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SLICK CONFIDENCE MEN

Selected the Wrong Man in Hiram Chatfield.

Played Him for a Sucker but Got the Marble Heart and Made their Exit for Parts Unknown.

On the day of the Supervisors' picnic a fine-appearing and well dressed elderly gentleman accidentally(?) met our fellow townsman, Hiram Chatfield of Maple avenue, and after a few casual remarks asked him if he had lived here long and if he was a good judge of farming lands? Of course Mr. Chatfield could only answer, "Yes." Then the stranger said, "I am connected with Abbott, the 'farm man' of Detroit"—and they have for a patron a wealthy lady from the East, who had $300,000 in the People's Savings bank (say if she had placed it in the City Savings bank it wouldn't have troubled her) that she desired invested in Bloomfield farm lands close by the electric railway, and could he (Mr. Chatfield) spend a day with the buyer and look up this desired property?

Of course Mr. Chatfield could.

The next morning promptly at seven the investor, after hiring one of Johnston's best livery rigs, drove to Mr. Chatfield's house and away the capitalist and counsellor started. They drove northward, talking agreeably on timely topics, and possibly the big picnic, the balloon ascension and other attractions advertised by the ECCENTRIC that failed to materialize, came up for discussion.

At Mrs. Tibbils' corner the stranger turned westward.

"Oh my!" says Hiram; "don't go this way—no good farming lands—it is hilly and undesirable."

"That is just the kind of land she wants—hills, dales, valleys and ridges."

They had driven westward about 30 rods when a man was seen coming towards them waving his arms for them to stop.

They did.

The new comer asked if they knew of a Mrs. Sykes in that vicinity.

Both negatived.

The stranger then said that his sister, Mrs. Sykes, lived near Birmingham and he had heard that she wasn't getting much toadskin nowadays.

"This is what we call toadskin where I come from," said the new man, pulling a roll of bills from his pants pocket. "There are $5,000 in this roll and I am going to make a present of it to my sister and live with her after this, and I've got $50,000 in this belt (showing it) that I got for selling my ranch down in old Kentuck."

He was told how dangerous it was to carry such an amount of money with him as bad men would rob and kill him for a much smaller amount. But he didn't scare.

And then the balloon went up, or in other words, the plot began to thicken. The stranger then said that he was in Lansing last week and a gold-darn fellow won $200 from him sticking grease and did it so neatly that as a favor he showed him the trick and gave him the cards, which were three plain ones and one with a lady's picture on it, and the game was to bet on selecting the lady card after shuffling and dealing them out face down. "Put up your lap robe and I'll show you how."

Both men in the buggy declared they never bet, and after much talkee talkee, and for fun only, the driver guessed a card and the manipulator, showing it, said, "You lost, the card is plain." The next guess was also for fun but the driver guessed the right card and would have won had it been on a bet.

The driver, in a cute way and for Hiram's benefit, called the card man's attention to a distant object and turned up the corner of the picture card so it could be easily told.

At last the manipulator of the game wanted a little bet and no fooling, and the driver selected the picture card and won $40, which was thrown into his lap. Then the card man proposed to Hiram to do away with this fooling and bet something worth while.

"Oh pshaw!" says Hiram, "I never bet in my life and never will."

Then he was urged to guess "just for fun," selected a card and the lady appeared.

"There, you've won $5,000 and there is your money," said the sharper, throwing it into his lap.

"Oh, no!" says Mr. Chatfield, almost paralyzed, "I didn't bet and I won't have it," handing back the wad.

Just then the card man, looking at his watch, said, "I've got to be in Birmingham in ten minutes—I'll give you ten dollars to get me there."

"Just walk that way about thirty rods and the trolley car will take you there for a nickel," says Hiram.

"Oh, that won't do—I can't wait," was the reply, and then the first man says to Mr. Chatfield, "Get here for me. I'll drive him down to the village, get his ten dollars, come back after you and go on."

If Hiram hadn't walked home he would have been there yet.

The rig was found near Pontiac a few hours later, but the land looker and the man with the "toadskin" have not been heard from since.

Mr. Chatfield is to be congratulated on his safe escape—as he was up against the real thing and all alone.

CHONITA CAN TROT

Detroit Matinee Club Horse Won at Pontiac.

Dr. C. M. Raynale's Speedy Mare Created a Sensation Among Horsemen at Last Week's Races.

The following extract from the Detroit Daily Tribune of the 20th inst. will be of interest to all the friends of Dr. C. M. Raynale of this place:

Chonita, a mare educated in the events of the Detroit Matinee club, won the first race on the card of the harness meeting which opened at Pontiac today and thereby took a record a little faster than her owner would have elected if he had had his choice in the matter. She is owned by Dr. C. M. Raynale of Birmingham, and on the last day of July, before she was turned over to Trainer Frank Cares at the Grosse Pointe track for development, she hauled the doctor around the township while he called on three patients. From every day work on a doctor's buggy to a fourth heat trotting record of 2:22 1-4 in less than three weeks shows that she is a very fair sort of a "critter."—Eight starters in this race.

In the early selling on the 2:40 trot Miss Push brought $4, Deerfoot $2 and the field $10. The first heat saw Cares take Chonita out in front and stay there with her, having only his fellow Detroit trainer, Jimmy Burns, who was driving Redwood, to beat. Next time Chonita again led past the half, and then she broke and the veteran George Roberts took the lead. Chonita would not be denied, and never lost the lead in the third and fourth, Redwood accompanying her to both of them. Cares did not want to step the last one so fast, nor did Dr. Raynale want the mark, but he had to take it for the $100 net which went with the first.

In the race that followed a day or two later our village doctor's fine trotter gave a race that is said by old and experienced horsemen to be the best exhibition of speed, bottom and endurance that has occurred in 20 years. In a race of eleven entries this grand horse raced eight heats, winning out the last three in a style that was heart breaking to all the rest of the horse owners.

Concerning the last day of the race and Chonita's final triumph, the Daily Press says:

It was fast growing dark when Chonita, Little Dipper, Edmond and Rivalet came onto the track for the eighth heat. Little Dipper, who is owned by Dr. F. B. Galbraith of this city, had lots of friends and was repeatedly cheered on. In the last two heats the books made Chonita and Little Dipper favorites. The horses scored but once and at the finish Edmond came under the wire first. This would have given him two heats and compelled another heat to decide the race but the judges set him back to fourth position for running. Chonita then dropped into first place, winning the heat and race, with Little Dipper second money, Edmond third and Rivalet fourth.

This is a wonderful showing for a young trotter, considering it was the first time she ever faced the wire for the money. She trotted the seventh heat in 2:22 1-4, which was the fastest heat of the race. Trotting two races in one week, the last an eight-heat race, is something seldom seen in racing circles, especially when the race is finished in one day. Mr. Frank Cares, the driver of Chonita, is one of the most skillful drivers in the state, having succeeded with a number of horses in making them valuable after other trainers had failed.

Dr. Raynale can well be proud of the success of his trotter which has created such a sensation among horsemen.

The Way They Do It.

On Saturday, August 23, the mechanical department of the Detroit United Ry. held their annual field day at Burns' Park, Detroit. About 600 employees of the dept. were present and the meet was a pronounced success.

The games were between the Jefferson repair shop dept. and the inspectors; and out of 16 events the inspectors took 13.

Standing jump—S. Johnston, Birmingham, 10 6.
Running jump—S. Johnston, Birmingham, 18.2.
Standing hop, skip and jump—S. Johnston, Birmingham, 29 6.
Putting 16 lb shot—S. Johnston, Birmingham, 29 9.
100 yds married men—S. Johnston, Birmingham—time, 15 sec.
50 yds fat men's race—Chief Inspector F. Henninger, 8 sec.
Pipe race—Ed Flinn, Birmingham.
Tug of war—Shop dept won after long pull.
Ball game—9 to 3 in favor of Inspectors.
Climbing greased pole was a very humorous event—none of the contestants climbing more than 10 feet.
The greased pig event was a hummer—about 25 contestants chased a poor little pig. However, an inspector won the porker.

There were several other events which Sam would have won but he had to be bound to allow somebody else to win a few prizes.

The prize list amounted to about $150.00.

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Ed Roberts of Franklin, while under the influence of a jag, took a horse and carriage hitched in this village belonging to Dan Clemmons of Big Beaver last Saturday night and started on a run home. He collided with a tree on Southfield st., was thrown out and picked up by the officers. He was taken to Pontiac and a judge at the county seat dispensed a sentence of 90 days in the House of Correction and a fine of $10.

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BIRMINGHAM'S BIG DAY

Supervisors' Picnic was the Magic Lodestone.

Addresses Given by Many Prominent Oaklanders—Walled Lake Team Victorious Over the Columbian Tigers.

All roads led to Birmingham on the occasion of the Supervisors' picnic at Electric park on Wednesday of last week. At an early hour loads of country people, with well-filled hampers, began to pour into the village, while the electric cars did a most tremendious business until a late hour at night. Refreshment tents, fruit stands, etc., sprang up like jacks in the box at all opportune and inopportune places to minister to the hungry and thirsty crowds. While the attendance was not the largest of any of the annual Supervisors' picnics, it is estimated to have been fully one third larger than last year and the affair was further distinguished by the good behavior of the picnicers. Daniel Davis, the promoter, expressed himself as well pleased with the success of the picnic and said it was one of the best of the kind he had ever managed. The success of the picnic in the face of the counter attraction of the races at Pontiac is to be wondered at.

After dinner, Mr. Davis mounted the platform and acted as toastmaster. He read telegrams from Judge Durand of Flint, Judge Wiest of Lansing and Ex-Governor Rich, expressing their regret that they were unable to attend on account of press of business or sickness. The following speakers were in turn introduced and gave short addresses: Samuel W. Smith of Pontiac, Mark W. Stevens of Flint, John Donovan of Bay, Rev. J. R. Mitchell of Pontiac, Dr. J. W. Seeley of Detroit, Register of Deeds A. G. Griggs, Supervisor Power of Farmington, Clyde McGee of Farmington and Harry Andrews of Orchard Lake. The speeches were all of high order and the speakers were heartily applauded by the appreciative audience. The speeches were interspersed with recitations by J. K. Klump and Miss Rose Barber, songs by E. J. Kelly and a violin solo by the old veteran, Charles Fish.

After the program of speeches was carried out, the sports and races were run off. The ball game between the Columbia Tigers of Pontiac and the Walled Lake team was very close and interesting. The fall cream cheese, which was offered by Secretary of State Fred M. Warner of Farmington as a prize for the game, was carved in Walled Lake, the village team winning by the score of 15 to 13. The sports and races took place on Woodward and Maple avenues and were greatly enjoyed, but as the committee have not furnished us a list of the prize winners and the editor failed to get near enough to see for himself, we are unable to name the successful contestants.

The most spectacular lightning business done for the entertainment of our visitors on this great day was by Austin R. Parks, the ossified man, who danced the hoochie-ma-choochie dance to the great enjoyment of all the dear old souls present.

Callow's orchestra of Pontiac furnished the music for the hop, which took place in the evening and was enjoyed by about a hundred couples, who filled the floor.

Death of Mrs. Crafts.

The following from the Dresden (Ont.) Times refers to the mother of Mrs. Dr. N. T. Shaw, who was well known to many of our readers through her visits to her daughter:

Mrs. J. B. Crafts of Dawn Mills, who has been quite ill for some time, passed to that bourne from which no man returneth on Saturday, August 2. The funeral service was conducted at her late residence on Monday afternoon by the Rev. Snell, after which the remains were interred in the Blackburn cemetery. The deceased was 62 years and ten months of age and was very highly esteemed throughout this section, where she was well known. Mrs. Crafts' maiden name was Maria VanAllen and her father was one of the pioneer settlers hereabouts. Besides her husband she leaves three children, William on the homestead, Arthur of Milwaukee and Mrs. Dr. Shaw of Birmingham, Mich.

Notice.

The annual meeting of school district No. 1 fractional, of the townships of Bloomfield, Troy, Southfield and Royal Oak, for the election of school district officers and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held at the school building on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m., local time.

BERT PEABODY, Director.

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Sizes 8 to 5 1-2
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