

ROTTEN RACES.

People Are Wondering Whether They Will Have Them This Year.

The Way the First Horse Failed to Win Last Season.

But What Can Be Expected When Hankins and Jerry Dunn Are Stars on the Turf?

A number of the gamblers are under indictment, thanks to THE EAGLE. The star of George Hankins has set, and before him yawns the prison doors. "Black Jack's" jig is up, and the cry of "Make your bets, gentlemen," is no longer heard in many houses where the boys were wont to receive their friends from the country.

mistake (?) followed mistake (?) in rapid succession, until, finally the public lost all confidence in the honesty of the management and looked on the races with an apathy that disgusted the bookmakers. Are such scenes as this to be repeated the coming season? Are incompetent men to be again allowed in the judges' stand? Not if THE EAGLE can help it, and it thinks it can. George Hankins, Jerry Dunn, and their kind are coming to the front as horse owners and as stars of the turf. There must be money in it. Hankins is the leading light of the West Side track and his horses are the great attraction at Washington Park. How long will the people of Chicago patronize Hankinsism?

Few of even his intimates are aware that Cyrus W. Field, the American millionaire, started in life as a rag dealer; yet such is the unromantic fact. There are a few old residents yet left who have a vivid recollection of a modest sign over a rickety-looking building, bearing the legend, "Cyrus W. Field, Rags." His shop was next door to another New York worthy, Peter Cooper, who kept a glue-shop, and the two youngsters became inseparable friends. Mr. Cooper recognized the ability of the young ragman, and they became fellow-workers in the Atlantic cable and other operations which led to wealth and fame.

PICKING FOLKS TO PIECES.

How easy it is to see the faults of those around us. We are all of us apt at the business. It is only after our friends are dead that we are able to perceive their virtues. No live man is anywhere near perfect; but after he is dead, he never has any faults, if you may judge by the way people speak of him.

It is amazing to a person of an observant turn of mind to notice how all creation finds fault with everybody else. Suppose some public man, an orator, for instance, is under discussion. Conversation begins by one person asking another the simple question: "Were you at the lecture last evening?"

Response in the affirmative. "How did you like Mr. B.'s discourse?" "Oh, very well, indeed; but did you notice how he drawled his words? And what a strange way he had of rolling up his eyes! I do so dislike that in a speaker; it makes me so nervous. But then, I don't suppose he is conscious of it."

"Well, no; perhaps not; but I could not help noticing the way his coat hung behind. Did you observe it? Maudie wanted to know what tailor I thought he employed. Strange that those public men will be so careless!"

"Well, poor man, he hasn't any wife to see after him. I fancy I can tell a man without a wife by the way his clothes look. There is apt to be dandruff on his coat collar, and, somehow, he always seems as if he didn't feel quite sure about his buttons and things."

"Why, I thought Mr. B. was a married man?" "Oh, he was once, but then he had a misfortune, you know."

"A misfortune! Why, how you do talk! Is that so? Well, now that I think of it, it did strike me that he had a melancholy sort of air about him. Was there another man in the case?"

"I can not say. She was a very high-toned woman, and nobody knew exactly how it was. Many blamed him."

"I have heard that he was awfully high-tempered." "His eyes look like it."

"So I was saying to my husband. And then, hair of that color is generally found with a temper. Well, I shouldn't want to marry one of these public characters. Everybody knows so much about them. And I should hate to be talked about so."

"It isn't nice. And it is strange that some people can take so much delight in picking folks to pieces. Now, that is something I never do. If I can not say anything good of any one, I will not say anything bad. By the way, did you hear about Mrs. Jones' daughter, Jane?"

"No. What about her?" "Why, they say that she has been discharged from Green's because there was a roll of ribbon missing from the store, and nobody knew what had become of it. Isn't it dreadful? Well, Mrs. Jones was a Bingham, and the Bingham never did have a very good name. O'd Mr. Bingham used to give short weight, they always said, and his wife was a dreadful scandal monger. Blood will tell. And I never did like the looks of Jane's nose. I've always noticed that people with noses like hers are apt to be meddlesome and dishonest. But, there, this is a world of fraud and deceit, and I glad that I can look forward to a better one. It is such a comfort, when I think how surrounded we are by evil-doers on every side. Such a comfort! Yes, indeed. Kate Thorn, in New York Weekly.

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