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The attendance on each of the other days was excellent. Thursday was children's day and the number of carriages on the ground was larger than ever before known, while the trains on the railroad from Chesterton and up the road were heavily loaded. The day was fine, the arrangements perfect, and notwithstanding the thousands of people present, not the slightest disorder was observed.

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The races for each day had all been filled and the horses and the horses were on the ground. Indeed, instead of reducing the race program, some had been added, the interest in the feature was so great that additional races were arranged. Below we give the results of the trotting the first three days.

Oct. 1. Trotting on the ground was that of an animal character. The booths, ice-cream, dining-rooms and other privileges were well attended and presided over by competent managers. Messrs. Baker & Gemmill set as good examples for fifty cents as the greatest expense could be. Mrs. J. C. Gemmill kept a stand with her first-class reputation. There were many other things to see and hear. The Kent county fair was a grand success.

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