

THE "SPORTSMAN'S" CHALLENGE CUP.

The Sportsman's Challenge Cup, which Hanlan brought back with him, and which we illustrate on this page, is of massive silver, mounted on an ebony pedestal. It is about three feet in height, and is surmounted by a figure of Neptune seated upon a dolphin. The cup itself is heavily chased, with the exception of a small space on either side of the bowl. On each side it is graced by a youth in boating costume, holding his sweep erect and looking out to sea. On a broad shield in the centre is inscribed the following legend:—

This Aquatic Champion Cup was presented by the proprietors of the "SPORTSMAN," of LONDON, for the encouragement of professional sculling in England. September 16, 1878.

On the reverse is a pretty water scene—two scullers fiercely contending for victory. On a smaller shield below, with a St. Andrew's cross in the centre, are the words:—"Fortiter defendens triumphat," and on the other "Dirigo." The ebony pedestal is ornamented with eight silver medallions, two of which are already engraved, as follows:—

WILLIAM ELLIOTT, of Blyth, Aquatic Champion of England, Beat JAMES HIGGINS, of Shadwell, for this Cup and the Championship of England, on the Tyne, February 17, 1879.

Won by WILLIAM ELLIOTT, of Blyth, Newcastle-on-Tyne, In a Sweepstakes with BOYD, HIGGINS and BLACKMAN, on the Thames, September 16 and 17, 1878.

Another of the medallions is to be inscribed with Hanlan's name, now that he has reached Toronto. This magnificent memento of England's defeat cost Mr. C. H. Ashley, proprietor of the Sportsman, Hanlan says, £130 sterling. He who wins it once gets a thirty-five pound medal; he who wins it three times £100 sterling and the perpetual ownership. Hanlan has with him another cup made of glass, some sixteen inches high, and capacious enough to put a little infant in. Neatly wrought in the glass is the High Level Bridge, with its four arches. Two Newcastle lads bestowed this sample of their own handicraft on the champion, and he treasures it not a little.

HANLAN'S RECEPTION AT TORONTO.

After enjoying an ovation at New York on his arrival from England, the champion sculler of the world made his way to his native city by rail as far as Niagara. Thence he left by the *Chicora* about 4 o'clock on Tuesday, the 15th inst. There was an immense crowd on the wharf, and as the boat moved off, lusty cheers were given. The champion, as soon as the boat got out in the lake, held a reception in the cabin, and all the passengers were presented to him. The Sportsman's challenge cup, a massive and imposing piece of work, was exhibited in the cabin, as was also the watch presented to the champion by his friends of this city a year ago. The articles attracted considerable attention. Hanlan was accompanied by Mr. David Ward, his backer; Mr. James Heasley, his trainer, and Mr. W. D. Shaw, brother of Col. Shaw, of Manchester. About ten miles from the Island, the *Chicora* was met by the *Filgate*, *Empress of India*, *Marxwell*, *St. Jean* and other steamers, crowded with passengers; nearly all the members of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club were out with their vessels. They all dropped into line in the wake of the *Chicora*, making a most striking procession. Hanlan stood upon the pilot house of the steamer, in full view of the multitude, and the cheers, mingled with the shrieking of the steamboat whistles, served to make a deafening roar of approbation. Coming into the harbor, the steamer kept close to the wharves, so that the crowds which lined their might have a good look at the popular favorite. The bands on the different steamers played, "See the conquering hero comes" and "Home, sweet home." The bay presented a race day appearance, thousands of small craft being out. The crowd on Yonge street wharf, where the champion was to land, and the street leading to it was immense. When the *Chicora* reached the wharf, Hanlan was transferred to a tug boat and taken to Simcoe street wharf, where a cab was in waiting, and he was driven home. Great disappointment was expressed that he did not pass up Yonge street, so that the crowd could give him a welcome. In the evening he drove to the Horticultural Gardens, where an enormous crowd was waiting to receive him. When he made his appearance on the stage, he was greeted with a grand burst of applause. His Worship the Mayor presented him with an appropriate address, to which he made a short and sensible reply. Miss Kerr read an ode to Hanlan, which was received with cheers. The Laurent Opera Company then sang *Pinafore*, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.



THE SPORTSMAN'S CHALLENGE CUP, WON BY EDWARD HANLAN.

HANLAN'S CAREER.

Although we have published Hanlan's portrait and record on several previous occasions, we deem it proper to repeat both on this the celebration of his greatest achievement. Edward Hanlan was born at Toronto, July 12, 1855, and while quite young was taken by his parents to the Island opposite the city, where his father opened a hotel, and where the family have ever since resided. His first appearance in a race was made when he was sixteen years of age, when he formed one of a crew composed of fishermen. In the following year he figured as a successful competitor in a couple of skill races, and in 1873 first rowed a race in a shell, the contest being for the amateur championship of the Bay. He was again victorious, defeating Sam Williams and McKen. Next year he met Thomas Louden in a race for the

championship of Burlington Bay, this being his initial professional engagement. The result added another to his list of victories. Louden challenged him to row another race, over a mile course, for \$100 a side, in the summer of 1875, and they met on Toronto Bay, Hanlan again showing himself to be the better man, as he won by nearly two lengths. During the same season he won a medal offered by the Governor-General in a two-mile pull at Toronto, defeating Louden and James Douglas. In the spring of 1876 he vanquished James Douglas and Wm. McKen, and on August 12th following became possessed of the belt emblematic of the championship of Ontario, offered by the Toronto Rowing Club, his only opponent being McKen. At this regatta Hanlan likewise won a fisherman's race, three pair of sculls, his partners being McKen and Elliot, and the craft engaged being boats actually in use that summer. All of these races

were of minor importance, however, and the reputation they brought was but local. It remained for Hanlan to give the rowing world a startling surprise at the Centennial regatta on the Schuylkill River, when his name became known on both sides of the Atlantic, through the ease with which he won the first prize in the professional regatta, defeating Harry Coulter, Pat Luther, Plaisted, and easily disposing of Alex. Brayley in the final heat, which was rowed in 21:09½—the best three-mile time on record until Courtney cut down the figures last year. In March, 1877, the secretary of the Ontario Rowing Club forwarded to the *Clipper* office one hundred dollars in gold as a deposit for a proposed match between Hanlan and Billy Scharff (then champion), to row three miles, for \$1,000 a side, on Toronto Bay; but as Scharff had just made a match with Eph. Morris, the challenge from the Canadian was not accepted. Hanlan next appeared at the regatta held at Silver Lake, near Boston, Mass., June 13th, when he was defeated by Fred. Plaisted, Frenchy Johnson, and others, owing to a mishap in the shape of an injured outrigger. On June 25th another regatta was held on the same water, when Hanlan won first prize, beating Johnson and Driscoll, Plaisted not starting. The Canadian next took part in the scullers' race at the Boston Fourth-of-July regatta, and was ruled out for fouling Plaisted, whom he ran into at the turning stake. His conduct on this occasion gave great offence to the regatta officials, who subsequently passed a resolution recommending that in future Hanlan be debarred from participation in all races under municipal management. This action was, however, upon appeal from Hanlan himself, and through representations of gentlemen who had taken him in hand after his return to Canada, reconsidered, and the bar against him removed. After the victory of Ross over Brayley in the fastest time on record for four miles, the Toronto sculler published a challenge to Ross, whose backers were not prepared to talk business on this basis. However, Wallace's defeat of Plaisted, coupled with the indifferent performances of Hanlan at Boston and vicinity, inspired them with greater confidence, and about the middle of August Ross came out with a challenge to row any man in the Dominion, Hanlan preferred, a five-mile race for \$1,000 a side, offering to give or take \$300 for expenses, to row at St. John, N.B., or Toronto, or to row at Springfield, Mass., each paying his own expenses. This suited Hanlan, and articles were signed to contend for \$1,000 a side. They pulled the race on Monday afternoon, Oct. 15th, on Toronto Bay, five miles, one turn, for \$2,000 and the championship of the British Provinces, the result being a very hollow victory for Hanlan, who was the non-favourite, but easily rowed away from his man. Wednesday afternoon, May 15th, the sculling match between Hanlan and Fred. A. Plaisted, of New York city, for \$1,000 a side, was decided over a straight-away two-mile course on Toronto Bay, the former again achieving a hollow victory. No official time was taken, and the reports estimated it all the way from 13:14 to 15:12. On June 20th the race between Hanlan and Evan Morris, of Pittsburgh, for the championship of America, five miles, was decided on the Allegheny River, and proved an easy victory for the former. Hanlan's next event was his second match with Wallace Ross, which, after repeated postponements, came off on the Kennebecasis course on July 31st, and left the race a walk over for the Toronto champion. The race was for \$1,000 a side, five miles with a turn. Two weeks after, on August 12th, Hanlan was first in the professional scull race, four miles, \$1,000, of the Barrie Regatta Club, rowed on Kempenfeldt Bay, Wallace Ross taking second money, and George H. Hosmer, of Boston, third. The contestants who failed to get a place were Pat Luther, McKen, Elliott, Plaisted, Morris and Coulter. His next contest was that at Lachine, in which he defeated Charles E. Courtney, the Union Springs sculler. The event, which took place on the 3rd of October last, created a great deal of excitement, because of the fame attaching to both contestants. The race was a keen one and resulted in favour of Hanlan; time 36 min. 22 sec.; distance five miles. Next Hanlan rowed with John Hawdon, of Delaval, on the Tyne, on the 5th of May last. The Toronto boy on that occasion came in as he pleased, his time being 32 min. 5 sec. His last victory was over Elliott, as we show in another page, for the championship of the world.

WHAT WE DRINK.—De Bock, of Leipsic, adds this testimony to the charge against tea and coffee. He says:—"The nervousness and peevishness of our times are chiefly attributable to tea and coffee; the digestive organs of confirmed coffee-drinkers are in a state of chronic derangement, which reacts on the brain, producing fretful and lachrymose moods. Fine ladies addicted to strong coffee have a characteristic temper which I might describe as a mania for acting the persecuted saint. Chocolate is neutral in its psychic effects, and is really the most harmless of our fashionable drinks. The snappish petulant humor of the Chinese can certainly be ascribed to their immoderate fondness for tea. Beer is brutalizing, wine impassioned, whiskey infuriates, but eventually unmans. Alcoholic drinks combined with a flesh and fat diet totally subjugate the moral man, unless their influence be counteracted by violent exercise. But with sedentary habits they produce those unhappy flesh sponges which may be studied in metropolitan bachelor-halls."