

## PUGILISTIC SOCIETY EXCITED.

### ELLIOTT'S CHALLENGE TO ALLEN ACCEPTED—"THE GYPSY" TO COME.

The transit of Venus had a remarkably exhilarating effect yesterday upon pugilistic society. Mr. James Elliott in Chicago became impressed with the notion that he is especially fitted to fight Mr. Tom Allen, with bare knuckles, according to the new rules of the London prize ring. He visited Mr. Michael McDonald, sometimes known as the "Boss of Chicago," and deposited \$250 with that gentleman as an earnest of his intention to fight Mr. Allen, at catch weight, for \$1,000 a side, the 24-foot ring to be formed within 100 miles of New-Orleans eight weeks from the date of signing articles of agreement. When Mr. Elliott's action became known in this City there was a stir in sporting circles. It was known that Mr. Allen is in New-York, and it was also known that Mr. Richard K. Fox, of the *Police Gazette*, had decided not to back him to fight Mr. John L. Sullivan, of Boston. When, however, Mr. Fox was made aware that Mr. Elliott was anxious to meet Mr. Allen he (Mr. Fox) at once offered to back the English pugilist against him. Mr. Fox sent for Mr. Allen and the latter agreed to fight. Last evening Mr. Fox dispatched the following message to Mr. Charles E. Davies, Mr. Elliott's business agent, at Chicago:

Notify Mr. Elliott that my representative, Mr. William E. Harding, will leave here on the 9th inst. with Mr. Tom Allen to arrange the match. Mr. Harding and Mr. Allen will meet you at Randolph-street. Mr. Mike McDonald will suit me for final stakeholder, and I will give Mr. Harding a certified check for \$250 to post if articles are signed. RICHARD K. FOX,  
Proprietor of the *Police Gazette*.

Mr. Fox yesterday received a letter from Mr. Jem Mace, the celebrated pugilist, affectionately known as "the Gypsy." Mr. Mace is in New-Zealand. Some time ago Mr. Fox wrote to him that he was anxious to match him against Mr. Sullivan in a glove contest or in a fight for \$2,500 a side and the championship of the world. Mr. Mace telegraphed that he would come to New-York. In his letter he says he is perfectly willing to proceed to America on receiving passage money for Mrs. Mace and himself. Mr. Fox at once forwarded to Mr. Mace the amount of money required to defray Mr. and Mrs. Mace's expenses to this country. Mr. Fox said that it might be supposed that Mr. Mace is too old to fight, but he is assured that "the Gypsy" is still able to do terrible work in the prize-ring.

Mr. George Fulljames, who failed to meet Mr. Frank White on Saturday evening last, visited Mr. Fox yesterday and said he would be prepared on Monday next to deposit \$500, and to arrange a fight for \$1,000 a side with Mr. White. Mr. Peter McCoy also called upon Mr. Fox and offered to fight Mr. Tom Sweeney, of New-Haven, for \$250 a side. Mr. Fox said at the close of the day that the prize-fighting world seemed greatly disturbed.