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## DATES CLAIMED FOR 1879.

### CANADIAN.

Dundas ..... May 24  
Hamilton ..... July 1 to 8

### AMERICAN.

#### TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis. .... June 2 to 6  
Chicago, Ill. .... July 15 to 19  
Cleveland, O. .... July 22 to 25  
Buffalo, N. Y. .... Aug. 5 to 8  
Rochester, N. Y. .... Aug. 5 to 8  
Cleveland, O. .... Sept. 9 to 12

#### RUNNING.

Savannah, Ga. .... Jan. 21 to 25  
Charleston, S. C. .... Feb. 5 to 8

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on, from the fact that a running track is unfitted for trotting, and *vice versa*, and that two distinct interests are involved that can never be associated so as to be mutually beneficial. This there is reason to think would be true enough if there was a sufficiency of horses in the country to give separate meetings of a magnitude consistent with a city like Toronto. While we believe it is expedient to keep the two classes of racing separate, circumstances will not permit of this principle being adopted here—at all events not at the present. The Turf further submits that the reason Canadian racing is not as successfully carried on as it is by prominent American Clubs is that American horses are discriminated against. It says remove the handicap on American horses and success is attainable; enforce it, and failure stalks at the threshold. From this statement we assume the handicap to which our more than esteemed friend refers is the penalty in weight placed on foreign bred horses or the allowance made to province-breds by our Canadian Clubs. Some years past it was the practice—there was no rule to that effect—that province-bred horses were allowed seven pounds in weight for age races. This consideration was continued for years with little or no advantage to our natives. In late years the penalty has been raised to ten pounds on the imported horses, and yet our Dominion bred appear to be getting no nearer the front than they were under the old system. If space permitted, instances could be individualized which would leave no doubt of the accuracy of this statement. It is the rule that in an open free-for-all race in Canada in which the better classes of American and Canadian horses are engaged, that the largest plums always fall to the imported horses, notwithstanding the penalties in weight to which they are subjected. True it may be that there are American bred horses in Canada that can not contend with our natives on more than even terms, but they are not the representative imported race-horses, they are the weeding of American stables. When the best of our province-breds have been brought in contact with such horses as War Cry, Vicksburg, Bill Bruce, Inspiration, &c., they had no chance of success even with the handicap our friend speaks of in their favor. It will therefore be deemed but right that in any race in which the two classes of horses are brought together that the native should have a per centage of favor granted him to equalize his chances with that of the foreigner. The history of the Canadian turf goes to show that the impost has never been excessive enough on good American horses to prevent them winning in fields in which the best domestics appeared. There is only one instance in which, to our knowledge, a Canadian bred horse has been able to hold its own in competition with American ones—and this exceptional case must not be considered the rule. Neither, in our opinion, is it sufficient to cause a change in the practice of making an allowance for our home-bred class. The only way which presents itself to carry out the system proposed by the Turf, Field and Farm would be to divide the classes of races, making those in which it was the intention to have our natives take part exclusively for them, while the open class would be removed from any disability. The policy of this action is open to great question, and it is doubtful if among the best informed of our Canadian horsemen one could be found who would give his adherence to the scheme of running all classes of horses on the same basis of impost. His tendency would be to utterly destroy what little chance we have of raising race horses

portion of the article, it would appear that the Spirit has information that Hanlan "has changed owners, and is about to enter another stable," and claims that a duplicate letter of his instructions to his English agent has been read by several New Yorkers. If this is the case, and from the evidence thus given, there can be but little room to doubt it, it will be seen that our foreshadowings have not been far astray. The reasons that may have prompted the champion in this disposition of his affairs are purely personal, and we have no inclination to enquire into them, unless it can be shown that the public have been seriously compromised. This appears to be the only presentable cause, along with the mismanagement which has become notorious, and which The Spirit so fully exposes in the extract above referred to. In speaking of the financial position of the question, The Spirit says the Hanlan Club took in all about \$4,000 of his (Hanlan's) money, which they claim was all spent in boats, sculls, wages of assistants and the travelling expenses of Hanlan and party. This is the sum stated by the Toronto Globe a few weeks ago in giving the figures of the campaign and the account between Hanlan and the Club. This statement had a semi-official appearance, as some of the items could be obtained from no other source. Admitting that the \$4,000 was spent as indicated it will not be considered an unreasonable item. The Club was composed of about twenty-five members, and with Pullman car excursions and other ostentatious displays that sum would be readily disbursed. But if this was all the money received by the Club from Hanlan's efforts, where did the funds come from to declare a dividend of over \$200 to each member of the Club? Were the accounts which were given to the Globe cooked, and the misrepresentation which has characterized the doings of the Club since its formation practised on our astute contemporary? The whole pool requires disinfecting, and if those who had the active management of the champion throughout the past season can not present a clean bill, their offence will smell as loud as that imputed to an ex-legislator. In all quarters the defence or explanation of the Hanlan Club is eagerly expected, and when it does appear it should be over the signatures of the proper officials and not given left-handed through the statement of a newspaper reporter.

## TRAMP'S GOSSIP.

Since my last the principal events in the English racing world not already set forth in your columns have been the respective victories of Sunshade, by Sunduloh, in the Shrewsbury Cup, and of the Irish bred 4 year old colt Victor II, by Victor, carrying 141 lbs., and beating Chiblain and 4 others, the distance being 8 miles. At Manchester the Lancashire Cup went to Lord Zetland by the aid of his useful 8-year old colt Flatsam, by Speculum, with 107 lbs. up—9 ran including Belphebe, Placida, and Muscatel, all good winners; Belphebe the next day winning the Manchester Cup, 1½ miles, with 181 lbs. up. This looks very good form as there were 11 others behind the mare, but it is said she was a good deal interfered with, and the colt only got home by a head.

At Croyden the French mare Chimere, 5 years, 168 lbs., with the curious pedigree of by Ray Blas, or Trocadero, out of Favourite by Nunny Kirk, or The Cossack, larded the Grand National Hurdle Race, 2½ miles, beating 6 others; ground very heavy; time, 5m. 8sec.

In France, at Vesinet, Jouvillaise scored

## Sporting Gossip.

William Hendrie, Esq., of Hamilton, the owner of Big Sandy and Jupiter Abdallah, has recently purchased the thoroughbred mare Austrine, by imported Australian, dam Kate Hayes, by imported Albion; 2nd dam Eudora by Priam, &c. She is a chestnut, stands about 15.8, and is eight years old. Mr. Hendrie is collecting a fine stable, which in time will do credit to his enterprise and judgment.

As a teacher in one of our public schools was giving her scholars a short address on Christmas day, she inquired why the holiday comes at this season, and received the response, "Because turkeys get ripe now."

Benjamin F. Akers, the well-known breeder of trotting horses at Leavenworth, Kansas, died on the 20th ult., of consumption. He was in partnership with Hon. Amasa Sprague in the proprietorship of Kansas Stud Farm, one of the most extensive horse breeding establishments of the country, and his name is associated with that of many famous flyers. Mr. Akers was an honorable man in business, and a thorough horseman.

The first shipment of horses from America to France for the use of the army lately arrived in Paris. The French military inspectors were much pleased with them.

Sadie Bell was sold to a Mr. Warren, New York, instead of to Bonner.

The papers say the Marquis of Lorne excelled everybody in dancing the reel at Montreal. Now, if his head is as good as his heels, heel make a reel good Governor.

The telegraph reported the other day that Mr. James Dykes, the champion checker player, was dead, through an over dose of morphine. Happily for Mr. Dykes, the report is false, and he is yet in the land of the living, and anxiously looking for the creator of the rumor, who, when he is caught, will no doubt be blocked in the single corner without a chance of escape.

The society of American Carriage-builders have elected Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes an honorary member for having written the poem called the "One-horse Shay."

Wm. McGuigan, a driver not unknown in Canada, who was expelled for making a campaign with Small Hope, appeared before the Board of Review, in New York, confessing his error and asking to be re-instated on trial. He told his story in a straightforward manner, and made anything but a bad impression. His case will be taken under consideration.

The *Spirit of the Times* says: A stop watch, timing quarter seconds, with a fly back attachment, has been shown us by the inventor. He expects to sell the cheapest grade at \$10 retail, and furnish a good time-piece and accurate time. It will be furnished in all known movements, and all except the cheapest grade will have the split second. The price for any style of watch will be only a nominal sum more than an ordinary pocket watch of the same quality of watch.

Rev. C. H. Daniels recently preached an eloquent sermon on "The Dangerous Spots" of Cincinnati. Tell you what it is, a one spot is about the most dangerous of the lot, and when three or four of them get together, it is time to lay down your hand.

Charles Shaver, Islington, has sold at a good price, to go to Pennsylvania, a two-year-old Clydesdale filly, by Honest Sandy, the winner of the silver medal at the Centennial. The filly is dapple bay, and weighs 1,660 pounds.

Mr. Daniel Swigert, of Kentucky, recently refused an offer of \$14,000 for the two-year-

he picked up his traps and fled himself, taking steamer Mand for Cape Vincent. He leaves many creditors, the American House for board having a bill of about \$200.

Mr. Bower, of Kentucky, is 108 years old. As his wife is dead, he is the "loft Bower," and has to "go it alone."

The bay colt Woodman, 8 years old, by Melbourne, jr., dam Transylvania by imp. Arab Massoud, owned by O. J. Alloway, Esq., V. S., of Montreal, has been added to the list of geldings.

Is the neck of the horse the strongest part of that animal because its the mane part?

Mr. Joseph Grand returned on Saturday from an extended trip in the Maritime Provinces. He reports that just now the demand for horses there is rather slack. Some very fine horses have recently been brought to Halifax from the Eastern States, and when the ice races take place this winter, there will be any number of surprises all around.

"Shall I cut this loin of mutton saddle-ways," said a host to his guest. "No," replied the latter, "by all means cut it *bridle-wise*, for then I may chance to get a *bit* in my mouth." "Right," rejoined the host, "give a *rein* to your appetite and *trot* ahead."

Did you ever notice the expression on a man's face who, while drinking, and with only a five cent piece in his pocket, is caught in the act by several acquaintances? It always happens so!

Josh Billings says: I have finally cum to the konkluehun that if I kant prove a thing without betting five dollars on it, the thing haz got a dreadphull weak spot sumwhare.

## RACING AT FAIRS.

From an announcement of the Mobile, Ala., Fair, conducted under the auspices of the State Grange, we learn that racing will form a leading item in the programme. When the grangers were first established in that section an effort was made to discountenance racing at the Agricultural shows which were controlled by that body. As a result of this action the receipts commenced to fall off, and experience has shown that the speed class was the great auxiliary to success. Hence the State Grange for the present fair have made out a very liberal programme for a series of running and trotting contests which will attract some of the leading southern stables. This is but a repetition of the experience in each section where speed classes have been held in connection with agricultural fairs. As a means of increasing the revenue they have been found never to fail. From the surplus thus so easily gained the managers are able to devote larger prizes to the other classes of stock and the different sections of produce, domestic and mechanical work, &c., &c.

## Correspondence.

### FROM TRADFORD.

To Editor of *Sporting Times*:

On Wednesday, 4th inst., sporting matters were quite lively at this place. First on the programme was a one mile boat race, straight away, in best and best boats, for \$25 a side, the contestants being J. Armstrong, proprietor of the Western Hotel, and Wm. Sherman, our leading carriage builder. After a hard struggle Sherman won by two boat lengths. Afterwards a pigeon match took place among our local shots here, seven on a side, ten birds each. Capt. Lloyd's side proved victorious by five birds. The night previous to 4th a party of young blooded sportsmen, of Toronto, arrived at the Bingham House, headed by a stout good-natured gentleman dressed in a full corduroy suit,