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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1876.

AMERICAN.

Saratoga, N.Y. (Running).....	July 25, 27, 29, Aug. 1, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19
Utica.....	3rd week in Aug
Mendota, Ill.....	3rd " "
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.....	4th " "
Earlville, Ill.....	4th " "
Zanesville, O.....	August 14 to 19
Warwick, N.Y.....	" 15 to 17
Lewiston, Me.....	" 15 to 18
Point Breeze, Philadelphia.....	" 15 to 18
Quaker City, O.....	" 21 to 26
Gardiner, Me.....	" 22 to 25
Rock Island, Ill.....	August 29 to Sept. 2
Point Breeze (Running).....	Aug. 29 to Sept. 1
Hartford, Conn.....	Aug. 29 to Sept. 1
Dubuque, Ia.....	Sept. 4 to 9
Macomb, Ill.....	" 4 to 8
Davenport, Ia.....	" 4 to 9
Springfield, Mass.....	" 5 to 9
West Chester, Pa.....	" 5 to 9
Elmira, N.Y.....	" 12 to 14
Mystic Park, Boston.....	" 12 to 15
Jerome Park (Running).....	Sept. 30 to Oct. 14
Pottstown, Pa.....	Oct. 3 to 6
Washington, D.C. (Running).....	Oct. 24 to 27

CANADIAN.

Caledonia Springs.....	Aug. 23 to 25
Waterloo, Ont.....	Aug. 29 to 30
Kingston.....	" to "
Canadian Stillion Race.....	Sept. 9
Woodbine, Toronto.....	Sept. —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Waterloo.....Aug. 26

Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, is our present address.

A BAD PRACTICE.

It has no doubt been apparent to the careful observer of trotting races that, in many cases, horses could be noticed helping one another to win to the disadvantage of some entrant who had no friend in the race, but whose speed was sufficient to bring him to the front, providing, his course had been unimpeded one. If one of the combination would get on the lead, then is it more than probable that the unfortunate outsider is harassed by his progress. The final heat, where it is win or lose for one or the other, is the time when such unsportsmanlike practices are carried to their fullest extent. Providing the leader gets the best of the send-off, then the combination is sent running.

been applied, and in a way, too, that its recipients will not forget, it being practical enough to touch them on their most vital part—the pocket.

On the third day of the late Buffalo meeting, in the 2:32 race, it was quite evident something was wrong. The gelding, Alberman, appeared to have speed enough in any part of the race to go to the front, and from his performance at Cleveland the week before had been made the favorite in the race in question. However, to satisfy the "ring," it was deemed a proper time and place to make a "dump" of his backers, and those on the "inside" played the stallion Thorndale for a winner. In the first heat Thorndale was not able to beat the field, and Alberman was sent along down the stretch making a dead heat with Frank driven by Dan Mace. Thorndale captured the following two heats, Alberman being second. The judges in the fourth heat substituted a local driver named Willett for Frank Van Ness behind Alberman, and the result was he won the heat in the fastest time in the race, 2:20. And now there was a confusion in the camp of the conspirators. Something had to be done to prevent Alberman from winning the next heat. Willett was apparently incorruptible, and the machinations of the "ring" were brought into play. Upon getting the word, it was at once seen Willett would have a hard row to hoe as Dan Mace with Frank and E. E. Rood with Allen ran their horses, crossed and recrossed Alberman, thwarting him in his efforts to get to the front, Thorndale trotting steadily about four lengths in advance of the party. Finally, notwithstanding the difficulties he had to encounter, Alberman got away from Mace and Rood, but too late to overhaul Thorndale, who won the heat by barely half a head in 2:25. This, of course, gave him the race. Now comes the sequel. The Directors of the Buffalo Park have expelled Frank Van Ness (and the horse Alberman), for an attempt to perpetrate fraud by holding Alberman so as to prevent him winning the race; also Dan Mace and E. E. Rood for jockeying and unfair driving. The first results of the decision were that Alberman could not start at Rochester, and Mace would not be allowed to drive Fullerton in the free-for-all. So far as Van Ness is concerned, this is a severe penalty, as Alberman could have won every race in his class throughout the circuit; and Mace will be prevented from entering, starting or driving a horse on any National Association track.

We are thus particular in recounting the main incidents of the race, as the ruling of the Buffalo Park will form a precedent in such cases. When a horse interferes with the progress of another, runs alongside of him to make him break, or runs for the purpose of gaining ground, or in any other way impedes the progress of another horse, or unfairly betters his own position, would seem to be just causes for the action of the judges.

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR CALEDONIA SPRINGS RACES ON 17th INST.

THE GREAT EVENT.

Every indication points to the fact that the interest in the Stallion Race is rapidly increasing, and before the eventful day there will be an absolute fever respecting it. From all quarters are heard the most satisfactory accounts of the horses engaged, who are being got ready for the coming struggle.

To correct a misapprehension that appears to exist in some quarters, it will be said the *SPORTING TIMES*, has not asked for or received any outside pecuniary assistance, except the voluntary contribution of Messrs. Quimby & Forbes, the popular pool-sellers, who, when the race was first spoken of, promised their services gratuitously to the *SPORTING TIMES*, turning in the whole proceeds of the box to assist in making the race a success. With this incentive, it was quite possible for us to donate a larger sum of added money, which necessarily goes directly into the pockets of the owners of the leading horses.

and the hundred-and-one other etceteras, which go to make up a total too well-known to many of our turf managers. It was with no spirit of speculation the race was instituted, and if the books should show ever so slight a balance in our favor, we will be adequately satisfied in a pecuniary sense. It was a grand contest instituted in the interest of breeders of this class of horses, and to them will be particularly valuable. The credit of its success will be as much due to those owners who have so generously come forward and placed their horses in competition as to any one else; and it will be as much to their interest as ours to have the contest brought to a conclusion in a satisfactory manner.

STILL COMING.

Last week Mr. Lyon of this city imported from Saratoga the once great hurdle and steeplechase stallion Oysterman, Jr. He was purchased from Col. D. McDaniel, the noted American breeder of thoroughbred horses, at a price not made public, but which in all probability was quite a long one. Oysterman, Jr., is a fine bay, about 16 hands, foaled in 1864, bred by Mr. Nelson, of North Carolina, by Oysterman (son of Revenue and Miss Conits, by Boston), dam by imp. Phil Brown (son of Glaucus and imp. Bustle, by Whalebone, 2nd dam by imp. Luzborough; 3rd dam by imp. Hedgeford; 4th dam by Sir Charles (son of Sir Archy); 5th dam by Shawnee; 6th dam, by Sir Solomon. Oysterman, Jr., is a large, strong, good horse, possessing a wonderful fine back, hip and loin, and was one of the very best weight horses which has ever gone over timber in the United States. He is very finely bred, and will make a valuable stallion.

HORSE PORTRAITURE.

We have been shown a beautiful specimen of animal painting executed by Mr. J. Scott, of Seaford, N.Y., for Mr. Lyon, of this city. It is a portrait of the thoroughbred stallion Hyder Ali, and is not only an excellent likeness of the horse, but a valuable picture in an artistic point of view. Mr. Scott is one of the most noted of American animal painters, and was induced to come to Toronto with the special object of reproducing Hyder Ali on canvas, in which he has been eminently successful. From here Mr. S. went to Minneapolis, Minn., having been engaged to paint the 3-year-old colt Swiftwing, owned by Mr. DeGraff of that city, engaged in a match with Nicolle for \$6,000, at St. Paul on the 23rd inst. On the completion of this picture Mr. Scott will return home, via Toronto, and any gentlemen desiring portraits of favorite horses can leave their addresses at this office, when they will be called on by Mr. S. on his return.

Sporting Gossip.

A circuit of races through Ohio has been extensively advertised as the "series of Centennial expositions," which were to take place at Akron, Minerva, Piqua, Zanesville, Quaker City, Ohio, and at Wheeling in West Virginia. Flattering inducements were offered for horses. It now turns out the whole affair is a grand centennial fraud. Mr. C. H. Moore, a popular horseman, of Columbus, Ohio, writes the *Spirit of the Times* that he has been unable to find anybody in Ohio who knows anything of the "series."

Frank Crawford, of Belleville, and the brown gelding Bailiff, who were suspended by the Lockport, N. Y. Association in 1874, for non-payment of entrance have been reinstated, the default having been made good.

Mr. Sam Davis, of Hamilton, offers to play any resident of that city a billiard match on the Ocean House tables, for \$50 to \$100 a side. His deft is good till September 1st.

It is proposed to give races at Dominion Springs, near Ottawa, about the end of the month. The present intention is to have the programme consist of flat and hurdle races.

colt is being trained by Allen Wilson, formerly of Ottawa, and will be ridden in the race by Charley Wise of this city.

The trotting horse, Black Mack, met with a serious accident lately, which may prevent him from taking part in the Fall campaign. In some manner, the buckle of his halter is supposed to have rubbed his eye, causing very severe inflammation of that organ. He is gradually improving.

There was some tall talking at a central sporting place about the Stallion Race the other day, which goes to show how widespread the interest is and how diverse opinions are. A gentleman from Hamilton offered to bet \$100 that Capt. Tom would be better in the race than Fallon; and in a short time afterwards a gentleman from up north said he would bet from \$100 to \$400 that Erin Chief would beat any named horse in the race. Thus they go, but they can't all be winners.

Mr. Edward Haulon, of this city, informs us he has entered in the single-scutt race at Philadelphia.

The bay mare Passion, by Red Eye, dam Sympathy, by imported Scythian, owned by a gentleman of this city, has been entered in a couple of handicaps at the Fall meeting of the American Jockey Club at Jerome Park.

Mr. Couant, the popular and energetic proprietor of the Oshawa track, purposes to give a Fall Meeting, at which good premiums will be offered. The date will probably be announced next week.

Mr. R. James has removed his stable, including Grey Eddie, Whirlwind, John A., Lookout, &c., from Woodbine to the West End Driving Park, where he may be addressed. Whirlwind is taking light work to get him ready for the Stallion Race.

Some slight alterations and additions have been made to the Waterloo programme, to which attention is directed. Favorable arrangements have likewise been made with the G. T. R. for transportation.

A foot race recently took place at Pater-son, N. J., between John S. Barnes, of this city, and George R. Livingston, of Yonkers, N. Y., 125 yards, \$500. Barnes won by one foot in 12½ seconds.

On Monday last, the 14th inst., a young man named Thomas Turner, hailing from Brampton, swam from Tinning's wharf to Mead's, at the extreme point of the Island, and back, a distance of six miles. With little practice Mr. Turner would be able to compete with the champion.

CANADIAN HORSES AT SARATOGA.

On the 8th., at Saratoga there was a three-quarter mile dash for a purse of \$400. It had nine starters, among whom was Dr. Smith's mare.

INSPIRATION.

The following description of the botting and race is from the N. Y. Herald of 9th inst:—

THE BETTING.

Freebooter.....	\$110	150	210	510
Inspiration.....	75	100	150	250
Faithless.....	65	150	200	600
Madge.....	65	75	85	225
Idalia.....	40	50	140	150
Glasgow.....	35	40	40	100
Gray Nun.....	35	45	90	185
Field.....	30	35	45	185
Romney.....	—	—	—	120

The Race.—After a few ineffectual attempts on the part of Captain Connor to get the horses abreast at the string, he at length accomplished his object, and the flag dropped to a capital start, Madge with a trifle the best of it, Romney second, Freebooter third, the others bunched together as close as could be. When they reached the furlong pole in the chute, Madge was showing the way, Romney second, Freebooter third, Faithless fourth, Idalia fifth, Bambino sixth, Inspiration seventh, Glasgow eighth and Gray Nun ninth, she having made a few buck jumps at the start. When the horses passed out of the chute, Freebooter having crossed the track behind Madge, went to the front with a rush and led on to the regular track three lengths ahead of Idalia, who was second, Madge third, Romney fourth, Inspiration fifth, Faithless sixth, Bambino seventh, Glasgow eighth, Gray Nun ninth.

Galway fourth, Inspiration fifth, Burgo sixth, Mattie A. bringing up the rear. The horses raced rapidly up to the stretch, and as they passed the stand Madge had the best of it by one length, Aaron Pennington second, three lengths ahead of Inspiration, Piccolo and Galway on even terms fourth and fifth, Burgo sixth, Mattie A. still seventh. Going around the upper turn Madge kept the lead by a length, Pennington second, Inspiration lapped him, with Piccolo at his heels, Galway next, Mattie A. out of the hunt. The horses passed the quarter pole in the order given above; but many changes took place as the horses ran down the backstretch. As they passed the half-mile pole Madge was just in front, and that was all, Burgo second, Piccolo third, Inspiration fourth, Aaron Pennington fifth, Galway sixth, Mattie A. seventh. On the lower turn Inspiration, Burgo and Piccolo took sides with Madge, and the quartette came into the homestretch parallel. From there to the stand the contest was most exciting, the last fifty yards being a head and a head contest between Piccolo and Burgo, the former winning by a head. Burgo was two lengths in advance of Inspiration, who had her nose in advance of Madge Galway fifth, Aaron Pennington sixth, Mattie A. seventh. The time was 2:38½, which is remarkably fast time under any circumstances.

Last Saturday another Canadian horse was added to our list of flyers at the popular watering place. On that day Mr. John Forbes' brown colt,

BILL BRUCE,

made his debut in a selling race, dash of one mile, and at the price he was put in, \$500, had an allowance of 12 pounds. The Herald says Bill Bruce was not the dashing colt he showed himself to be at Lexington last May, when he ran mile heats in 1:48½ and 1:44, and the quarter of a mile in 1:16½. The betting and race is given in the following account:—

THE BETTING.

Arcturus.....	\$500	850	400	700
Bill Bruce.....	100	180	275	300
Cyril.....	350	175	250	400
Meco.....	200	175	250	300
Willie Burke.....	180	180	275	270

THE RACE.—After several false starts, the horses were despatched on very even terms. Arcturus first, Meco second, Bill Bruce third, Willie Burke fourth, Cyril fifth. As the horses ran around the upper turn, Arcturus next the fence, led nearly a length; Meco second, nearly two lengths in front of Bill Bruce; the others parallel, and all running as if they meant it. When they passed the quarter pole, Arcturus led half a length, Meco second, half a length in front of Bill Bruce, the latter half a length in advance of Cyril, Willie Burke close up. The race was a sharp and close one down the backstretch, and as the horses passed the half mile pole Arcturus just had his head in front of Meco, the latter one length in advance of Bill Bruce, who was two lengths in advance of Cyril, who was one length ahead of Willie Burke. Going around the lower turn Meco hung at the neck of Arcturus, and it was a grand struggle. Cyril ran up and passed Bill Bruce, the latter and Willie Burke being beaten hopelessly at this time. As the horses swung into the homestretch Arcturus and Meco seemed to be parallel, with Cyril about a length behind, and this trio came rattling up the homestretch to the furlong pole before the spectators could arrive at a certainty as to the result. At that point Arcturus was leading, and running strong from there to the stand won the race by a length, Meco second, one length ahead of Cyril, who was six lengths away from Bill Bruce, the latter four or five lengths ahead of Willie Burke. Time—1:44.

Quoiting.

QUOITING CHALLENGE.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

SIR—In the Globe of the 10th inst. a bogus article appeared, stating that I was defeated at pitching quoits, by John Rippon and James Rennie of Toronto. This statement on the part of the Globe's informant, was both cowardly and ungentlemanly. Being in Toronto, and having a little spare time on hand, I went to the grounds of the Caledonian Quoiting Club, on Mutual Street where the members daily meet for exercise and practice. While there, merely for amusement, I throw a light pair of quoits backwards and forwards a few times with the persons above named. I played no match game with either of them, nor did I try to defeat them—in fact, I rather tried to encourage them to make a good shot, in the same way that I often do with young lads who are learning to play. But since Messrs.