco in Ireland and received an unexpected bath from a faithful servant maid, who, on seeing the blue smoke emerging from her master's mouth and curling around his head, thought Sir Walter was falling a victim to spontaneous combustion and threw a pail of cold water over him to extinguish the conflagration. Only £1,250 was bid for the property, which was accordingly bought in by the auctioneer, who said he could not think of selling a historical mansion like it for such a figure.—London Telegraph.

Telephone from Paris to Bordeaux.
At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the new telephone line between Paris and Bordeaux was opened. Complimentary messages were exchanged between the presidents of the chambers of commerce of both cities, and the minister of commerce, and the mayor of Bordeaux. The telephone works exceedingly well, every word being clearly heard. Before concluding the Elysee telephone was hitched on and a complimentary message sent through from Bordeaux to President Carnot, to which he replied in suitable terms.—Galvani Messenger.

Snow in June, but None in Winter.
Persons returning from the hills report that a foot of snow fell Wednesday. It extended down within 2,000 feet of the plains. A shower of "round" snow fell in the vineyards between Fresno and the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains, where no snow fell at any time last winter.—Fresno Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

W. C. Crawford is now, at the age of eighty-six, living in destitution at Alvarado, Tex. He is the sole survivor of the band of patriots who signed the declaration of Texas independence at Washington, on the Brazos river, March 2, 1836.
During a masked ball at Covent Garden theater thieves made off with valuable diamonds and jewelry which they are said to have cut from the ladies' dresses.

BUYING PICTURES.

A REPORTER CHATS WITH SEVERAL WELL KNOWN ARTISTS.

The Painters Pretty Generally Agree That One Should Buy the Paintings Which Please Him—Judgment Is Capable of Cultivation and Will Improve.
"How do people buy pictures?" Colin Campbell Cooper repeated. "Well, I suppose the majority of collectors consult the advice of a dealer or some artist, and yet there are those, not pretentious connoisseurs, either, that know a good thing when they see it, and evince unusual wisdom in their purchases. To some, however, self reliance in investing on a large scale in paintings has proved rather a disastrous experiment. The other day a collection made by a man thirty or forty years ago was sold. There was hardly half a dozen good things in it, simply because he bought and he did not know what he was getting.
"Art in this country is gradually waking up. Perhaps the Centennial might be called the American Renaissance. We know infinitely more about art than our grandfathers did, and with opportunities increasing from year to year it is fair to suppose our children will show a still more marked improvement in taste. Greater facilities for traveling have done much to bring about a change in our little world, and the tendency of our art is rather toward the cosmopolitan than provincial. Naturally, time is required to educate the public taste along artistic lines.
"I think people will buy more pictures when they understand painting is not an accomplishment merely a pleasure to the eye, but that it is a part of education, of civilization. It will require time to realize this. Exhibitions are visited and the majority like to look at pictures with an admiration rather ephemeral. When the picture is out of sight the impression is gone. With a general diffusion of art paintings will be bought not solely because they appeal to the senses, to personality, but for their artistic qualities; not simply because the subject illustrated is rather a pretty idea, but because the work is technically a good art production."
Stephen Ferris said: "The world is full of good pictures to be bought for reasonable prices, but unfortunately many thousands of dollars, many fortunes, are spent for nonsense, while good work remains unsought and unbought. Common sense is happy capital in picture buying as in any other business. One can hardly provide a set number of rules to be observed in buying. Many books have been written on military science, yet the world has seen comparatively few fine generals. Judgment rules the world, and in picture buying one person is more successful than another because a spirit of superior intelligence dictates his purchases."
Thomas Eakins would like to have people buy pictures that please them; and appeal to their taste. "The majority are afraid to buy what they like; they must have some one else's advice. Well, if they start with bad art, perhaps before long they will come to the good. Let people buy what they want."
"I have not thought much about buying pictures," said Mr. Frederick Waugh. "We artists are more chiefly concerned in trying to sell them. It is the privilege of the artist to paint pictures which appeal to people; which they understand and want to have for their own. But he should have a high standard, and he cannot succeed if he lowers it to cater to the popular taste. He is fortunate if working out his ideas he passes the public and yet does not lose his independence nor forfeit his originality. His work may be appreciated by large numbers, but it is always certain that some few will recognize his endeavor and will want to buy it."
"In the Old World art is accessible to all. The Luxembourg and the Louvre are filled permanently with the masterpieces of all ages, the best that have been done. There, too, the spirit of union is strong among artists. They gather together and talk of everything pertaining to the art world, consequently they live entirely in a congenial climate and they grow and develop in an essentially art atmosphere. Impressionism? Yes, this is the great word nowadays. Many have an idea that it is a synonym for vaguely treated and partially unfinished pictures. Impressionism claims to record facts as observed by the artist. Sincerity to nature is its aim. After all, there is nothing so beautiful as truth, and the nearer we get to it, as we find it in nature, the better artists we are."
"Many Americans buy pictures," Mr. F. de B. Richards responded, "because they have accumulated money, and pictures are the proper thing to have. Generally they know very little about it, and a dealer does the work for them. If people purchase pictures to flatter their vanity, let them spend big sums and buy high priced pictures. If they buy for pleasure, let them buy what interests them. I remember meeting Edwin Forrest after a sale. 'I've bought a picture,' said he. 'They told me not to do it, because very likely it is not original. But it pleases me, and I should buy it if it were by somebody I never heard tell of.' A picture pleasing to the eye is a source of education for the time being at least. Adverse criticism may lead a man to scrutinize it and study it more closely than if he had bought one he did not like half so well."
"I think I should be inclined to buy what I liked personally," was the opinion of Edwin Swift Balch, "not forgetting that the pictorial qualities should not be lost sight of in the desire to get a pleasing subject. Good handling, the proper placing of values and meritorious color, allied to a sympathetic subject, will tend to keep our interest in a painting alive."—Philadelphia Times.

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