

**CONDENSED STORIES.**

**How He Enlightened the Lady and Boomed His State.**

Representative Powers of Maine was coming down through the capitol grounds one day when he was stopped by a lady who was examining minutely a small magnolia tree.

"Will you be so kind," said the lady, "to tell me what kind of a tree this is?"

"That, madam," replied Representative Powers, "is a lemon tree."

"Dear me," said the lady, "are you sure? I never saw a lemon tree before."

"I am sure, madam. There are great quantities of them in my state."

"And what is your state, if I may ask?"

"Maine, madam."

"I am sure," she knew lemon trees grow in Maine."

"Madam," said Representative Powers, bowing low, "lack of knowledge simply affords me the inoffensive pleasure of imparting to you the information. Besides, the resources of the great state of Maine are too richly exploited in these days of commercial rush and hurry."

They looked on and the lady took a souvenir from the magnolia as a souvenir.—Washington Letter.

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**Our Races.**  
There were of a first class order this year. The best horses that travel the western country were here and competed for the different prizes by good hard running. There were a number of good race horses in which the horses made a half mile in 50 seconds and again in 59.4 seconds. Both were neck and neck races and were not at any part of the race a difference of a length of a horse. Jimmy Hicks was the winner in both heats and made it both times on the home stretch.

The other races and in fact all races were as advertised in last weeks DEMOCRAT excepting that on account of old rainy weather Friday that day's races were held Saturday and Saturday on Monday. There was a large crowd of people in and as usual beds were scarce. Every bed in the town was occupied and many slept in tents and barns while those living a dozen or so miles from town went home to sleep. We noticed many new faces at the races while many who generally attended were absent. There were not so many Indians as when the famous "Nigger Baby" used to win cash prizes and was a popular horse on account of its speed as well as its speed. Nigger Baby got hurt by another horse that was running with him last year stepping on his hind foot and from which poor Nigger B never recovered. It was owned by John Cordier and it is no more than proper to say that John lost a member of his family when Nigger Baby died. Many remember how the horses came around the bend at full speed with Nigger Baby in the lead when the crowd was trying to cut in behind and make the inside of the track but the heels of Nigger B's hind foot when the shoe's his front feet. Nigger Baby's head flew high in the air and then came near falling. Poor Nigger Baby had won in many a race but his racing was over right there and he came in on three legs, almost vicious to the other horses were passing him. He died about a month later.

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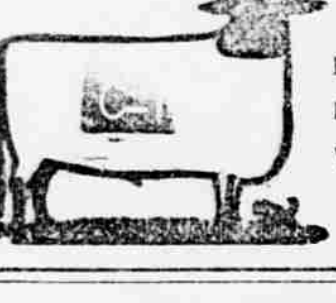
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