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TURF TOPICS.

Horseshoes are being made of cowhide in Australia.

A Leon (a.) pony recently died at the age of 47 years.

George Starr will drive Anderson's Nightingale this season.

Break o' Day, 2:18 1/2, by Dark Night, is in the Double stable.

Grant's Abdallah, 2:10 1/2, has to his credit 50 heats below 2:25.

The Russian time for three versts (two miles) is a few seconds under five minutes.

Low Trotter has abandoned the sulky for an indefinite time on account of ill health.

Avoid the horse or man that has but one idea. Both are unsafe to ride behind or follow.

A big horse show is to be one of the features of the Midwinter fair in San Francisco.

The horse used as the model for the statue of General Logan is the hackney Hopeful II.

According to the Russian rules a horse can only make three breaks of six jumps each in a race.

Angconda and Butte, Mon., will hang up \$60,000 for their meetings, beginning July 14 and Aug. 4.

According to the latest official returns there are 1,081,139 horses in the United States whose assessed value is \$769,234,799.

The horse used as the model for the statue of General Grant to be erected in New York city is a gelding by Chester Chief.

The best horse ever owned by General Grant is now owned by S. R. Bailey of Amesbury, Mass. It is the sorrel mare Nellie Grant.—Horseman.

STAGE GLINTS.

Henry E. Abbey expects to sail for Europe in a very short time.

Maggie Cline has signed a contract with Messrs. Koster & Bial.

Lillian Dalley has joined James O'Neill's company as leading lady.

That excellent actor, W. J. Ferguson, has signed with Charles Frohman for another year.

Wilson Barrett says he wants to stay in America and get a permanent footing in New York city.

R. A. Roberts, the well known singing comedian, is under contract to Edward E. Rice for next season.

Maggie Mitchell contemplates giving a series of farewell performances before she takes her leave of the stage.

Justin Adams, the comedian, and Mabelle Marlowe, a nonprofessional, were recently married at Chelsea, Mass.

Eustace Vernon, formerly in the support of the late Rosina Volkes, has been engaged for Belle Archer's company.

Mr. Robert Taber is rehearsing in New York the leading role in the romantic drama which Clyde Fitch wrote last season for Harry Miller.

Herbert Hall Winslow, the author of the comedy "A Fashionable Girl," is at work on another play for Daniel Frohman, to be produced in the spring.

Lewis Morrison, who has won fame and fortune as Mephisto in "Faust," has purchased for \$18,000 a handsome residence in Irvington-on-the-Hudson, adjoining the old home of Washington Irving.

A prize awarded by the Italian government has been taken this year by a play entitled "Dr. Muller," which depicts a physician's mental struggles over the question whether he shall cure his wife's lover or kill him.

Alma-Tadema's Early Efforts.

Mr. Alma-Tadema is ruthless in destroying results that do not seem to him to be satisfactory. I have often seen him wipe from his canvas a beautiful figure or a lovely object when he thought that by doing so the line of his composition would be improved or that greater simplicity would be gained by the sacrifice.

I have heard Mr. Alma-Tadema tell a story of the fate of two unsuccessful pictures of his student days. One of them was returned unsold by the committee of the Brussels exhibition in 1859. The subject, I believe, was of a house on fire, with people rescuing the victims. His fellow students were asked into the studio of the rejected painter and were invited to jump through the canvas, the owner of it leading the way by leaping head first, through the oily flames. The other story was of a large sized, square picture which came back, hopelessly, again and again, to the easel of its creator, until at last it was cut out of its frame and was given to an old woman to use it as a table cover, and who remarked that it "was much better than those common oilcloth things that always let the water through, for this one of Mr. Tadema's making was a good, thick one, with plenty of paint on it."—Mrs. E. Gosse in Century.

RAILROAD TIES.

The interstate commerce commission has figured out that one person is killed by railroad accident in this country out of every 1,491,910 who ride 24 miles.

An office has been opened by the Lehigh Valley at New Haven, the representative of which is L. W. Frost, formerly the company's agent in Boston.

The Lehigh Valley company will soon have its own telegraph line in Jersey City, having completed the stringing of a cable weighing 2,800 pounds across the drawbridge over Newark bay.

The latest railroad enterprise in Utah is the incorporation of the Cedar City Terminal road. The company will build a line from Cedar City to the coalfields a short distance east of that city.

General Passenger Agent Heafford of the Milwaukee and St. Paul says there is no truth in the report that his company had decided to discontinue dining car service between St. Paul and Chicago.

The Wheeling and Elm Grove road, that operates between Wheeling and Elm Grove, W. Va., has decided to extend its line from Elm Grove to Triadelphia, seven miles. Work will be commenced next spring.

A change is being made in the color of the freight cars on the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The old standard color, yellow, will be abandoned, and dark brown, such as all other roads use, substituted. Janney couplers are also being applied.

FICS AND THISTLES.

Some very good looking people are deformed on the inside.

A lie a mile away is always trying to prove that it is the truth.

As much hate can sometimes be put into a word as can be fired out of a musket.

Some preachers never seem to think it worth while to work at their trade in the middle of the week.

A good many boys have turned out badly because they had fathers who made them work with a dull hoe.

One reason why there is not more good being done is because so many people want to make moral converts by force.

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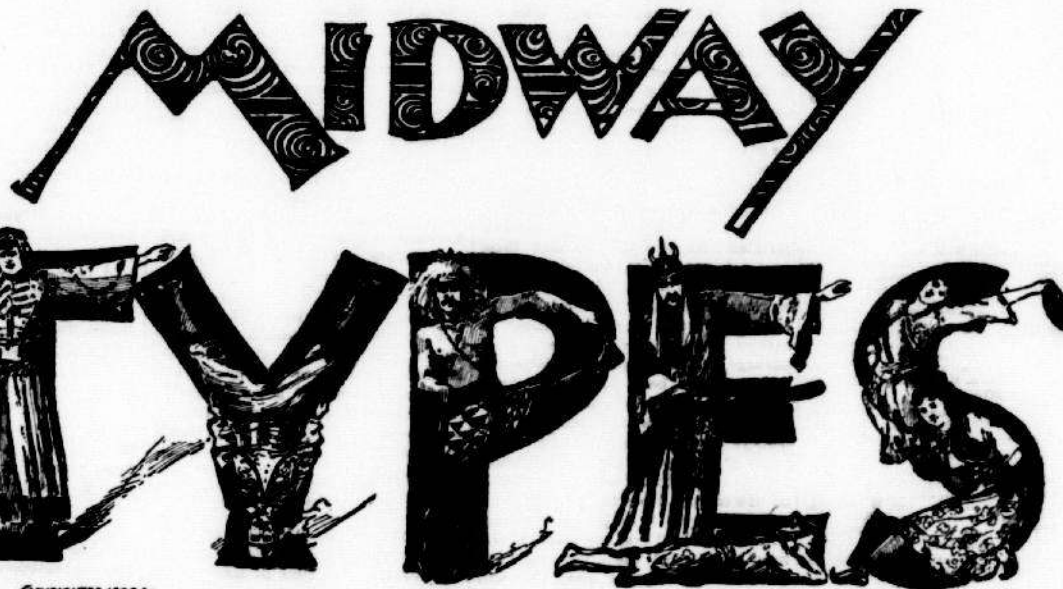
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