## COMING DOWN TO WEIGHT. by Jockeys While

Reducing. A great jockey on a great racehorse is thing and it turns their heads. But able to go up at ninety pounds. there are things in a jockey's life that

may be so weak from short rations and long reducing sweats that it is only the frenzied excitement of the race that

To be a successful rider one must years, and consequently heavier in frame, had but little trouble in staying the goes without anything in his stomyears, and consequently heavier in frame, had but little trouble in staying within the required limit. But in these days, when every thing is sacrificed to speed and light weight is demanded, the older riders—and the best are always the older ones—are compelled to reduce themselves in weight until they reduce themselves in weight until they small sustenance, to ride for a man's I opened the door enough to see a landary small sustenance, to ride for a man's are nothing more than skin and bone, with just enough muscle to lift a mountain at the supreme moment. It is this getting down to weight which kills. It getting down to weight which kills. It shows up in the saddle in the aftertakes all of the romance out of a jock-ey's life and makes him what Mark of a man in the toils of a wasting fever. Twain calls the coyote:"a living breathing allegory of want." He has never the luxury of a full stomach during the racing season, and a square meal is a "Yes sir," remarked the gray-haired while the wheels roared beneath and is from 'Jincoa' the Basque name for

the way we do it. Sweat lots and eat nothing was out of whack until it was cilities of a desert town. I don't know sider not sufficiently forcible to be sat- will have consumed 30 oxen, 200 sheep, little is the thing. When I know that time to start. Right at the hour Slide why, but I couldn't resist turning it is factory. He swore by the number 100 calves, 200 lambs, 50 pigs, 2200 fowls, I have got to ride at a certain weight would be seen coming down the street over, face downward. It seemed to me four, which the Greeks regarded as 100 fish of different kinds, 30,000 oysor three suits of thick underclothes, be on board in the cab beside me. That a movement in the coffin. I knew it maybe draw a sweater on over that, dog never would walk. He was too was foolish, but I rolled the stage comput on a couple of coats and an overcoat over that, and then start out for a all for him to climb out on the footof gold, to the coffin, and set it upon

taiking of large sums of money," said a
pany's strong box, with its 200 pounds
of gold, to the coffin, and set it upon

taiking of large sums of money," that they rebank director yesterday, "that they re-

get so tired that it seems as if I would drop down dead, and the sun feels as if it had a focus on me and was trying to it had a focus burn a hole in the top of my head. The jumped on. elothes I wear are as heavy as lead. I "I remember distinctly one stormy There was a scuffling, a groaning, a meditatively and said slowly: keep going, though, and the sweat night as I was approaching Chicago, kicking against the sides. the business. When I have been on to lay upon a siding and wait for orders to lay upon a siding and wait for orders to down a carbine, cocked it and fired the spokesman smiling. "Now, then,

Half an hour is as much as a man can and lay there until a special train had voice. I managed to tear away the poor little million dollars, do not be so stand. By that time I am sweated passed. clean out and Satan himself couldn't "Well, the brakeman got down to side, but only the body of a man, torn of. I tell you, when you think can

legs are pretty strong because the walk- terribly. ing hardens them, but your arms just "Say, Charley, I won't touch that hour behind schedule time. Shots were

don't get a good steak once in the sea- tion trickle down my backbone. The Sabe?" You don't know how I long for the end ever heard came from that animal.

of humor. A saint couldn't be civil wind and was gone.

THE TELEPHONE-REGISTER "I earn every cent I get for riding. strange moisture from his eyes and flesh, and it's starve, starve all the time road. The dog had gone before him. to keep from piling it on. During the - 7, 1890 winter I weigh sometimes as much as WAY BILLED AS A CORPSE. 130 pounds, and when the spring sets in I have to begin training down, first The Experience of an Express by the walking process, then by the The Absolute Suffering Endured starving method and finally by both. by the time the first races are to be run

the general public miss seeing, that the get down to the bottom notch for a two far done from 'Frisco, the train drew from the Latin verb 'condemn,' is a In Martinique, the fer-de-lance is abenvious boys know nothing of, things if they saw might change their minds and make them prospective presidential and make them prove prospective presidential and make the make the prospective presidential and make tial candidates instead of stable followers.

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With you when the boss has told you to lake on water. Unsuch the fer-de-lance. Horses tremble at sight of it; dogs whine and shiver. The hen attempts to defend her chickens, and the pig offers more successful complete to take on water. Unsuch the fer-de-lance in conversation, but the principal one is scheduled stops however, were not unsuch the first half at a paralyzing clip, and there hung within the car a rack of repeating carbines, charged and primed.

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ing that state where no artificial means shoulders.

#### The Engineer's Dog.

gentleman, with a slight tremor in his the storm raved outside. During the progress of a recent race meeting an Examiner reporter heard one of the high-priced riders tell how one of the continuous and could customed to swear by the head of their not keep my eyes off the coffin. I fan
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"I've got to ride a two-year-old to"I've got to ride a two-year-old tomorrow at ninety-eight pounds, and I Chicago on the Lake Shore on old 432. am three pounds over weight," said he, That dog never missed a trip over the occupant of the coffin might liberate to belong to one of the ladies of the and I guess I'll have to get out and road with me, and I owe my life to herself—got hold of me and I couldn't court a small pet dog named Bleu.' of food consumed in a lifetime of sevhim upon more than one occasion. His shake it off. The box was of unusual shake it off. The box was of unusual swear by the dog instead of by the degree and exceptionally ill made. The size and exceptionally ill made. "Oh, I'll take a sweater early in the morning and that will fix me. That's out, and monkey about her to see that might have been due to the limited faon a certain day I begin to train down with my dinner basket in his mouth. for it. I get out of bed early in the When it became time to start I'd give morning. When I dress I put on two the whistle a chance, and Slide would the car door, and at the same moment walk. I always get on a road where board, run along and jump down on the lid towards the larger end. the going is heavy and then trudge off. the pilot, get up again on the other "Bye-and-bye the sun gets high and side and walk into the other window. afterwards, though I didn't think of it their tongues. hot. With all the clothes on every Whenever we got into New York Slide at the time, that most of the knot holes "We speak of half or a quarter milstep is downright work, and before I would go down and ride into town, big towards the head of the coffin were lion dollars as a trifling circumstance, have made a mile I am hot as blue as life, on the cow-catcher. I even covered and sealed by the flat iron bot- while to say that so and so was worth a blazes and the sweat begins to pour. I taught him to pull the whistle cord tom of the strong box. muffle up close and keep walking. I when I commanded. Everybody along

keeps on coming. I struggle along and There was a tremendous tempest on the pant and cuss, and wish I was out of lake, for I could hear the dull roar of express it. The struggle in the box 1,000 feet high." the business. When I have been on the waves beat upon the shore. I had continued. I staggered to the gun rack, "That's just what I thought," said are wet with prespiration. Then I turn to pull in over any one of the fifty tracks it through the box ten feet away. that spread out near the the city. There Muffled shrieks now mingled with lars, piled one upon another, would "The boys are waiting for me, when was a little telegraph station a few rods the thumping and thrashing in the make a glittering silver column nearly I get there so tired I can just stand, away from where I lay. Orders were box. I fired again. The shrieks were two miles high, you would probably be they wrap me up with my clothes on confidently expected in a few minutes, redoubled. I became frantic and inclined for the instant to tell me that me in blankets, and though the ther- but they did not come. My fireman shricked like a lunatic myself, while I I was imposing on you. But figure it mometer may be 100 in the shade and and I got tired of sitting out in the fired again and again at the box until out for yourself. Ten silver dollar elimbing every minute, I gather the driving rain, and not even distinguishthe magazine was exhausted and I make an inch; \$120 make a foot; 1,000 blankets around my head and lay down ing each other's voices in the din. I remember Tom yelling: "It'll be a hard in the hay or on a bed and smother for in the hay or on a be half an hour. Smother is the word, time on the lake to-night." and then the iron box was slowly crushing it a million dollars would represent a col-When you are walking you can breathe the light came from the station bobbing down; through the gaps in the wood umn two miles high. Of course this without tearing your lungs into doll up and down, and some one came hur-blood was streaming and no sounds isrags, but when you are hot as hades rying up an gave me the written orders sued from the coffin. and covered up head and ears under a to proceed over the last track to one of pile of North Pole blankets, its tough. the stations on the outskirts of the city from the box. Plainly it was a man's hear that so-and-so was only worth one

throw the switch, when Slide made a with a dozen terrible wounds.

"Then the boys strip me and rub me bee line out of the cab and flew at the He were the garb of the frontier. down. By the time they get through | fellow as if he had gone crazy and back. | knife and pistol at his belt, and a load- | wonder is, to my mind, that so many I am as dry as a bone, light as a feather Why he simply tore sounds into shreds. ed Winchester lay at his side. He was of us are lucky enough to accumulate and haven't enough strength to step He jumped at that fellow every time conscious and gasped: "Raise me up." it." over a match. Its so weakening that he made a move for the switch, he "Don't water at tank 22," said the you are helpless as a baby almost. Your would crouch down and beg and whine man with difficulty, and his jaw fell.

enough to keep a chicken alive. I me. I could feel the warm perspira-scrawled upon the head board, Quien son, and I don't get a pound of bread conductor got impatient and yelled at November and hungry all the time the storm. The most mournful how! I United States maps fixed up with amount of iron.

It's work, work all the time to get off walking further along life's rugged

the long visor of a racing cap. The beand vouched to contain \$50,000 in gold, 'deuce' means 'devil,' whereas, as a The cat, upon seeing a snake, at once

"Tumble it in, quick.' I said.

man on the platform. It's a coffin." is being intensely affectionate when he

fame, however. I'd go down to the wood was rough, warped and filled ity, and hence came the parbleus and of the reform club of London. Among to roll horribly.

Then I imagined I heard a noise at

shattered lid. There was no coffin in- ready to underestimate the value there

The engine stopped at tank 21, a half

pagne can't hold a light to water when pagne can't hold a light to water when pagne can't hold a light to water when cluded the old engineer, brushing a contract of the contr

IF YOU SWEAR

What Your Cuss Words Mean.

said a gruff old senator. "That is not Sometimes it is of a bright yellow, and "During the winter of 1886," said an swearing. The expression has a very one can scarcely distinguish it from the I am down to the lowest notch and old express messenger, with a shock of different meaning from what is popufind that I am too heavy yet. Then black hair, "I was in the Wells-Fargo larly supposed, and was originated by coiled. more walking and more starving and service between Kansas City and San the duke of Wellington. A dam in In- Again, it may be black, or yellowish the ideal of the thousands of young the recent tracks and the smallest piece of money the recent tracks. The run was made upon dia is the smallest piece of money brown, or any hue resembling tropical tracks. The run was made upon the recent tracks are tracked to the run was made upon the recent tracks. during the metropolitan meetings. They see the brilliancy and glitter of the join at Deming. On Christmss eve, ent. That was all the phrase was in- red flashes, and it glows at night like The toughest thing in the world is to bearing eastward, with the journey so tended to signify. The word 'damn,' burning coal. with you when the boss has told you to the locomotive to take on water. Un- 'have a few other words which they use One creature, however, has no fear of

frenzied excitement of the race that couldn't earn an honest living in any other way, but they earn what night I stood of the rustlers at Dodge sidered the thing for each man to have any other way, but they earn what gives him the physical strength to stay on his mount, or h ing now, and Murphy is fast approach- pany expect now with \$100,000 on my by. Some swore by Jupiter, others by from the coils, flashes swift as if moved

> was the most prized of vegetables, and even to this day the same oath is often "A little slow, partner,' replied a heard in Italy, while in France a lover A moment later I was alone with the calls the lady of his heart his 'petit corpse in a prison as secure as the tomb, chou,' or 'little cabbage.' 'By Jingo' God. Barbarous tribes have been ac-The last of these notions-that the 'Tetedieu,' and so on. There chanced symbolizing perfection."

### The Size of a Million.

"American people are so used to ally have no adequate conception of the Then I lighted my pipe. I noticed large values that often fall glibly from

million, conveys little or nothing. Now Several minutes passed and the en- take a million dollars, for illustration There was no doubting it this time. The friend addressed closed his eyes

"A million silver dollars, one piled on To say that I was horrified doesn't another would make a column about

if I should tell you that a million dolsult is near enough for all practical pur-Finally a long deep groan escaped poses. So you see, my boy, when you didly on the subject, you cannot but be He wore the garb of the frontier, with impressed at this gigantic sum; and the

### Rucker's Magnetic Needle.

Geologists are always ready to use hang down like a rag and a hard switch," the brakey said as he walked mouthed horse will almost will them towards me with a white form (Thornton). mouthed horse will almost pull them towards me with a white face. 'There's and the express car as the train dashed es of science, and of late a most intersomething gone wrong, and I know it, be went on. At first I laughed, but "Eat? I don't cat—that is I don't cat—that is I don't cat—that is I don't cat—that is I don't cat—the warm perspiration of the word of the warm perspiration of the warm perspiration of the word of the warm perspiration of the word of noting the behavior of the magnetic vallis.

The above trains connect at Yaquina with son, and I don't get a pound of bread in a week. Oat meal, gruel or beef tea is nearer my way. If I drank water whenever I wanted it I would get more fat every day than I could sweat off in two, so I am thirsty from May until Just the there was a sudden lull in two, so I am thirsty from May until Just the there was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm of the storm of the day with the storm. The work was a sudden lull in the storm of the

North and South Dakota before the Finding, however, that this peculiar of the racing season so I can sit down to a table and eat all I want.

"The orders are, no fat meat, no blead our posts and peered towards of the racing season so I can sit down pointing up the track. Both of us sprung to our posts and peered towards ing and Idaho are turned into "The orders are, no fat meat, no bread sprung to our posts and peered towards ing and Idaho are turned into rocks were at the surface, but which August 16. and no water, no nothing that will Chicago. A great red light came like a states. Africa has to be fixed over every consisted of such formation as chalk make flesh and blood, and then some flash out of the inky blackness, and six months and the latest and most se- and tertiary beds, these observers were people wonder that we are always out the special rushed past us like a whiri-rious of all is in this German-English led to conclude that deep underground The Oregon Pacific Popular Su Cursions—Low rate Tickets no arrangement to knock out Heligoland in those tracts there was a mass of bawith half a loaf of bread and three "Four white faces looked into one an- from the British empire. That isn't saltie or other highly ferruginous rock na and return glasses of water a week. Sometimes other's countenances a moment later, a big change, but is plenty big enough that affected the needle, It seems, we don't get that. I have gone two and just then the operator came rush- to spoil all our maps of Europe. It therefore, likely that Professor Rucker's MAN & CO., Freight and Ticket Agents, 260 solid days without taking a thing exsolid days without taking exsolid days without taking a thing exso

#### A Terror of the Tropics.

You May be Interested to Know One of the deadliest serpents of the tropics is the fer-de-lance, of which there are at least eight varieties. Lafadio Hearn says that the reptile is of pre-"You need not have looked severe be- cisely the color which will enable it to Agent With Train Robbers. | cause I said that I didn't care a dam," hide among foliage or the roots of trees.

bat, but it is the cat who fights the

feature of a man and the form of a stunted boy has a hard time in this life, and
it is only the tempting thousands that
keeps him in the saddle. Even as he
rides the exciting finish of a race he

The story of one jockey is the tale all
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McLaughlin life is a burden during the
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deuce, he is all unconsciously uttering
the best of good wishes for your welfare.

Startling him, and trying to draw his

How the emerald and topaz eyes glow then! They are flames. A moment Mars, others still by Minerva, and so on. by wings. But swifter still the stroke

hurled aside. Now the scaled skin deeply torn: one eye-socket has cease

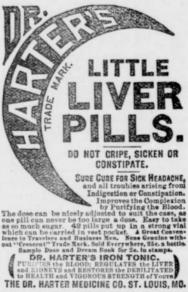
Once more, the stroke of the serpent, nce more the light, quick cutting blow. But the reptile is blinded, stupefied. Bcfore he can attempt to coil pussy has leaped upon him nailing the horrible flat head fast to the ground with her two sinewy paws. Now let him lash, writhe, twine, strive to strangle her.

#### What a Man Eats.

A curious calculation of the amount ters, 5,475 pounds of vegetables, 243 pounds of butter, 24,000 eggs and four tons of bread besides several hogsheads of wine, tea and coffee. This amount of food will weigh but little short of

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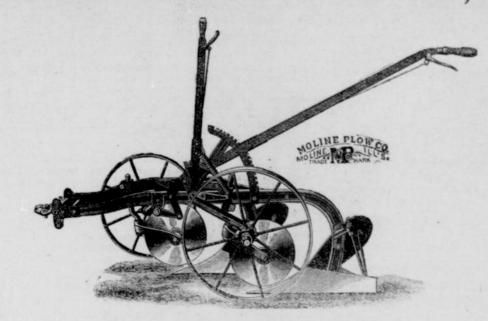
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The cat, upon seeing a snake, at once from the Latin "D Oliver Chilled and Steel Plows, Scotch Clipper Plows, come within a certain limit of weight. In the olden time this limit was higher and the best riders, as the grew older in years, and consequently beavier in very sun of the strong and the best riders, as the grew older in years, and consequently beavier in very sun of the strong and the best riders, as the grew older in the way of oaths. Castor and Pollux, were also made use of in the way of oaths. Castor and Pollux and the storm beat. I knew the were usually appealed to as the 'Twins' of the armed paw that dashes the horotogath of the armed paw

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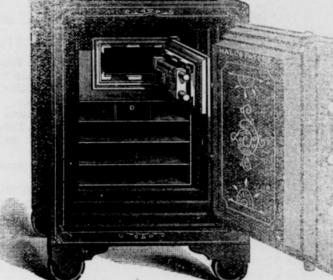
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