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Of all, none is more hideous than the practise of using racing animals as

advertisements. The evil of naming fast horses after commercial commodities seems to have broken out again this season after a lapse of several years, and unless some

Inpse of several years, and unless some method of restricting the fancies of owners is devised it promises to be a growing eyesore on the turf. Just at present the success of two horses owned by a wealthy man who made his fortune out of gelatine is serving as an ad for his wares. They have each performed well enough to attract attention. That their success will be short lived is to be hoped, or next season we will be called upon to witness speed tests on the turf between Kickun's Pain Cure and Ap-ple Pie Breakfast Food. Some years ago there were a number of equine ads racing. The ads flock

of equine ads racing. The ads flock mostly to the trotting turf, although the running turf has far too many

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It is difficult to find information on the subject. Whether the historians of that and later periods decided that the matter had best be passed over in si-lence, or whether it was regarded as of insufficient moment to be carefully chronicled, I am not able to say. I first read of it in one of those curious little books, the jottings of observant travel-ers, or amateur miners, of which '50 and '51 were so prolific. I have forgotten the names of author and volume, but am under the impression that the writer was an eye witness to the affair. After

was an eye witness to the affair. After that a living eye witness described it to me. Bancroft has something to say of it: so has Hittell. But to the major-ity of Californians, who were either not According to the records of all book-sellers, the six books which have sold best in the order of demand during the here at all, or who were too young at the time to be interested in anything outside the nursery, the matter is unknown history. The story is one of the most dramatic and savage in the annals of the settling of the west, rarely in modern times— never, perhaps—was such deadly ani-mosity shown towards a woman, young and apparently entirely defenseless. She was a Mexican, by name Juanita, 24 years of are and standing not out of

was a Mexican, by name Juanita, 24 years of age, and standing not quite five feet high. She was also pretty, with the dark skin and eyes, and the shining black hair of her race. It is said that her character was not of the best, but at the time the story opens she was liv-ing quietly at Downleville with a monte dealor, whether as wife, or relations as dealer-whether as wife or mistress, no-body seemed to know, or care-whose name has not come down to us, and who, apparently, stepped back and let "the law take its course" without a pro-test.

On the evening of July 4, 1851, there was a great celebration in Downievilie. John B. Welter, then stumping the state as a candidate for Congress, had ar-rived, and made speeches on the plat-form raised in the center of the town, close to the hotel. Miners had come in from camps and diggings for miles up and down the muddy length of the Yu-ba. It was said that there were 5,000 men in Downleville that night, and, as may be imagined, the hilarity was great. Among others who became exceedingly merry was Joe Cannon, an Australian, who, together with two kindred spirits, ranged through the camp, drunk and jo-

ranged through the camp, drunk and jo-Cannon was one of the most popular men of the district. He is described as a cheerful, easy-going giant, for he was over six feet in height, and weighed 240 over six reet in height, and weighed 240 pounds. In their riotous course through the camp they arrived at the cabin of Juanita and the monte dealer. Here, dark and silent, the little shanty pre-sented no sign of life or light. Such friends as the unfortunate Juanita had, tried to win the elemeney of her indexe tried to win the clemency of her judges by stating that Cannon, with brutal language, had attempted to break down the door of the cubin. His friends, the next day, persisted that all he had done

was to strike the door in a spirit of tip-sy revery, and so powerful was the blow of the giant that he burst it from its frail hinges of leather. After this they departed, unconscious of tragedy to arise from the unpremeditated stroke of a drunkard's fist.

The next morning when Cannon had recovered his senses, he was told of the damage he had done. His friends de-clared that when he heard it he imme-diately announced his intention of re-pairing to the moute dealer's cabin and paying for the broken door. No one, ac-cording to the Downleville miners, had ever known Joe Cannon to do an uncen-

Here a travesty of a trial took place, Juanita sitting, ever calm and some-times smiling, in the midst of her judges. The camp was by this time in a frenzy of excitement. There were men who realized that one of the most barbarous realized that one of the most barrarous nots in the history of the far west was about to be perpetrated, and attempted to stem the tide. Dr. C. D. Aiken rose up and testified that she was not, phys-ically, in a fit condition to be hanged. He was howled down and driven from the platform. A Mr. Thayer of Nethe platform. A Mr. Thayer of Ne-vada, then lifted himself above the mob by standing on a barrel and began to make a speech in her defense. The barrel was kicked from beneath him, his hat and glasses fell off and he was hustled through the crowd and kicked and struck at as he fled. The accusers

and struck at as he fiel. The accusers of Juanita were, for the time being out-side themselves. They were savages demanding blood for blood. In the hotel, overlooking the scene, was John B. Weller, the condidate for Congress. Some one rushed in to him and pleaded with him to address and try and quell the fary of the mob. But the gentleman, evidently feeling his

the gentleman, evidently feeling his eloquence not equal to the occasion, re-fused. He had probably seen the treat-ment awarded the two champions of Juanita and deemed the moment one where silence was golden. So, left to her fate. Juanita was tried, found

guilty and led to execution. The four hours that clapsed between her conviction and death were spent by her in her own house, saying good-bye to her friends and making her toilet for her final appearance upon this erthly stage. Her accusers occupied the time in arranging a scaffold for her in the middle of the bridge across the Yuba. Two posts had been left standing in the center of the bridge and below these they lashed two planks, which extended out over the rushing stream. When the hour arrived Juanita ap-

When the hour arrived Juanita ap-peared, walking among an escort of her friends. She had dressed herself care-fully in white; her black hair was neat-ly brushed and braided. On her head she wore a man's hat, dent by one of her friends. Her imperturbable calm was as marked as ever. It was impossible to notice a tremor in her step or voice. When she had heard the words of her conviction sboken, she had given a lit-tle laugh. Now she was grave, but una inpinunununununununun conviction spoken, she had given a lit-tle laugh. Now she was grave, but un-moved. She mounted the temporary scaffold, and, taking off the hat, sent it with a quick whirl of her wrist through the crowd to its owner. Then, turning to the still, staring throng, she bowed to the right and left, making a gesture of farevell. With each how gesture of farewell. With each bow she pronounced clearly and firmly the words. "Adois, mes amigos, adois." A few moments after her dead body

hung quivering over the stream. The crowd dispersed to its cabins and tents with what feelings we may wonder.--Geraldine Bonner in the Argonaut.

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