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Yesterday afternoon a fractions tram horse caused considerable excitement in Armstrong and Skipton streets. While reversing the horses of the 2.30 car at the Sturt street terminus one of the animals became uncontrollable, and caused the other to rear and kick. Both made off southward, the driver hanging pluckily to the reins. He stuck to the leather until knocked down, and after being dragged some distance along the road, was compelled to leave go. The runaways galloped on, and when nearing Opie's store in Skipton street one of them fell down. The other freed itself from the harness and continued its career in a westerly direction until it reached the offices of the Guiding Star Company, where it turned and tore along to the Miners' Racecourse, where it was captured by a couple of horsemen who went in pursuit. The horse that fell was seriously hurt, and the harness greatly damaged. A lady who happened to be crossing Armstrong street at the time of the bolt had a narrow escape from accident.

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An unusual and decidedly sensational bolt occurred in Sturt street yesterday morning. Two tram horses, which were being taken from the rear to the front of a tram car at the foot of Sturt street, became frightened, and breaking away from the driver galloped at full speed up Camp Hill. The animals raced side by side, and as they reached the intersection, of Lydiard street a cab driven by a man named David Roche drew across their path. The horses collided with it with such force as to throw the driver, who is a cripple, out on to the roadway. Roche, fortunately escaped with nothing worse than a shaking but his cab was somewhat badly damaged. The runaways separated, and made off up Sturt street. One of them fell and was captured by some by standers, and the other was also caught. Neither of the horses was badly injured, and they were soon at work again hauling the tramcar on the homeward journey.