

First Race of the Series. Contest for the America's Cup Will Begin Today—Odds 10 to 8 on the Shamrock.

SCHLEY INQUIRY AGAIN RESUMED. Two New Witnesses Introduced at Yesterday's Session of the Court. CAPTAINS COTTON AND WISE Testimony as to the Difficulty of Coaling Ships of the Flying Squadron—Spanish Ships and Their Location. Dispatch from Sampson.

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OUR NEIGHBOR. BY A. HANSEN. "Yes," said Tom Delany, "the wages are better now than they used to be. I'm getting 15 shillings a week now, and before it was only 10 shillings. I do be employed regularly for seven months. What do I do during the winter? The best I can, faith. I do get an odd job at 1 shilling 6 pence a day repairing roads or stone breaking, and I have my own half acre at the back of the cottage there, which keeps me in grass and a little cabbage."

THE PIG IN IRELAND. "I have, and a fine wan, too," said Tom in delight, as if very proud of his possession. "Come and see her." He brought me through a little gateway in the low wall which bordered the half acre allotment (a term, by the way, of which he did not know the meaning when I mentioned it, into a well kept little garden growing cabbage and potatoes. In a pigery in the garden I saw the pig, a fine fat female—grunting contentedly as she lay on her litter of straw.

COMMERCIAL. WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, September 19. Holiday—No quotations. Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.

STAR OFFICE, September 25. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing. ROSIN—Market firm at 95c per barrel for strained and \$1.00 per barrel for good strained. TAR—Market firm at \$1.85 per bbl of 380 lbs.

MR. BANNISTER'S BEARD. It Caused a Stoppage of Pleasant Neighbourly Relations.

THE Bannisters and the Ridgelys are two families which might almost be called friends. Mr. Bannister's girl has been betrothed to Mr. Ridgely's son.

ADmiral Schley's reply to these dispatches was dated May 29th, in which he said he could not obey the orders of the department, was then read and Mr. Rayner pointed out various changes in the language of the dispatch as printed in the official report.

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