

EXPERT IN HORSE TALK.

MEN WHO CAN DISCUSS FLYERS AT ALL TIMES AND SEASONS.

The Education in Horse Lore and Its Results—People Who Know the Family History of Every Racer in the Country—Characteristic Anecdotes.

Some disappointed political savant has asserted that "every man has his price." This is a sweeping charge which is not readily susceptible of proof. Said savant must have been tortured by the fact that a suffragist from the enemy's camp was appointed night watchman to the ruins of a public building; or had gotten the lucrative post of trundling a truck in the government railway freight shed; or that some political event of equal importance had occurred to harass his fine sense of the fitness of things, when he made that broad statement. No doubt, it was a hasty expression which does not nor never did apply to this electoral division of our own Canadian Home, where public men deny that they have a marketable value, and claim that they are absolutely unpurchasable; and the ratepayers believe that most of the public men are utterly valueless.

While it may plausibly be contradicted that "every man has his price," that most men have fads cannot be veraciously gainsaid. This is not advanced in a complaining spirit. The major part of the fads prevailing are hereditaments furnished by nature in the same way nature supplies magenta hair, bald heads, empty pates, or a lack of mental machinery to the average alderman; and our fadists should not be held responsible for their inherent idiosyncrasies any more than aldermanic nonentities should be for the native blemishes of their persons and their minds.

The fact that most men have fads is advanced in the interests of truth. No originality is claimed for the statement, no rights are reserved, nor copyright secured in connection with it. It is useless for people to persuade themselves into the belief that what is, is not. Therefore no logic need be wasted in demonstrating that fads in infinite variety abound here. It is equally futile to try to make those interested on the negative side of an assertion believe that what is not, is. This was attempted unsuccessfully, not in the far past, by a gentleman from his place on the floor of parliament at Ottawa, when he politely intimated that St. John was "a city of beggars," which only proved that said gentleman's particular fad was not veracity; and if there are beggars here it probably was the particular policy he advocated, and the political party which he so long supported but against which he now is "kicking" that made them such.

Notwithstanding the Adam's pronouncement, that we are not all beggars is evident, for the innocent horse fancier can be found on favorable occasions and fine afternoons on any of the familiar drives in the suburbs of this, the "Liverpool of America;" and if boisterous hilarity is any indication of wealth, refinement, and happiness, he is the most contented, cultured, and jovial personage existing among the motley population of this winter port.

If the education of those who condescend to read these lines has been neglected in matters horse, let them visit the resorts where horsemen do congregate, and become enlightened by listening to the ovals there delivered, and if they be not appalled at the display of eloquence, they surely will be amazed at the volume and the quality of the information to be gained from the classic language of the turfites present.

The horsefancier's intelligence cannot be exhausted on the subject of pedigree. The family history of every roadster, pacer or trotter, within a radius of a thousand miles, more or less, he has at command. He can lucidly discourse on the Jones colt who was sired by Harry Wilkes, brother of Harlequin; son of Mambrino Chief; dam Fly-by-night; sister to Jay I See; and his education is of so high a standard in this respect that his authority is as unimpeachable as is that of certain St. John racing editors, whose annual forecasts on the Doncaster, Derby, and Epsom races should be read end for end.

The horse-fancier is never willing to believe the evidence of his senses, when judging between the merits of the flyer he drives, and the nag driven by some one else. He has such faith in the gelding he owns, that no matter how often he is distanced, he never acknowledges defeat. His animal has innumerable good points and no faults nor blemishes. Defects do not appear until the brute becomes the property of another; and if there are a great number of vicious, broken winded, balky, and spavined horses in use, the owners seem to be wholly unaware of the fact and would resent having any imputations whatever cast on the capabilities and the merits of their respective and valued chargers.

The horse-fancier is well versed in the records of the turf. He can tell from memory—that unerring authority—the time made by all the goers that ever "pasted" the Marsh Road, or encircled the track at Moosepath Park. But if there is one piece of perspicuity he prides himself upon more than another, it is his sagacity and his ability to make "a trade." No matter what termination a transaction of this nature has, the genuine jockey stoutly asserts he has had the best of the bargain, and it is a difficult if not impossible task to change his evidence. If his speculations prove profit-

able he rejoices proportionately; if otherwise, he seems equally frolicsome and acts as if he came out on top every time.

Just after the great fire of '77 St. John became the abiding place of a battalion of contractors, possessing unknown quantities of integrity; commanding less or more capital; and requiring more or most credit. One Sunday morning one of these distinguished strangers, as the legend goes, went to a well known livery stable and ordered the best turnout the establishment afforded for the day.

The trap was gotten ready, the proprietor of the stable—Mr. Saddler—approached and said it was a fixed rule with him to require a cash deposit from strangers hiring teams.

"What do you value the whole fit-out at?" asked the stranger.

"Four hundred dollars," was the reply.

The stranger took an obese wallet from his breast, counted out that amount, handed it to Mr. Saddler, and inquired if he was satisfied.

The latter answered affirmatively, put the money in an envelope, wrote the stranger's name upon the package, and placed it in the safe.

That evening the stranger drove the team into the stable where he was smilingly met by Mr. Saddler, who handed him the envelope containing the cash which the stranger leisurely counted, replaced in his wallet, and with a cheery salutation turned to go, when the livery man reminded him that he had forgotten to pay the horse hire.

"Horse hire?" said the other, "what do you mean?"

"The usual charge for the horse and carriage you drove to-day, five dollars."

"Ah!" laughed the stranger, "I do not acknowledge any liability in this matter, I remember purchasing a horse and wagon this morning from you. I have returned the same in good order and have got my money back. There the transaction rests; but permit me to say that fixed rules do not always operate to the advantage of the fixers; that people should not think every stranger a rogue; and that Sunday is not a bad day for a square horse trade, especially, when both parties think they have the best of the bargain. I'm satisfied; good night."

Moral: No amount of political dignity can convert a scamp into a gentleman. An untruth does not become a fact because an M. P. says it is. In the livery stable or in any other private business, fixed rules had better be movable fixtures. No matter how much knowledge we possess, we still have something to learn, and it is sometimes cheaper to buy than to hire horses.

Yours, horsily,

MIKE.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

(Continued from Eighth Page.)

ST. ANDREWS.

MAY 9.—Mr. Robert S. Gardner and wife of Boston, spent a few days in town last week. Mr. Gardner combined business with pleasure, looking after his new cottage, spending his spare time at Chamcook Lake fishing.

Mrs. Alexander McHardy, returned from Fredericton, Saturday, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Boyd.

Mr. George Wisely will give his first lesson in drill to-night at the Musical and Literary hall. The class is composed of twelve ladies. Miss Kacy, Mrs. G. D. Grimmer, Mrs. M. N. Cockburn, Mrs. Knight, the Misses Morris, Miss Carmichael, Miss McKee, Miss Lerimer, Miss Magee and Mrs. W. Magee. Mr. Wisely expects to have a class of twenty.

Mr. G. D. Grimmer spent a few days in St. Stephen last week.

Miss Maria Bradley, is confined to the house by a bad cold.

Rumors say Mr. Levi Handy, jr., is soon to turn benedict.

Hardly a young man is to be found in town these fine afternoons, Chamcook Lake being the great attraction. A large party went out to day.

The many friends of Miss Minnie Bulot, were shocked to hear of her sudden death, which occurred in Boston last week. The burial was in Boston on Monday.

The gentlemen's whist club which has been kept up much longer than usual will adjourn shortly until next fall.

Our latest bride Mrs. G. H. Stickney appeared out in All Saint's church, last Sunday, and is receiving calls this week in a pretty little white gown.

Miss Dorothy Carroll is lying dangerously ill. Her sister from Winnipeg arrived Saturday. Two more sisters are expected this week from the West.

Amie, the little daughter of Mr. G. D. Grimmer, is ill of measles and congestion, at her grandmother's, in St. Stephen.

Mr. Angus Stinson has moved from the George D. Street house, to the Amyr property.

Dr. N. G. D. Parker formerly of St. Andrews, but now of England, will occupy the Street house.

Mr. R. M. Jack left this morning on a surveying trip.

Miss Georgie Stevenson returned Monday from St. John, not Thursday, as I wrote last week.

On June the sixth a dolls' carnival will be held in Stevenson's hall, in aid of the Halifax institution for the blind. Miss Christy Stevenson has charge of the affair and proposes running a tea in connection with it.

By the way June the sixth promises to bring more than one important event to pass.

SYNDICATE.

Miss Nettie Curry who has been spending the winter in New York, returned home last week.

Miss Blight returned from her visit to Moncton last Thursday.

Miss Mary Robinson of Digby, N. S., is the guest of Mrs. Osman.

Miss Annie Geldart entertained a few of her friends last Tuesday evening.

Dr. Somers of Moncton spent last Sunday here, and left for Albert, Monday.

Dr. Calkins of Sackville was here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a little stranger.

Mr. John Wallace, customs collector went to Moncton Saturday.

Miss Mabel Sherwood is visiting Mrs. Barnes at Sackville.

Miss Ida Scott is able to be out again after being confined to the house for sometime with a bad cold.

The friends of Miss Annie Geldart will be sorry to hear that she is laid up with a severe cold.

Mr. W. R. Robinson is here this week.

SACKVILLE.

PETITCODIAC.

MAY 10.—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Trites, were in St. John several days last week.

Mrs. Munroe Freeze, is visiting friends in Penobscot.

Mayor Chipman, of St. Stephen, was here for a few days last week, looking after the interests of the E. P. & H. Railway.

Mrs. Pascoe, who been very ill, is able to be out again. She left for an extended visit to her former home in Dorchester, on Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Harrett, of Sackville, is here, visiting her mother, Mrs. D. A. Jonah.

Mr. D. J. McLaughlan, of St. John, was in town, on Tuesday.

On Saturday, Mrs. Walsh, took the train for St. John, en route for Chicago, to attend the World's Fair.

Mrs. F. W. Emmerston, left on Monday, for a short visit in Amherst.

Dr. Macrae, of St. John, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Andrew Smith, at the "Woodlands."

The sacred concert given in the Methodist church, on Friday evening, was pronounced an unqualified success. The singing of Mrs. Harrison was a revelation to many and a delight to all who had the pleasure of hearing her, and her graciousness in responding to repeated encores was only exceeded by the sweetness of her voice. The audience was completely captivated by her rendition of "Lo! Here the Gentle Lark." Seldom has it been the privilege of our townspeople to listen to such instrumental music as was produced by Prof. Watts, of Moncton.

Miss McMurray, of Salisbury, Mr. Wetmore, of Moncton, and Principal Harrison, of Sackville, assisted in carrying out a most excellent programme.

A large number of visitors were in town on Friday to attend the concert.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were the guests of Mrs. M. B. Keith during their stay here.

Prof. Watts was the guest of Mrs. B. A. Trites. Miss Nicholson and Miss Marks, of Moncton, were the guests of Mrs. D. L. Trites.

Mrs. Addy and Miss Maggie Holstead, Moncton, were here last week. Their many friends were much pleased to see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore, and Mr. and Mrs. Cole, of Moncton, were the guests of Mrs. B. A. Trites.

The Misses Nettie and Lizzie Murray, of Penobscot, stayed with Mrs. B. Keith.

Miss Fleetwood, of Moncton, paid Miss Keith a short visit.

Mrs. Albert Trites and Miss Winnie McMurray, of Salisbury, were the guests of Mrs. Geo. Smith.

Miss Maggie Beakney was home for a few days last week.

Mr. Fugelsley, of Penobscot, was in town on Friday.

Miss Annie Ryan, of Sussex, was visiting her sister, Mrs. B. A. Trites. Miss Ryan is a great favorite here, and her many friends hope to see her soon again.

Mr. W. W. Wells, of Moncton, was in town on Friday.

Miss Minnie Coates and Mr. Herbert Steeves, of Eglon, came over on Friday to attend a concert.

On Friday, Mr. Hawke, of the Transcript, was here. Mr. J. Ryan, Sussex, came up last week to pay a farewell visit to his sister, Mrs. B. A. Trites, before leaving for Calgary, where he has been residing for several years.

Several came over from Annapolis to attend the concert, among whom I noticed Miss Davidson, Miss Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davidson, A. Davidson and H. Davidson.

Mr. Frank Parlee, of Sussex, was in town on Saturday.

MAY-FLOWER.

SUSSEX.

MAY 10.—The Depot House which has been under the management of Mrs. A. M. McLean, for the last quarter of a century, is to change hands on the first of June. Mr. G. R. Pugsley has rented it for five years. It is to be managed by Mr. Albert Pugsley, of Penobscot, a cousin of the lessee. Mrs. McLean has been very popular and well liked by everyone for her kind manner. Her friends all hope the rest will do her good. She intends remaining in Sussex, and will live in the house she recently purchased from Miss Murray for the summer.

Miss Hattie Harrison returned last week from Boston. She has taken charge of the dress-making establishment in connection with J. S. Trites's store.

Mrs. Fred A. Jones, of St. John, paid a visit to friends here last week.

Sussex had a visit from a lady commercial traveler on Thursday last, a Miss Kleiser, of Toronto who represents her father in the jewelry business.

There was an informal dance given in Odd Fellows hall on Thursday evening. It was a very pleasant party. Among those present were: Mrs. C. H. Fairweather, Mrs. G. H. Raymond, Mrs. G. H. White, Miss Annie Thompson, Miss White, Miss Holstead, (Moncton) Miss Annie Keltie, Miss Corrie Roach, the Misses DeBoo, Mrs. G. H. Warren, Miss Grace Robertson, Miss May McIntyre, Miss Ross and Miss Howard. The Messrs. J. M. McIntyre, Dr. Raymond, W. J. Mills, D. H. Fairweather, Fred. Fairweather, F. Freeze, Ralph Robertson, A. D. Hissett, D. M. Robinson, R. Keltie, C. H. Fairweather and others.

Miss Annie Ryan and her brother went to Petitcodiac to attend the concert there on Friday evening.

Miss Holstead, of Moncton, went to St. John, Friday and remained over Sunday. She came back to Sussex on Monday.

Mr. Hood, Moncton, was in town on Friday.

Rev. E. J. Grant, has moved into the house formerly occupied by Mrs. E. A. Vail.

Mr. James Titus of Hampton, paid a short visit to Sussex.

Mr. J. M. McIntyre, was in Moncton, Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Henderson, St. John, spent Sunday at the Depot House.

Miss Langan, St. John, is visiting Miss Morrison at the "Maples."

Mr. Will McIntyre, St. John, was at his home here on Sunday.

Mrs. John Richmond, was visiting in St. John, last week.

Mrs. A. S. White, has returned to Sussex, after about two months absence.

Mrs. John Jeffries, has gone on a tour through the States. She intends visiting the World's Fair before she returns.

Miss Hilson, Moncton, is visiting her friend, Miss Alice White.

Mrs. A. J. Cresswell and little daughter of Springfield, were the guests of Mrs. G. H. Raymond, on Tuesday.

The Messrs. Flewelling and Scovell, members of the Sussex county, were here last week.

Miss Mary McLeod, St. John, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. E. A. Charters, is home again; he intends remaining only a few days, when he leaves for Chicago.

Mr. W. B. Scovell, went to Springfield to spend Sunday with his wife and daughter.

Major T. E. Arnold, spent Wednesday in St. John.

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MAY 8.—Miss Prescott and Mrs. William Prescott drove to Amherst on Tuesday.

Miss Eva Siddall, who has been visiting friends in Sackville, returned on Monday.

Councillor Truman of Point De Bute was in Baie Verte on Tuesday.

Sheriff McQueen of Dorchester was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. James Sutherland, Station master at Aulac, paid a flying visit to Baie Verte on Saturday.

Mr. Edgar Brownell, Jolicure, and Ed. Phinney Sackville, were here on Saturday.

Miss Maggie Goodwin is home on her holidays, her friends are glad to see her again.

Professor Will Goodwin of Kingston, wife and children arrived on Thursday to spend the summer.

Mr. Edgar Copp, Jolicure, is visiting his cousin, Conn. Copp.

Rev. Mr. Lynds, Amherst, occupied the pulpit in St. Mark's church, on Sunday evening. Mr. Lynds was the guest of Mrs. Black.

Mrs. E. O. Phalen, and Master Tupper, are going to Boston to visit her daughter.

Mr. Charles Siddall has been in town. He is looking hale and hearty at the advanced age of eighty-four, having walked three miles to spend his birthday with his daughter.

Mr. Harvey Copp and Arthur Copp, Brookline, were in town on Friday.

Miss Lilian Johnson, Mount Allison, spent Sunday at the Parsonage.

Mrs. Chris Harper and daughter were the guests of Mrs. B. Harper on Tuesday.

Miss Alice Wood, entertained the young ladies of the Mission Band on Tuesday evening.

The advent of May has caused a delightful change in the atmosphere as well as making a great commotion in our homes. At present every lady one meets is "housecleaning." Happy is he who can forget for the time, his discomforts.

I hear the Salvation Army will visit our town this week.

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RICHIBUCTO.

[Progress is for sale in Richibucto by Theo. P. Graham.]

MAY 10.—The first of the series of dancing parties to be given, took place at Postmaster and Mrs. Vatur's residence, last Friday evening and if this one is an evidence of what is to follow, there will be some pleasant gatherings to come. Mr. and Mrs. Vatur have a suitable house for entertaining and also that other essential of making their guests feel at home. The repast was an excellent one and full justice was done it. Prof. Goldie furnished the music. The guests included, Sheriff and Mrs. Wheten, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cate, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O'Leary, Miss McDougall, Miss Hannett, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Macdonald, (Kingston) Miss Trudel, (Shippegan) Miss Stevenson, Miss Hudson, Miss Persey, the Misses Freeman, Miss McAlmon, (Kingston) Miss Harnett, and Dr. Bourque, Messrs. Wilnot, Brown, Galbraith Johnson, Fred Ferguson, Rufino Olliqui, (Kingston) W. Clarke, (Summerside) Martin Richard, Fred Doherty, (Kingston) and Geo. Irving.

Mr. Fred Tennant, of Moncton, was in town on Friday last.

Mrs. J. Thompson, formerly of this town, but now of Boston, arrived last week to enjoy a little rural life.

Principal and Mrs. Colpitts are mourning the loss of their youngest child, whose death occurred last Friday. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, Rev. J. S. Allen conducting the services. Miss Annie Black, is here from St. Martins on a visit.

Miss Alice Vatur, and Miss Trudel, of Shippegan, will pursue the art of photography this summer. Their studio is situated on Queen street. Messrs. Geo. Noble, and H. Magee, of St. John, and Fred Moore, of Amherst, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Allen, is giving instructions in painting to classes here, and in Kingston.

Mr. James Woods, of Moncton, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Woods.

Mr. Clifford Atkinson, of Kouchibouguic, was here yesterday.

Mrs. D. Persey, has returned from her visit to Moncton.

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BUCTOUCHE.

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Mr. W. S. Blake spent Sunday here.

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