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The last mentioned shoe I introduced into general use for the thoroughbred over thirty years ago, although I was not the inventor, it having been invented in England fifty or sixty years since.

Now that I have shown the evil effects of shoeing the racehorse, both to his feet and his body, and the danger to other horses and jockeys, from a cast-off shoe, whilst the horse is running, I will enumerate and describe the many advantages to be derived from non-shoeing.

Another great advantage the trainer of unshod horses has over those who keep their horses shod on any kind of track, particularly if it is a muddy track, is that he is not loaded with three or four pounds of iron.

The foot of the unshod horse being clean, jumps in and out of the mud without any extraneous weight, as the mud will not adhere to the naked foot as it does to one that is shod.

In this way many horses are injured by over-work on a muddy track. Again, they are so much more apt to stumble, slide, and slip about and their feet being heavily loaded, it is no wonder so many horses become lame and sore in their muscles after severe work in the mud.

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Of course their feet must be kept in proper shape, and all that is necessary is to rasp the hoof down to about its natural shape, the shape of a shod foot. Then rasp the horn of the outer crust to a round, blunt form, and, when used, it soon becomes hard and tough, and instead of wearing off to the quick, as many suppose who are unaccustomed to using horses without shoes, it actually grows so fast in many hoofs, that it has to be dressed off every three or four weeks, more especially at the heel, and that is one great objection to shoeing.

Horses driven upon the road, from experiment, have better feet when shod with tips, or, at most, the tips tapering to the heel in a thin flat form, which allows the heel to expand, and from friction the frog is stimulated to an unusual growth, protecting avicular and keeping the quarters extended.

As fatal and injurious, as the shoe has been to the horse, the injury resulting from the use of plates, used on the feet whilst racing has been equal, is not more fatal. There is scarcely a race run where a number of horses start that some horse in the race is not cut by plates. The history of the horses being cut down, and the suffering of the poor animals which follow, if properly described, are almost incredible.

Year before last Calvin, one of the best three-year-olds of his day, was cut down, and when brought to the stand after the accident the blood, spurting out of the wound, presented a spectacle unpleasant to contemplate. In the spring of the same season there was a horse cut down at Long Branch, who subsequently died. Sweet Home, some years since, at Jerome Park, was cut down in a race, and was so injured that she never appeared upon the turf again.

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So J. A. Key's br. h. Scamp, 6 yrs, by The Duke, dam Lady Sophie, 165 lbs. 1 Sir J. L. Key's br. h. Lottery, 4 yrs, by Master Bagot, dam Katherine Logic, 165 lbs. 2 Lord Dupplin's br. h. Woodcock, 5 yrs, 172 lbs. 3 Mr. Padwick's br. h. Broadside, 4 yrs, by Brown Bread, dam Jane Eyre, 153 lbs. 6

The Trigger

Dr. R. V. Pierce, the noted physician of Buffalo, N. Y., the proprietor of Pierce's Medical Dispensary in that city, was the Robson match on Feb. 10, in a... match among the members of the... Club, 10 birds each, ground trap... who was handicapped at 23 yards... Newell, 25 yards, and R. J. ... yards, with a score of 8. In short, the medico was the winner.

Mr. Wm. Elliot, of London, has purchased the well-known Gordon setter... Mr. Simpson, of Exeter. He... the best broken dogs in the country.

PROPERTY IN DOGS.—At the Guelph Police Court last week Philip Kribs was charged by Moses Webster Osborn (colored), with having shot the plaintiff's dog on the 27th ult. Fined \$5 and costs, and \$15 was ordered to be paid plaintiff as the value of the dog.

Base Ball

A GOOD SELECTION.—We are glad to hear that old ball tosser, Mr. R. Southam, has assumed the management of the Tremblets during the coming season. A better selection could not be made.

Mr. George Maloney, of Penetanguishene, writes us he has been engaged as pitcher by the Emerald B. C., of Boston, Mass., at a salary of \$2,700 a year. We hope there is no mistake about it.

Billiards

JAKES CHALLENGES WATSON.

From the Montreal papers we learn that Mr. Wm. Jakes, champion of Canada, has issued a challenge to play Watson, of St. Albans, Vermont, for \$200 a side. Game to take place at Brand's Billiard Hall, Montreal. In the event of Watson not accepting, Jacques offers to give any man in Canada 10 per cent. on the game in a match.

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tract attention. Upon reference to... it will be seen he is well bred... good trotting family. He is half brother... the sire, to the noted Tennessee horse Blackwood, Jr., a wonder among trotters. St. Joe himself is something of a speed horse as was shown at Ferrus last fall when he won the 2:50 race after a hard contest, giving good evidence of his endurance. From his size and breeding he should be in great demand in the Wellington district, where a horse of his class has been for a long time wanting.

FROM KINGSTON.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times: Dear Sir.—Racing matters are very dull here at present. I have been to the... State house... the... who was handicapped at 23 yards... Newell, 25 yards, and R. J. ... yards, with a score of 8. In short, the medico was the winner.

There is some talk among Base-Ball men of taking on professionals and going into practice prior to entering the arena against Guelph and London, but nothing definite is known however.

Professors Randolph & Cecil intend giving an expose of spiritualism on Thursday evening.

FROM HALIFAX.

The long-talked of races came off on Bedford Basin, on the 7th & 8th. On the first day the winners were Mr. E. Parson's Wild Harry, and Mr. W. Parson's Maid of Honor. The second day Mr. T. Robinson's King William and Mr. H. Worrall's Fisherman were at the front. A trotting match took place at Bridgewater, on the 7th. There were seven entries and Mr. Andrew's br. q. Larry won easily. The Atalanta Base-Ball Club held its annual meeting at the Halifax House, last night. Officers were elected, and other business attended. During the coming season, they expect to hear from the "Shamrocks" of St. John, and the "Blue Stockings" of Frederickton, N. B.

FROM COBOURG.

SIR.—In answer to Mr. W. Jakes' challenge, published in the Montreal Gazette, Mr. S. B. Watson, of St. Albans, Vt., has written to the effect that he would accept it. The match will be for \$200 a side, and will be played in Nordheimer's Hall, Montreal. At the time of writing the terms are not altogether settled, but there will most likely be one four-ball game of 1,600 points, and one French game of 500 points. If each should win one game, they will toss up for choice of third game—three or four ball. After these games are over, Mr. Frank Dion will most likely accept the 10 per cent. odds offered by Jakes, and play him at French caroms. The first game will take place on Wednesday night, 21st inst.

The chess club started a game by telegraph with Napanee on Thursday evening of last week, but owing to the storm the wires gave out about eleven o'clock, and the game was postponed.

The Cricket Club met to organize for the coming season. List of officers in my next. Two rinks of the Waverly Curling Club of this place "cleaned out" the Port Hope Club, on Monday afternoon, with a majority of eleven shots—the second time this season.

Mistakes will happen—you make me say that the steam yacht just turned out in 17 1/2 feet beam; she is only 48 feet over all. It should have been seven and one-half.