



The Duchess.

CHAPTER VI.

The last scene of the play was out from the old clock in the hall as Stenon Dyrart enters the drawing room. The extreme disfigurement and gloom of that melancholy apartment sinks into him with a man's unfeeling instinct, toward the heart-robber.

"I'm extremely sorry if I've kept you waiting for dinner," she says, advancing at a quick pace, and sees the guest's eyes reluctantly acknowledged this last fact.

"You are Griseida, I suppose?" she asks, with a faint smile.

"Yes, I am Vera," she says, slowly.

"Your father has been very good to us more than kind," she says, gently, but with decision.

"I should think he would be very glad to get you here," she says, at this moment Griseida enters the room.

"So you're coming at last to the Castle of Despair," she says, saucily, "I must say, you took time to look us up. But I don't blame you; life here is so lively for most."

"I don't know how you may view it. I return to town the day after tomorrow—very early on that day. Whether I must or must not work for my living is a thing that does not concern me."

SKATING AGAIN BECOMING A POPULAR WINTER SPORT.

SKATING, says the man who deals in skates and skating shoes, is becoming a popular winter sport. It is not a new thing, but it is becoming more and more popular.

This year the sporting goods houses are showing a more complete line of so-called racing skates than ever before, says the Chicago Chronicle.

But in feminine eyes, as usual, the question of the skates themselves is of secondary importance to the unending one of costume. What to wear on the ice is what bothers most of the girls who go in for skating.

Various Methods used to Affect the Running of Horses.

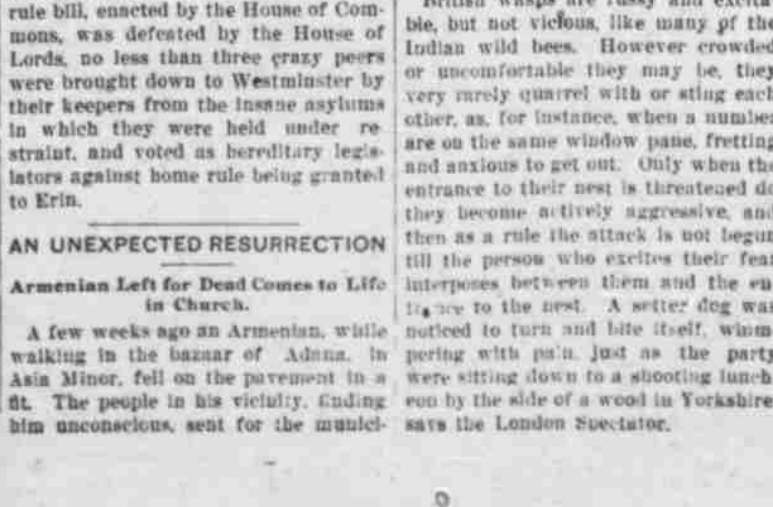
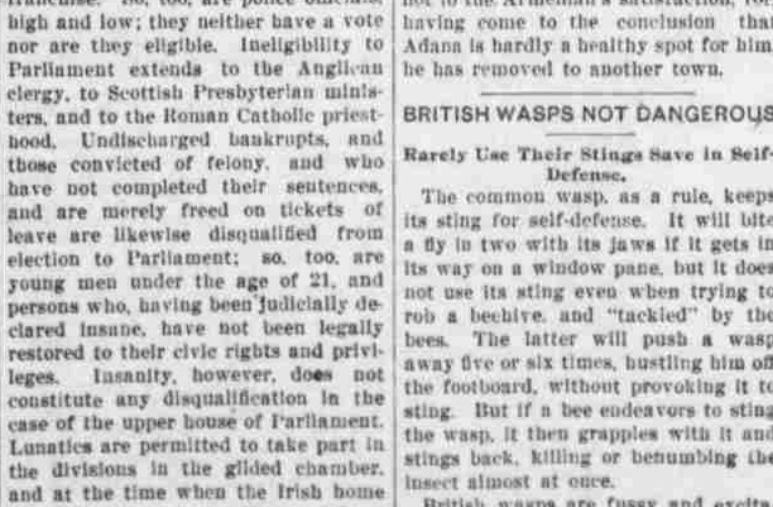
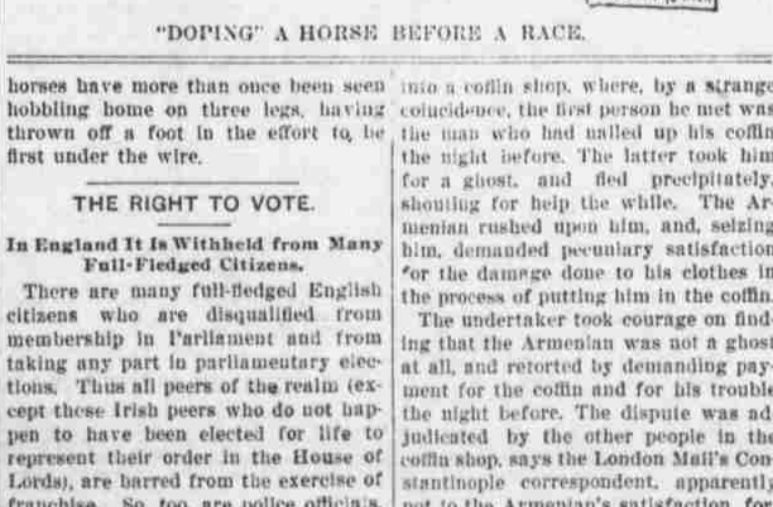
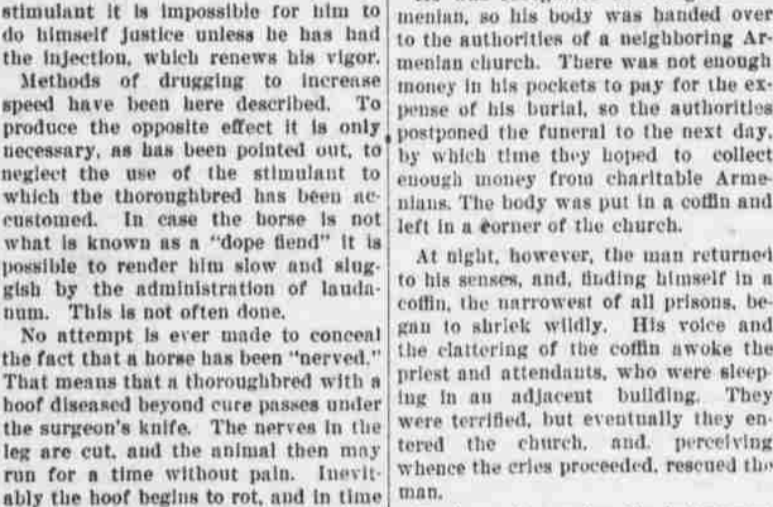
Horse racing offers so many opportunities to gain unfair advantage that the police are always on the alert to detect and punish such practices.

These boots would be heavily weighted with shot, and would so anchor the horse's feet that he would show far less than his true speed.

It was nearly a decade ago that mysterious stories began to be told about saddles with electric battery attachments, and the wonderful speed developed by their use.

There are many full-blooded English horses who are disqualified from membership in Parliament and from taking any part in parliamentary elections.

It has been computed by geographers that if the sea were emptied of its water and all the rivers of the earth were to pour their present floods into the vacant space allowing nothing for evaporation, 40,000 years would be required to bring the water of the ocean up to its present level.



ever, a special costume, of course, is not essential to run on the ice.

Winter sports of various kinds have been looking up in Chicago of late years and hockey is obtaining a foothold.

The toboggan never obtained much standing in Chicago owing to the necessity for building artificial hills down which to slide the sledges.

The dog, being tired, had lain down on the top of a wasp's nest, and five or six of the yellow insects were stinging it at once; but it did not touch the persons sitting close by.

Marriage Among Australian Savages.

He was recognized as being an Armenian, so his body was handed over to the authorities of a neighboring Armenian church.

He had received the wrong message. Where marriage had languished it at once grew popular, for the benediction now held forth even more eloquently concerning the benediction of the relation than he had possessed it when acting under the false message.

It is said that automobiles have so cheapened the cost of harnessing grain in the immense California fields that wheat can be raised at less actual cost than in the Argentine Republic.

It is not till after a man has expressed a woman that he bears her express any fears of "losing her individuality."

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