WEDNESDAY MAY 10. 1873

# FROMOUR EXCHANGES.

A Strong Man.

Oscar F. Whitman of this city possesses strength that almost surpasses belief. He is 36 years of age, an unassuming sort of a fellow and can easily litt a cow. He also toys with fat men as though they were feathers. He has all his power in his finger tips.

Whitman does not believe in spiritualism, but he is confident that he has some strange power which starts from his shoulders and extends to his finger tips, apparently through the bones, which he savs feel to him as though they were hollow.

One day recently a cow fell on the ice on College street, and after summer and autum. They are sprawling about in an effort to get written in Mr. Davis's most enter up lay helpless. Four ablebodied taining manner, and will be illusmen placed a plank under the ani mal and tried to pry her to her feet, but they could not succeed in . Three English Race Meetings. raising her more than a few inches. descriptive of Ascot, Henley, and home from work, and, grasping the Magazine. situation at a glance, he held his arms out at full length for an instant and then firmly placed his hands under the cow

The laugh of the bystanders at Whitman's action was turned to ent effort, he lifted the annual two feet higher than a standing position and let her down gently until her feet were firmly on the ground. That the curiosity of the crowd might be appeased the cow was led to the city scales and weighed, and surprise when, without any appar-

turer, and E C. Wood, the Maine Central station agent, all of whom are heavy-weights, by placing his fingers on the top of a table and pulling it away from them, though they were braced and firmly hold ing on to the legs

It has been advanced that electricity was the agent that gave Whitman his power, and that he might disprove this idea E. C. Wood, W. A. Tarr the Maine Central road master, and George Smith, a coal merchant, met Monday afternoon. On a table placed in the center of the room two water glasses were set upside down, and touching his fingers on the top of the nonconductors. Whitman raised the table into the air and toyed with it as though he had a natural grasp upon it.

When a boy Whitman used to "play horse" with tables and chairs throwing them around with the tips of his fingers. The strange power he possessed frightened his parents, who always kept it secret. While learning his trade in a shoe shop he punished several local boxers, though he knew nothing of

the science of the manly art. Two years ago he quit work and has since made for himself a luxurious home and a good sized bank account. He has earned this money by giving magnetic treatment.

Whatman has received flattering offers to exhibit his powers in public. all of which he steadfastly declines .- New York World.

### A Glauce Ahead.

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