

A BRUTAL PRIZE FIGHT.

Two Washington Sluggers Try to Butcher Each Other in Alexandria.

Both Men Badly Punished and the Fight Declared a Draw.

A terrific slugging match between Washington sluggers took place Saturday night in Saxeia hall, Alexandria. The match was between John H. Stevens, middle weight, and James (Reddy) White, light weight. The former weighed 160 pounds and the latter 144 pounds. The men were personal enemies. The fight was for \$100 and the championship of the district. Hard gloves were used. The affair very nearly approached a prize fight, and for that reason it was given in Alexandria, where it was known that the police would not interfere. The brutal scene was witnessed by hundreds of Washington "sports," who went down by rail and water. Mr. Charles Beveridge acted as referee, with George Wilson as timekeeper. Stevens was attacked by Wm. S. Schell and Wm. Northledge. White's second was Charles Hurdle and John Tommy. Eight desperate rounds were fought, the men being cut and bloody at the finish when the fight was declared a draw. In the first round, after some sparring, Stevens got in a heavy right-hander on White's forehead. The men were fighting heavily at close quarters when time was called. In the second round White drew the first blood by giving Stevens a stinging blow under the right eye. Stevens retaliated by giving White a wicked blow on the jugular. White countered neatly and Stevens went down, scoring the first knockdown for White. Stevens closed the round by striking White a terrific right-hander on the cheek, and knocking him down. In the third round both men came up eager, but short-winded. White forced the fighting and Stevens obtained a foul because White had remained down over ten seconds, but it was not allowed. White closed the round by striking Stevens a sledgehammer blow on the neck, knocking him down. In the fourth round both men came up groggy. White forced the fighting and there were numerous knockdowns, and the round closed with close and heavy fighting on both sides. The fifth round was marked by a desperate half-hour blow. White got in heavily on Stevens' neck, drawing blood. It closed with heavy slugging and very little science. In the sixth round the rules were entirely discarded and they fought on the plan, "the best man wins." The men clinched, and Stevens threw White heavily by a cross-buttock. When the seventh round opened the audience was at a fever heat and the fight was being freely. Stevens having knocked his thumb out of joint the fight was declared a draw. It will be finished next Saturday night at the same place. The character of the performance may be judged from the fact that there were fifteen knockdowns. Both men were badly punished, or "butchered," to use a prize ring term. A variety show preceded the fight, also a set-to between Charles Dillon and John Tommy, of this city.

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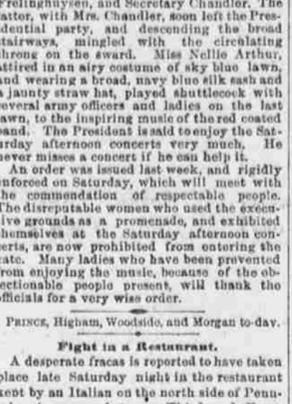
A letter in the Sunday Herald of yesterday relative to the new Casino Mr. J. H. Siddons unfolds a remarkable scheme. His idea is to send a man to England and from there to send a party of actors and actresses to the public at the national capital, who have hitherto been deluded by the miserable attempts of American actors, to see something "as is acting." This is an admirable proposition, but it doesn't go far enough. By all means let us have English actors, but let us also have an English orchestra, English stage hands, English ticket-takers, English ushers, and English "supers." Then let us float the British flag over the Casino, and let English music be played between the acts, concluding with "God Save the Queen." Then we will have reached the summit of dramatic excellence, the millennium of histrionic art. Mr. Siddons does not propose to select these artists at random; his idea is to choose only those who have been favorably received at the bar of English public opinion. The American judgment of the abilities of an actor does not always coincide with the British view, but we remedy this by educating ourselves up to the English standard. There is something wrong somewhere, however, because, while Miss Mary Anderson has met with unqualified success in England, Mr. Henry Irving encountered, to say the least, a large share of adverse criticism on this side of the water. Speaking of adverse criticism suggests a slight digression. Our English neighbors are frequently exceedingly candid in their methods of criticism, and often express their disapprobation by hissing—a thing almost unknown in this country, or at least reserved for occasions where an actor or actress oversteps the bounds of decency or propriety. It was only a few months since our little Letta was hissed off the stage for the terrible offense of singing the "Sweet By and By" in the midst of the storm of hisses that greeted the poor little woman advanced to the footlights, and with tears in her eyes, falteringly said: "Gentlemen, I do not understand this." No, nor can any one in America except as an instance of coarse brutality. I do not mean to say that the English are more correct in England, but I do say such a thing could not occur in this country.

THE MARINE BAND CONCERT.

The green lawns in the rear of the President's house were thronged Saturday afternoon with young and old folks, enjoying the Marine band concert and the fresh air and gay scenery. Gay spring dresses were out in force, and many young ladies got "pointers" at styles of hats and dresses. The most interested spectator of the picturesque scene was President Arthur, who was the center of a small and select gathering on the south portico of the executive mansion. In the group were Attorney General Brewster, Secretary Frelinghuysen, and Secretary Chandler. The latter, with Mrs. Chandler, soon left the Presidential party, and descending the broad stairways, mingled with the circulating throng on the lawn. Miss Nellie Arthur, attired in an airy costume of sky blue lawn, and wearing a broad, navy blue sash and a jaunty straw hat, played shuttlecock with several army officers and ladies on the lawn, to the inspiring music of the band concert. The President is said to enjoy the Saturday afternoon concert very much. He never misses a concert if he can help it. An order was issued last week, and rigidly enforced on Saturday, which met with the commendation of respectable people. The respectable women who used the executive grounds as a promenade, and exhibited themselves at the Saturday afternoon concert, are now prohibited from entering the gate. Many ladies who have been prevented from enjoying the music, because of the objectionable appearance of their dresses, will thank the officials for a very wise order.

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