

A 100-1 SHOT IN FRONT.

Mt. McGregor II Easily Downed by the Rank Outsider, La Mascota.

THREE FAVORITES GOT COIN.

Semper Lex Took the Handicap in Coast Record Time From E. N. Shirley.

Had handsome "Jack" Follansbee been at the Bay District track yesterday he could have won a fortune. That is if he had backed his filly, La Mascota, who started in the opening five-furlong dash for maiden two-year-olds, with odds of 100 to 1 against her in the books.

"THE CALL" RACING CHART.

Fifth Day of the Winter Meeting of the California Jockey Club. Weather Fine. Track Fast. Bay District Track, San Francisco, Tuesday, December 31, 1895.

466. FIRST RACE—Five furlongs; maiden two-year-olds; allowances; purse \$300.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, age, weight, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Betting, Op., Cl.

Perfect start. Won easily. Winner, J. G. Follansbee's b. f., by Imp. San Simon-Marcia F. Time, 1:01 1/2.

467. SECOND RACE—Five and a half furlongs; selling; three-year-olds and upward; conditions; allowance; purse \$400.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, age, weight, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Betting, Op., Cl.

Good start. Won driving. Winner, B. Schreiber's b. g., by Imp. Saxon-Gold Basis. Time, 1:08 3/4.

468. THIRD RACE—About six furlongs; two-year-old colts and geldings; allowances; purse \$400.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, age, weight, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Betting, Op., Cl.

Perfect start. Won easily. Winner, Westchester stable's ch. g., by Fandango-Satisfaction. Time, 1:12 1/2.

469. FOURTH RACE—One and a quarter miles; handicap; all ages; purse \$500.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, age, weight, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Betting, Op., Cl.

Good start. Won driving. Winner, B. Schreiber's b. f., by Aretino-Pauline. Time, 1:02 1/4.

470. FIFTH RACE—Six and a half furlongs; selling; mares; three-year-olds and upward; conditions; purse \$400.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, age, weight, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Betting, Op., Cl.

Good start. Won easily. Winner, Burns & Waterhouse's ch. f., by Tyrant-Rosemary. Time, 1:22 1/2.

471. SIXTH RACE—Five furlongs; maiden two-year-olds; allowances; purse \$300.

Table with columns: Index, Horse, age, weight, St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str., Fin., Jockeys, Betting, Op., Cl.

Good start. Won driving. Winner, B. Schreiber's b. f., by Aretino-Pauline. Time, 1:02 1/4.

"THE CALL" RACING GUIDE.

Today's Entries at the Bay District Track.

In races where the horses have no record at the distance to be run the records at the next nearest distance are given.

Abbreviations: F., fast; Fa., fair; H., heavy; m., mile; f., furlong; s., about.

FIRST RACE—Five and a half furlongs; selling.

Table with columns: Index, Name, Lbs., Best record, Dist., Lbs., Tk., Owner, Pedigree.

SECOND RACE—One mile and 70 yards; selling.

Table with columns: Index, Name, Lbs., Best record, Dist., Lbs., Tk., Owner, Pedigree.

THIRD RACE—Seven furlongs; three-year-olds.

Table with columns: Index, Name, Lbs., Best record, Dist., Lbs., Tk., Owner, Pedigree.

FOURTH RACE—Five and a half furlongs; three-year-old fillies; Rosemeade stakes.

Table with columns: Index, Name, Lbs., Best record, Dist., Lbs., Tk., Owner, Pedigree.

FIFTH RACE—Del Monte Steeplechase; short course; selling.

Table with columns: Index, Name, Lbs., Best record, Dist., Lbs., Tk., Owner, Pedigree.

little improvement did she show that only on Monday her trainer, Daggie Smith of the Oakland stable, resolved to ship her back to Mr. Follansbee's ranch. However, she was a starter in yesterday's race, along with nine other maidens, with "Skeets" Martin in the saddle. When her trainer fell her to a \$20 gold piece and proceeded to bet on his charge in the ring, the bookmaker handed him the ticket with a look of compassion on his face.

After the long-expected outsider, Hiram Arzo, had captured the following race, and Kamsin had been taken into camp by Gratty, the favorites had clear sailing, three straight getting to the wire in front. The mile and a quarter handicap resulted in a pretty contest, in which the coast record of 2:07 1/2 was equalled. Semper Lex looked to have the pull in weights, and was deservedly made an 8 to 5 favorite. Dunganven money was plentiful, the black horse's friends knocking his odds down from 4 1/2 to 2 1/2 to 1. Fred Gardner was heavily played, and not a few took a chance at Santiago, showing some of his real form. A quiet play cut the odds against E. H. Shirley from 50 to 20 to 1.

The light-weighted E. H. Shirley was sent out in front when the flag to let, and with Fred Gardner at his side the pair raced well together, with the favorite in third position until squared away for the wire the second time. Fred Gardner here had enough and began falling back. But E. H. Shirley was not so easily disposed of, for it took Bergen's hardest effort to get the favorite just the wire a foot in front of the outsider, who was ridden by Eddie Jones. Claudius, carrying weight, was a fair third.

The Westchester stable's Adam was sent out on 5 to 1 odds, and went on to the card, a five and a half furlong run, but finished in second place behind the 15 to 1 outsider Hiram Arzo ridden by Chorn. Jake Johnson, another outsider, was the close third.

With but six starters the two-year-old race for colts and geldings over the short six-furlong course was considered a "moral" for Kamsin, who was hammered down from 4 to 5 to 1 to 2. Gratty, the 2 to 1 second choice, was away in front and kicked dust in his race all the way, winning by a scant length in 1:23 1/2. Benham, with 75 to 1 about him, was a fair third.

The Burns and Waterhouse entry, Rosebud, was a 5 to 1 favorite for the six and a half furlong run for mares, with nine starters, and, showing in the lead the entire route, won easily from Raindrop, a 50 to 1 shot. Miss Norma, a 15 to 1 chance, was a close third.

The last event of the day was a five-furlong dash for maiden two-year-olds. Burney Schreiber's Winnie finally closed a 2 1/2 to 1 favorite in the betting, and in a hard drive beat Big Chief out a nose on the wire.

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IT WAS A RADICAL CURE.

The Vice of Indiscriminate Hospitality Effectually Corrected.

WOMAN'S WIT TO THE FORE.

Terrifying Experience of a Genial Clubman on the Day After a High Jinks.

To give the names of the actors in this true story would be to expose them to that gentle sort of badinage known as "joshing," which is the recreation of idle and illy regulated minds.

Young clubman, of the most hospitable disposition, possesses a wife who is charming, genial and as hospitably disposed as her handsome husband. But she believes in moderation, and the only "dissension" in their household arises from the fact that when her goodman is taking a night off at the club he invariably invites to dinner all his friends, and as invariably forgets that he has asked them. This, of course, is embarrassing. To have a dozen people pour in when the table is set for three would irritate the most even temper. Things grew so bad in this line that Mrs. Charles thought and thought how Charles might be cured. She took a few club friends into her confidence and they willingly conspired with the perplexed dame.

Two o'clock in the morning the wine was popping merrily in the clubroom. It was a friendly scene, and the gravest danger was a boy and was willing to bestow the earth on the most impetuous Bohemian in the throng. Charles was largely in evidence. But he had tied a string on his finger as a reminder that no dinner invitations were to be issued, and although he paired out frequent libations to the duties of mirth he steered clear of that rock on which he had so often been wrecked. And that morning, when by the light of the gray, reproaching dawn, he crept out of his dress clothes, he congratulated himself that on one occasion, at least, he had gone through the fiery furnace of a club night without casting invitations abroad as the sowers of seed after the earth is trod by the plow.

He was not slow to communicate his forbearance to his wife. "Impossible, Charles," said that best of women; "it is not in you to go through a course of this kind without the commission of your familiar sin."

"I assure you, my dear, I did not—I give you my word I did not ask a single soul to join us to-morrow—to-day, I mean."

"We shall see," replied his wife grimly, and laughed inwardly as she reflected that the conspirators must have been true to her and carried out their carefully studied plot.

Six o'clock was the dinner hour. Charles in a comfortable smoking jacket, a New Year's present, was seated before the fire and enjoying its grateful influence on the cold December evening.

"How fortunate, how really fortunate, my dear, that there will be no one to dinner this evening," he said, pleasantly. "We can have a good rest. Now, isn't this real nice?"

"I have my doubts, Charles," replied his wife, gravely. "You know your over-grown friend, if you have avoided it this time I consider it nothing less than a miracle."

Just at this moment the bell rang. "A guest," she said, sadly. "Impossible, my dear, I assure you I have not asked a soul."

ere it a repetition of the miracle of the leaves and fishes. When the guests had gone he congratulated his wife with a conscience-stricken visage.

"Well, Charles, what have you got to say for yourself?" asked the lady, with appalling sternness. "Nothing," he gasped guiltily. "I knew that I was taking too much wine, but, upon my word, my dear, I never dreamed that I had asked so many people to dinner. It seemed to me like a nightmare, a fearful nightmare. The Lord only knows how I managed to fire through it."

"But did you, Charles, did you really invite all those people?" pursued his implacable tormentor. "Of course I did," he answered. "And as a proof of how jagged I was I must have given them all a different hour."

"Let this be a warning to you, my husband," concluded the avenger as she fixed the last pin in her back hair, "to fly from the club the moment you feel the influence of possessing you. If I had not fortunately laid in those chickens for to-morrow's dinner, when I expect my mother, where would we have been?"

"Where, indeed?" moaned the exhausted culprit, as he placed a few shining coins upon the bureau. "You know you wanted a new basque, my love. There is the money for it. You did nobly, you did nobly, my darling, and saved my reputation."

And the treacherous wife pounced the wages of deception without a blush.

"Charles would not take no for an answer," chimed the plotters. "We had to dine with him this evening or forfeit his friendship forever."

"Well, gentlemen, dinner is ready," gasped the badly rattled entertainer; "will you have an appetizer before we go?"

"Great heavens," he reflected, "there is nothing for dinner but a few chops. We are ruined."

"Ting-a-ling went the bell again, and conspirators 4, 5, 6 and 7 crowded in. "Howdy do, dear boy, howdy do," and they rushed at the conscience-stricken host. "We met at the club and concluded to walk up together. Four of the other fellows you invited are on their way up, but as you said 6:30 they are not in a hurry."

Charles's face was ghastly, so woe-begone, indeed, that his wife, who had anticipated the raid by preparing a German dinner, had to fly from the room to conceal her mirth. And when the rest of the gang came noisily in, he looked so ill that one of the most famous of the conspirators choked a glass of whiskey down the throat of the wretched victim to keep him from a total collapse.

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January 257, February 689, March 227, April 273, May 237, June 279, July 239, August 287, September 246, October 327, November 300, December 272.

The books of the Health Office show that during the year the number of births in this City, and that during the same period there were 5435 births. During the six months ending yesterday the number of deaths was 3344; during the same period for 1894 the number was 3471, showing a decrease for 1895 of 127. During the same period of this year the number of births was 2185, and during the last six months of 1894 the number was 1964, showing an increase in 1895 of 221.

From figures furnished by Secretary Casey and Librarian Clark of the Free Public Library an idea is obtained of the labors of the year in that institution. The figures are up to December 30. Number of books issued to borrowers outside, 183,544; number of books issued for use in the library, 145,161, making a total of 328,705; number of visitors to the newspaper room, 176,800; number of visitors to the periodical room, which was established in April, 48,985; number of borrowers' cards issued to enable patrons to take books out of the library, 794.

The records of the Police Department show that during the year the total number of arrests was 26,129. That is the record up to 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The books of the Auditor's office show that during the year the collection of taxes from all sources was \$3,357,365 58, of which \$43,582 02 was for personal property and \$69,433 for poll-tax. A few days since the Auditor's office transmitted to the State Treasurer the sum of \$1,054,000, being the State's portion of the first installment of real estate tax.

MONEY COINED. Uncle Sam's Dollar Factory in This City Did Big Business Last Year. The coinage at the United States Mint at San Francisco for the calendar year is over \$2,500,000 greater than for the previous year, the denomination of coinage being as follows:

Table with columns: Denomination, Amount.

The increase in the gold coinage is due to the fact that the deposits of gold were greater than in the previous year, owing to the revival of gold mining all over the Pacific Coast. The indications are that there will be still greater gold deposits and consequently a larger gold coinage at the San Francisco Mint during the coming year.

Barbers' Union Election. At last meeting of the Barbers' Association the following officers were nominated and elected: President, H. A. Wolfe; vice-president, W. F. Janzen; financial secretary, L. Less; recording secretary, F. Hodges; employment secretary, S. Fuchs; trustees—L. M. Valentine, D. McGilvray and M. F. Holmes; treasurer, Heiler; sergeant-at-arms, M. Dias. The installation will be held next Monday at 102 O'Farrell street, when a banquet will be given.

NEW TO-DAY-DRY GOODS.



1896! 1896! 1896! 1896!

The meeting of the years is over. Good-night, good-morning—welcome, good-by. Since last we wrote we have passed that unseasonable time that divides the years. The impress of a new year is upon us. The figures "1896" greet us. "Inspiration," "Action," are the watchwords for the new year. Already great bargains begin to blossom. Every day in the year shall be remarkable for something worthy of your attention. Progressive retail dry-goods selling is our guiding star.

Domestics. At the counter of Household necessities are to be found crowds every shopping day. Our notions are the greatest we ever offered. Trade brings every one of them.

Silks and Dress Goods. Masterpieces of the weaver's ingenuity. Would they were poor to describe them. Combinations of lines, dots, dashes, splashes, figures. Glowing with colors that suggest warmth in their very brightness.

Notions. What an accumulation after the Xmas rush! No department can offer better inducements. Gloves, Hairpins, Belts, Brushes, etc., at magnificent prices. They draw you here, and when you arrive they draw you here—make it go a long way.

Our Great Annual Winter Clearance Sale begins to-morrow. What does it mean? It means an opportunity we have all been looking for. You for a chance to buy at a sacrifice—we for a chance to convert our stockroom stores into cash and make room for spring goods en route from Europe and the East. The clearance sale is an item of much consequence in the history of a dry-goods house, and this our fourth great clearance, will be an item in the history of every dry-goods establishment west of the Rockies.

Special Clearance Price, 45¢ yard. TWO-TONED TAFFETA, a beautiful effect, 19 inches wide, worth 75¢.

Special Clearance Price, 50¢ yard. TWO-TONED SILKS, BROKEN LINES, all pure silk, in two or three broken lines, 19 inches wide.

Special Clearance Price, 60¢ yard. FANCY TWO-TONED SILKS, a very special line, large designs, worth 85¢; to close—

For the next few weeks here is where the most is to be had for the money. All we know during Clearance Sale time is "sell." We make prices to sell, to clear our shelves. Cash is easier to inventory than merchandise and we shall as rapidly as possible turn our stock into cash. All the winter stock in the entire establishment has been marked down. Not a trifling corner clipped off, but whole chunks. A quarter, a third, and in some cases a half is cut off to force a rapid clearance. Wide-awake buyers find a rich harvest in our sales. The old adage, "The cream at the top." Come early.

Ladies' Furnishings. All-the-year-around goods in this department. All the corners taken off the prices and marked so they will just roll off the counters. The biggest treat of the season—these goods for the money we ask.

Special Clearance Price, 75¢ yard. FRENCH FLANNELS, as soft and as warm as the touch of sunshine; in figures and light and dark colors; reduced from 50¢.

Special Clearance Price, 10¢ pair. ALL-WOOL FRENCH DRAP D'ALMA, color assortment, 37 inches wide, our regular \$35 grade.

Special Clearance Price, 25¢ pair. NOTTINGHAM LACE CURTAINS, in ecru and white, 3 1/2 yards by 60 inches.

Special Clearance Price, 1.85 pair. WHITE BLANKETS, wool mixed, slightly soiled, large size.

Special Clearance Price, 1.50 pair. CHENILLE TABLE COVERS, 8-4 size.

Special Clearance Price, 25¢ pair. ALL-WOOL SERGE, in navy and black, 38 inches wide, our 40¢ grade.

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