HOW HIGHBALL WON THE DERBY LONG TOIL REWARDED

Glorious Race Furnished Inspiration for Poet's Song of the Strenuous Steeds.

The West against the East contending.

Has sent her champion to the fray.

On blithe High Ball our eyes are bend-The sluggard holds the right of way. Where's Irish Lad, the New York won-

Whose deeds have set the turf on fire? His hoof beats ring like rumbling thun-His Titan heart will never tire!

Which horse will win the Derby laurel?
Will Woodson snatch the Crossus prize?
Will Highball conquer in the quarrel.
Or English Lad the world surprise?
Rapid Water, too, may loom as master—
Big brother to the bolsterous breeze,



"How the frenzied crowd is shouting, as English Lad bends to the chase!"

Blithe Highball's stride seems surely Than surging foam from wind swept

"Tis Derby Day, our glorfous season, When summer swoons upon the land, To back the bangtails is no treason, To pick the winner from the stand. And trails him at his saddle belt. urges on the steeds that labor th the fire and fury of the Cel

Over fifty thousand here assemble To see the maddening bruising chase; by piquant maids will pout and tremble. "Brave Highball will win the race." tilthe Highball looms so spruce and siender.
Moharib stout may snatch the prize:
Fort Hunter looms a keen contender.

Rich laughter gleams in Beauty's eyes.

What ringing cheers saints the Master, Blithe whirlwind of the pampered East; Staunch Highball neighs and spurns dis-

And looms a supple splendid beast.

A crafty jockey guides his chances—
Fuller—impassive in his seat. The pompous palfrey proudly prances
And caracoles with dainty feet.

Comes English Lad, the West's Defender, The stubborn sluggard takes his ease, Requital's son looms spruce and slen-

brother to the boisterous breeze Old Time, they say, is fast and fleeting: Time Limps a laggard in his train! What flerce delight when steeds are multi-

They're at the post-all grouped together.
They're jockeying for the friendly rail.
With hearts as buoyant as a feather. chevaliers of Grecian tale, hearken to the bugle blowing; challenge through the air. Like haunting strains from Siren's lair.

"They're off-they're off." the railbirds crying—
"All ranged together in a line!"
Supreme delight to see them flying
As stately squadron o'er the brine.
Each gallant thoroughbred is straining

With foam flecked mouth and tossing

And dauntless Highball's grimly gaining.

POOR LUCK WITH ALLIGATORS. Visitor Failed to See What Captured the Negro.

When I got down into Mississippi I began to look for alligators, thinking to find them basking in the sun on the banks of every creek and bayou, but three weeks passed and I had not yet got sight of one. Then I accepted an invitation to stay with Major Burbanks for two or three days. He had a big bayou on the west of his plantation, but would not guarantee an alligator. On the second evening I walked down to the water to look in a vain, but at the same time I was somewhat interested in a negro who sat on the log fishing. He told me he had never seen a gator in the bayou, and that he was expecting to catch a catfish at any moment and I had turned away when there was a yell and a spiash. I whirled about, but all I could see was the muddy water churned into foam and the waves lashing the bank. At that moment the major joined me and I said: "Major, there was a negro fishing from that log a moment ago."

"Yes?" 'And something has taken him'

"Yes?" But-but it must have been an

alligator?" "And you never caught sight of

'Shoo! You do seem to be out of luck with the 'gators, for shore, Let's go back to the veranda to smoke.

BEGGARS AMUSING CHARACTERS.

Strange Requests Made by Impecuni ous Mendicants. Miss Mary Richmond of Philadel-

phia is one of the noted charity work ers of America. As the executive head of the Phila-

delphia Society for Organizing Charity, Miss Richmond has made a thorough study of all sorts of beggars. and some of the beggars she has met must have been amusing characters. There was one, for instance, a New Ringland beggar, who used to tramp at in the twilight, saying to every sewife who answered to his knock:

Will you give me a drink of water, ady? for I'm so hungry I don't know where I'm going to sleep to night."

THE RESIDENCE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

And Woodson pobly stands the test!

How rich the sweep, how grand the

As English Lad bends to the chast-Lithe lily lasses flushed and pouting Show instrious eyes, shy roseleaf fa Blithe Highball gallops surely faster. Than whimpering wind or rippling re-

throng.
Resistless as fierce cyclone sweeping.
He glides as spiendid as a song.

Come on you hound." the tipsters yell-

"Wake up and do your song and

dance?"
The railbirds with alarm are swelling—"You brule, move up and take a chance.
But English Lad still keeps his distance.
Blithe Highball holds the right of way;
Ite seems to spurn the turf resistance,
And Woodson trails him in the fray.

They're in the stretch and madly strain-

And trail them at their saddle belt. And grimly eye their strenuous neighbor With the fire and fury of the Ceit!

The pace was swift, the struggle bruis

ing. As they thunder down the sloping way With foam flecked mouth like hounds a

Their hoof beats drown the runs thunder, Relentless as fierce Cyclops might.

There is no time to break or blunder Since Death's in ambush for a fight.

Who won the race, who snatched the plunder?
'Twas Highball filched the Croesus

prize, His hoof beats ring like rumbling thun-

world's surprise, Vain, English Lad, your desperate strain-

For dauntless Highball's vanguished Time

"Vain, English Lad, your desperate

straining, for dauntless Highball's van-

And Woodson at his heels was gaining— Their names will live in rippling rhyme —James E. Kinsella. Registry Division, Chicago Postoffice.

FRESH AIR THE BEST TONIC.

More Exercise.

sician, "that one-half of the women

are simply starving for fresh air, and

ercise freely in the open air for at

least two hours daily they would feel

like new women at the end of a year.

Nature cannot be cheated, nor can

impaired forces be restored by swal-

pain and illness overtakes the offend-

er. A busy woman may be compelled

to neglect some duty or pleasure for a

time in order to obtain the outdoor

exercise, but under the circumstances

it will be excusable, and in the long

run she will make up for it because

Ago.

"Pessimism," he said, "is as old as

the hills. Mankind has always rec-

grain fields spreading as far as the

eye could see. 'You can't grumble,

he went on, 'about your crop this sea-

"'No,' whined the pessimist, 'but a

crop like this is terribly wearing or

Reason for Long Workday.

hours of female factory workers at

the grounds that competition with

of increased bodily vigor."

mism one day at Columbia.

cerns a pessimistic farmer.

son, eh?

the soil."

than it is now.

quished Time."

Eastern champions roused the

cruising Staunch Highball leads the strenuous

fray. r hoof beats drown the rumbling

FRENCH PRISONERS LABORED YEARS TO ESCAPE.

Their Secret Passage Was Discovered Through Perfidy of Fellow Convict, But Pardon Was Granted.

A wonderful example of the pa-

measure.
That rises like grey ocean's swell.
They spurn the turf with lordly pleastience of prisoners in preparing means for escape was discovered some time ere.

Exulting like clear chiming bell.

They rise and fall like billows swelling And surge and shoulder in the fight. Full fifty thousand men are yelling And cheering at the glorious sight! ago in the French penal settlement in New Caledonia. The convicts live in barracks, and every morning they are thoroughly searched and locked in. Among the prisoners were two mathe frenzied crowd is shouting. English Lad bends to the chase

rine engineers who were in for political crimes. They lived together in the same hut. Every night, for two years, they labored at digging an untapld Water seems to spurn disaster.

Stout Woodson nobly stands the strain. derground chamber benewh their Far back English Lad is hiding.
The stubborn sluggard bides his time;
His jockey nurses calmly guiding.
His hoof beats ring like silvery rhyme.
Relentless as lithe leopard leaping.
Highball comes bounding thro the
throng. house, concealing its entrance during the day. Every morning each of them carried out some dirt in his blouse or his pockets.

Their hut stood near the seashore. After two years' toll they had dug a tunnel reaching almost to the sandstone bank by the beach. At the end of the tunnel they hollowed out a large cavity, and in this cavity they set to work building a boat. By cutting through to the beach they were able to come out at night and find pieces of driftwood on the shore, and every serviceable piece of timber they dragged in. panting steeds set sail for home; i gallant Highball's grimly gaining. Il dappled grey with flecking foam i jockeys nurse the steeds that labor,

In their underground chamber they made a forge, and with little bits of steel and iron, some smuggled in from the marine repair shops in their hair and under their arm pits, they made, first tools, then bolts, rivets and the necessary ironwork for the building of a launch. Then they set patiently to work building an engine for the launch. When that was finally accomplished, they had been working nightly for over seven years.

At this time another convict was lodged with them, a Paris embezzler, and they had to take him into their confidence. For six months he helped them, until everything was ready, except to provision the boat. Then the embezzler turned informer, hoping to gain favor thereby. Next night guards surprised the two marine engineers in their underground chamber, seized their tools, and put them into solitary confinement with ball and chain.

The subsequent investigation brought to light the entire plot. The seven long years of patient toil so impressed the French commandant that a year later he managed to obtain a pardon for the two engineers. and they returned to France.

POWER OF THE IMAGINATION.

It Frequently Plays Strange and Unexpected Pranks

"We humans are a pretty weakminded lot," said Col. William Zeverley, of the Indian Territory, who was philosophizing. "Witness how a man toes to a race track to play a certain horse and lets any stranger tout him off it.

"I remember when Ash Ewing was sergeant-at-arms of the Missouri Legislature. Ash was a big, burly, healthy man, with a face like a full moon. One Monday morning Senator Walker put up a job on Ash. He hunted up half a dozen senators and told them to go to Ash one after another and ask him what was the matter with his face.

"They all agreed, and Walker started the ball rolling.

'Good morning, Ash,' he said. when he met the sergeant-at-arms. Physician Declares Women Need 'How are you this morning?' "'Fust rate, senator: fust rate." "It is safe to say," declared a phy

"'But, Ash, what in heaven's name is the matter with your face?' 'Nothing is the matter with my if they would throw away their pill face,' said Ash, rubbing his hand over

bottles and headache powders and ex it. Nothing at all.' "Six men, one after another, met Ash and held the same conversation with him. Each time Ash protested there was nothing the matter with him, but his protests grew weaker

lowing medicine every time warning and weaker. "When the seventh came around and said: 'Good morning, Ash, how are you this morning?' Ash replied: Fust rate, except for that blankety blanked face of mine."

Not a Matter of Birthdays.

The passengers in a train the other day were annoyed by the impassioned PESSIMISM HAS LONG EXISTED strains of a lusty-lunged infant who refused to be pacified or comforted. People Were Prone to Complain Ages A very youthful looking "Bertie." whose nerves seemed to be in an fr-Dr. Richard T. Gotthell, of Co ritable condition, writhed in silent lumbia University, has a broad agony for some time; but at last his knowledge of Oriental tales and provendurance gave way, and, leaning over the back of his seat he inquired Dr. Gottheil was condemning pessiof the mother of the screaming darling, in a brief interval of comparative calm:

"How old should a child be before ognized it, and has always derided it. it can be taught to keep its mouth "There is a Persian story about a shut?"

pessimist. This story is so old that "Young man," replied the irate no date can be assigned to it. It conmother, with a flerce glance at the smooth-faced boy who had had the "'Good friend,' a viitor said to the temerity to put forward such an infarmer, 'you are fortunate this year.' quiry, "you should ask your own He pointed to the heavy and rich mother that question!"

> The Fisher of Nippon. Where now the brownie fisher lad?
> His hundred thousand fishing boats
> Rock idly in the reedy moats;
> His baby wife no more is glad.

His baby wife no more is glad. But yesterday, with all Nippon, Beneath his pink-white cherry trees, In chorus with his brown, sweet bees, He careless sang, and sang right on. Take care! for he has ceased to sing: His startled bees have taken wing! A recent attempt to reduce the dailt His cherry blossoms drop like blood;

His bees begin to storm and sting: is seas flash lightning, and a flood Of crimson stains their wide, w Freiberg, Germany, was opposed, on His

the grounds that competition with Italy, Japan and China would not per mit it, and that, if factory life were made too attractive, domestic help would be still more difficult to obtain than it is now.

Ting:

Ting:

Ting:

His battle-ships belch hell, and all Nippon is but one Spartan wall!

Aye, he, the boy of yesterday,

Now holds the bearded Russ at bay:

While, blossom'd steeps above, the cloud wall idly still, as walting shrouds. blossom'd steeps above, the cloud idly, still, as waiting shrouds, -Joaquin Miller in the Century,

TO TRANSFORM A WILDERNESS.

Irrigation Is Expected to Accomplish a Miracle

One of the most forbidding portions of the North American continent has been the desert of Idaho in the Snake river region. Little besides sage grass would grow there, and the lands, suitable neither for agriculture nor grazing purposes, have been abandoned to coyoles and noisome reptiles.

But of late an almost miraculous change has taken place in this region. The government engineers thought they saw a promise of fertility there. and the tract was chosen as one of the earliest to be irrigated artificially under the new scheme for which congress has appropriated several million dollars. At an expenditure of \$2,600,-000, which has been set aside for the construction of great impounding dams and diversion canals above the Minidoka rapids, fully \$12,000,000 of taxable property will be created in this basin. Taking as a basis the last census agricultural figures for Idaho, the 120,000 acres to be reclaimed under this project will, when settled under irrigation, represent the latter value, while the annual carrings of the land will amount to about \$2,000,-000. With this area cut up into 1,400 new farms, as is proposed by the government, a rural population will be created of 7,000, which will bring with it an urban population of probably another 7,000, or 14,000 people.

TRAPPER OF BIG HAWKS.

Pennsylvania Man Holds Record as

Champion Catcher. Glenn Russell, a young man of Hunter, Pa., has certainly broken all late records as a hawk catcher. He began his work of catching hawks by means of traps in November last, when on the 22d day of that month he bagged his first bird, which had a spread of wings 50 1/2 inches from tip to tip. The day following he caught another, which measured 541/2 inches. On December 8 another one was added to his list, which measured 49 inches. February 27 of this year another was caught, which measured 51 inches. May 4 he scored one which showed a spread of wings of 50 inches; on the 14th another was added, having 48 inches of wing, on the 19th another big fellow was trapped, which showed up 53 inches of sailing power. On the 24th perhaps the daddy of 'em all was taken, and this fellow could unfold 55 inches of wing power. On the same date another was decoyed into Mr. Russell's trap, with a wing measurement of 50 inches.

The Village Church.

I'm glad I lingered where the village road Turned off into the highway to the town, or, far away among the hills of

The tall church steeple showed.

Of home—that white, slim turret that yet seems
To come, faith's symbol, in my waking four others. To drive my doubts away.

Flow many times the mists my paths
would claim—
And oft and oft the voices of unrest.
And giant strife, had sadly dispossessed hope of simple name

But mid their guardian hills I know where they no gather in their father's ancient Who

Remember, by their early faith and For absent sons to pray. And, if I should go back, I'm sure I'd

After I'd passed the highway to the hill.
The faithful church tower shining white and still.
To keep the way for me.
Frank Wolcott Hutt in the Youth's Companion.

The Japanese Calendar. Every month in Japan has its particular significance to the Japanese: January, the month of the New Year February, the inari (fox festival); March, the doll festival; April, the birthday of Buddha, the month when the people stroll out for hanami (flower picnic) and fields and hills are tinted with clouds of cherry blossoms; May, when azaleas are ablaze and the picnickers flock to the beautiful gardens; June, the Temple festivals; July, the celebration of the "Milky Way;" August, moonlight banquets; September, the month of the kikuzuki (chrysanthemum) shows. October is a desolate month, for the gods are said to be absent. In November the parents celebrate the third, fifth and seventh anniversary of their children and entertain their friends: December, a month of work in prepa-

ration for the New Year. New Paulist Superior General. superior general of the Paulists. He came an unusually cold wave, and has in turn been with the United the brook was frozen solid, the hun-Annapolis Naval academy, a professor, in the ice. at Harvard, a professor in the Catholic university at Washington and di-only to go down to the brook chorrector of the Vatican observatory at Rome.

Placer Mining in Colorado. Dredging for gold in the sands of Clear Creek, in the vicinity of Golden, Colo., is one of the latest enterprises arer of a savings bank at East Jaffto attract the attention of the minalready have begun building the mon- in progress. A fly ball was batted in ster dredges required in the work.

Health Forbids Politics.

ginia has withdrawn as a candidate ing his death a little later. for congress in the fourth (Petersburg) district because his health will not permit of his continuing the camfoint discussion.

WANTED THE DUCK BACK.

Inexpert Carver in No Way Disconcerted by "Triffing" Accident.

I was at a dinner party not long ago," Senator Depew was saying, "at

which the host wrestled with considerable difficulty with the duck. He carved with much writhing of lips. but ineffectually so much so that presently the duck under pressure of the knife, left the dish and bounced into the lap of the lady guest sitting opposite.

"Consternat Lon naturally followed, but failed to dis-

concert mine host. 'Madame,' said he politely, 'with you kindly return me that duck?" New York Times.

BASEBALL TEAM IN FAMILY. Nine Players Among Whom There

Should Be Harmony. It is doubtful if there is another town in the state, outside of Wappingers Falls, Dutchess county, that can boast of the distinction of having a baseball nine, with a substitute play er, all in the one family-not merely ten members, but ten good baseball players. They have not only estab lished a reputation by playing among themselves, but by figuring conspicuously in teams along the Hudson river. This novel nine is made up of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Birkenmeyer, of High street, Wappingers Falls. Although they are all first class ball players, they have never organ ized as a solid team until last week The team is made up as follows Charles Birkenmeyer, catcher; John Birkenmeyer, pitcher; Joseph Birken meyer; shortstop; Oscar Birkenmeyer first base; Albert Birkenmeyer, second base; Hugh Birkenmeyer, third base; Adolph Birkenmeyer, Jr., left field; James Birkenmeyer, center field: Vin

DOCTORS MOVE GIRL'S HEART.

cent Birkenmeyer, right field; Ray

mond Birkenmeyer, substitute.- New

York World.

Organ Restored to Normal Condition Though Shifted Six linches.

Annie Riley, a 13-year-old daughter of James Riley of Dickson City, Pa., became ill with pleurisy about a year ago. The family physician found the whole left side of the child's body over the lungs bloated. He removed the matter and the girl began to get well. Soon, however, a second gathering appeared, which decayed the ribs on the left side. During this second illness the girl's heart moved over to the right side some six inches from its proper position.

The girl was taken to a hospital, where physicians found it necessary to remove four whole ribs and parts of

The physicians restored the heart to its natural position, but the operation left the child weak and for two weeks she was in a dangerous position, but now it is believed she will recover.

Rolling Boat.



ventor has created a boat of remarkable appearance, if nothing more. It consists of two drums, the outer acting as a propellor, while the inner one contains a twenty-four horse power motor and carries the passengers.

Fishing with an Ice Pick.

There is a farmer out in Wyoming who lived almost entirely last winter on the contents of a unique refrigerator presented to him by nature.

He lives near a small brook which is part of a large stream not far off. A big school of salmon trout came up in the brook and were cut off from re-George M. Searle, the teacher, writ turning to the river by the freezing er and astronomer, has been elected of the small connecting stream. Then States coast survey, a professor at dreds of salmon trout being caked up

During the winter the farmer had a hole in the ice and pick out a few of the frozen fish, using them as he needed them for his meals.

Love of Baseball Caused Deatn. When Charles R. Kittredge, treas

rey, N. H., as he was on his way ing world. Chicago capitalists have home one afternoon recently, carrying prepared to spend nearly \$1,000,000 in a satchel containing a revolver, he the development of their plans. and passed a ball field, here a game was his direction, and he dropped his satchel so as to catch the ball. The weapon was discharged and the bul-Ex-Gov. William E. Cameron of Vir. let entered Mr. Kittredge's side, caus-

Hop Crop of United States.

The United States now produces paign. He made his announcement at more hops than any other country. a meeting in Boydton, where he and Of the world's crop of 1,760,000 hunhis opponent, R. G. Southall, had a dred weight, the United States fur , nishes 462,000 hundred weight.

FLY THE BEST BAROMETER.

Watch Small Pests If You Would

Know When It Will Rain. Fine day, isn't it?" I remarked as I bade a friend good morning recently in the market house, where he conducts a meat stand. "Yes," he replied, "but it is certain to rain before the day is over."

Asked how he could be so confident when the sky was apparently clear and the sun shining so brightly, he called my attention to the flies. "You see them clinging to the beef?" he explained. "Well, in dry weather the electric fans serve to keep the flies away from fresh meat, but the instant the atmosphere becomes affected by an approaching shower these insects begin to stick to the meat so tightly that it is almost absolutely impossible to drive them off. Our fans are made to revolve at full speed, and in addition we resort to fly brushes; but even with all these precautions some of the little winged pests cling to the beef with a tenacity that is astounding. When this occurs we know that it will rain, and it never fails. Just watch and see if it is not correct. The fly is the best barometer in all the world."-Pittsburg Dispatch.

Lacsoed His Big Catch.

Frank Rogers of South Orrington has quite a fish tied up at his wharf on the river shore. He caught a sturgeen 8 feet long, weighing 250 pounds. in his salmon net, and has him fastened by a rope so that he can swim around in the creek. People who wish to see him pull him ashore, and after the inspection the big sturgeon wiggles back into deep water. The sight is quite a treat to those who have never seen quite so large a fish, any many embrace the opportunity .--Kennebec Journal.

A Road Mirror.



At Woodbridge, Suffolk, England, where three roads meet at dangerous angles, the Urban Council has crected a mirror at such an angle that drivers of motor cars and other vehicles can see whether the road is clear.

He Hated All Religion.

Eliot W. Preston, who died in Boston recently, left a unique will. After providing that no religious ceremony should be held over his body, and that his body should demain unburied until sure of death, he left all his estate,... approximately \$20,000, to the Anti-Vivisection society of Philadelphia.

Mr. Preston expressed this with: "I earnestly request that no religious singing, paid or unpaid, be permitted, but in lieu thereof, should that stanch free thinker, my friend, Mr. P. G. Peabody, be present, I request and hope that he will, in a few well chosen sentences, speak of the deceased as one who dared to look, despite of threats, with the undimmed eye upon the Light-as of one unblinded by priesteraft, hating only pain and recognizing in the principle of happiness the eternal and only good." .

Girl Shoots Attacking Coyote.

Driven to desperation by long fasting, due to heavy snow, a pack of covotes attacked Maude Russell and Clara Sherman near Wilholt Springs. Fortunately the girls were armed. Instead of fleeing from the wild dogs the Russell girl shot one of the animals. The report of the gun frightened the remainder of the pack away. The young women were mounted and brought the body of the coyote back with them to their home as a souvenir of their venture.

Good Bankruptcy Laws.

In Norway and Sweden the only thing for a creditor to do is to send in his claims and make sure that the same are recognized. After this has been done he has the right to refuse to accept the propositions offered by the bankrupt and can insist apon court proceedings in case he believes the bankruptcy was brought about with dishonest intentions.

Ancient Harp.



Old Egyptian harps but six strings.

Achievement of Jeweler.

A jeweler in Turin has made a tiny boat of a single pearl. The hull is finely shaped, and might serve as a model for a racing sloop, the sail is of beaten gold, studded with diamonds, and the binnacle light is a perfect ruby. An emerald serves as its rudder, and its stand is a slab of ivory. Its weight is less than an ounce, and it is said to have cost \$5,000.