

Mr. J. H. Wood seems to have infused some life into the affairs of the Eastern Empire, and the clog-dancing contest which was decided at the establishment on Saturday last attracted great crowds; so great, indeed, that the traffic in the street was interrupted by them. Regarding the competition itself, let it be said that it was conducted on thoroughly orderly lines; while certain is it that the hosts of spectators watched its progress with the greatest interest, and observed a strict decorum. Mr. Hasberry Howard acted as referee, and his judgment was never questioned. There can be no doubt that Mr. James G. Burns, the winner of the first purse, was, as a clog-dancer, a long way in advance of the other competitors, and his supremacy was not disputed. Prior to the test many there were who thought that Mr. Will Powell stood a good chance of securing the bracket, but when he met Mr. Burns it soon became evident that the latter was unquestionably the better performer.

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Immediately after the event had been decided Mr. George Ware, representing Mr. George Belmont, engaged Mr. Burns to perform at Sadler's Wells next Monday. I have no doubt that this "flutter" will be followed by others of a similar nature. The names of the winners of the other prizes are given in another column.

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It is said that Mr. Charles Godfrey could have prolonged his stay at the Metropolitan if he had been so minded.