BELMONT PARK.

One of the most stupendous of the many + x atine museane contest in san francisco good outerprises maugurated and successful y carried out during the past year, in and at the adelphin, is Belmont Park, the who the track constructed by a number gentlemen of that city, organized the fift title of " The Belmont Park As-The track is ele y access from c. 85. the city, thereby road or rail, the drive what unusual at this day and age, is the most the cito, through baline unt Park, along Bol. presentable rolle of the semi-barbarous nort Avenue being of the most enjoyable kind. Amying at the course, a panorama of receive outy meets the eyein vey be autiful valleys that are to be found worth the attention of all people of metropolitan habits to whom is given the advantage in that extron of Princepleman. On the of a tenth of installant into the label, manner gette and we star fin proves of stately oaks, the half r arelabout being d it d by hand-notes are leapacours surmar residences. The track is now completed, and a splendid one It can that can run running round the made of a great amplitheatro, fitted to accommodate 75,000 people. In shape it is that of a right angled triangle, the corners rounded off a to safe and easy turns, well proded. The stables and the boyes for the the militie velocies of the trainers are 1) the rough and complete. They are ar-Table don a cucle on the high ground to the south of the grand stand, and there is acsum of ton for one hundred and thirty horses. Many of the boxes are sixteen teet squire, and the remainder are roomy and The doors are sliding, and so constructed that there is not a projection of any sort on the door-posts. The grand id and is a handsome and convenient structore, - a strated that where a race is going on the specialer can see the horses from overy polished in oil, and is, no doubt, as durable as it is handsome. It will seat comfortably, in easy chairs, about 8,500 persons. The main s. doon, underneath, is 92'824 feet, and the dining room is a0x22 feet, the ladies recept on room being 15x22. The latter is not yet complete, but it will be tastefully furnished, and there will be a staircase leading to the grand stand. The restaurant will be in charge of a celebrated caterer, and everything dispensed will be of the best. Besides thas, there as an open stand in course of erection, that it is calculated will accommodate 10,000 people. As we said before, the Belmonth ark Association is composed of many of the most prominent business men of Phil nel lphia, and in the list of directors are to be f und the mames of such well-known and able gentlemen as Joseph B. Butterworth, Jun . P Young, Geo. P. Eldridge, Fred Lubrandt, Jr., Geo. H. Sturges, J. H. Camp, I' l' Gustine, John E. Reyburn, Albert R. Paring, Hon. Wm. S. Stokely, Jos. E. Gillingham, Win. L. McDowell, and Samuel L. The energy and thoroughness with which these gentlemen have pushed abead the work of making the track, are deserving of great credit, and it is only proper that they should have it. Col. II. S. Russell, of Baston, the popular owner of the famous stallion Smuggler, has been chosen President of the Association, and he will exercise personal supervision over the track throughout the ensuing summer. This being so, we have no hesitation in expressing the conviction that the management of Belmont Park will be wise, liberal, just, and effective. Col. Russell is determined that, so far as he is concerned, nothing shall be left undone to make the trotting season at Belmont more brilliant than anything that has ever gone between this country, and to assist him in carrying out his project he has secured the services of several able gentlemen long and favorably known on the trotting turf. In this connection, it is perhaps just as well to mention that Mr. D. H. Blanchard, the projector of the great stallion race at Boston in 1574, has been engaged as superintendent of the track. He will have the entire supervision of that important departmen, and a Is the man could not have been selected for the prodon. Col. Russell's other houtenants are equally able, but nt this time it to miniciossary to particularize. Mr. A. 1 hadgerson, of Philadelphia was the engmer of the track, and it was built under his direction, and from The Spirit plan. And now a word as the programme provided for the mangaral meeting. The opening day will be Tuesday, May 30, and the sport will continue up to and including June 9, with an intermission of four days. The purses range for \$1,000 for the slow classes up to \$4,000 for the faster ones. There is third money in each, and those who give notice by the 27th rust of their intention not to compete, will be ladd for only five por cent, forfest. On the first day there is \$3,000 for the 2.22 class to imaginate the sport, to wind up with \$2,000 for 9 30 horses. In the second day the green' horses and the 2:26 class make spert, and on the following day the 2:20 and 25 trotters will have an airing. On the 2nd of the flatter \$1,000 for the 240 class and 5 than the first The should insure a final standard trade and the same of the flatter than the same of the sam

FIFTY-MILE RACE.

-THE WINNING RIDER TO VISIT PHILADEL PHIA DURING THE CENTENSIAL.

From the San Francisco Call, April 281 The fifty-mile mustang race at the Bay District Course was, as far as possible, a suc-c. sp. This species of turf business, someamusements in vogue in the days of early a panorama of California, and certainly has its merits out-The track is side of its novelty. As an exhibition of skill, the second mores the cyc. The track is conductance and reckless horsemanship, it was of a trifling insight into the habits, manners and general style of those rough riders of the Southern plains whose lives are spent among the great cattle ranges which have in the ment past, if they do not now, filled the imcontestant to be allowed ten horses and rethe saddle, and who have become mured by years of experience to the rather disagreeable firmness of the Spanish saddle and the various impleasant peculiarities of the mustang horse. They were assisted by a numerous hands of a young man named Dabney, who proved such an efficient henchman to Mowry last year in a race similar to this. Mr. Mowry was represented yesterday in like capacity by Mr. Charles Reed, who was in every way equal to the occasion. The quarter stretch and kicking half-brod horses, among which it was "dangerous to be safe," and that certain set of individuals who are always found upon this portion of the course on other race invitation yesterday. The attendance was quite up to the general expectation, the threatening state of the weather in the early part of the day making a trip to the track rather an uncertain venture; but at the eleventh hour the clouds rolled away, and when the race was called no finer day or track for such a race could be desired. A considerable business was done in the pools, Mowry having the call at two to one over Smith.

At three o'clock the judges ordered the riders up, and they set off with promptness for the race. The race itself presented little material for description. The horses used by Mr. Smith were notably superior to those of Mowry; but h was deliberate to a degree in his mounts and dismounts, while Mowry threw himself from one horse to another almost without losing his headway. By this means he was enabled to gain time to equal, or more than equal, the disadvantage in the speed of his horses. He was repeatedly timed, and occupied from three to five seconds in the change. At the close of the tenth mile, Mr. Smith, in attempting to mount an evil-disposed bronco, received a severe kick just below the right knee, which made him precipitately lame, and which rendered him very stiff and sore before the finish. To this mishap he ascribes his defeat. With few ex-ceptions Smith led to the end of the fortioth mile. At this stage Mowry turned loose his choicest horses, and at the end of the fortyoi hthimi'e was a full quarter ahea l. Smith rode desparately to close it up, but without success, and Mowry came under the wire winner of the race and money by two hundred yards.

Mr. Mowry, the winner, insists that he wen the race upon his merits, and that Mr. Smith's accident made no difference in the result. He has rid len several races of this character in this state, and made himself a reputation as a daring, skillul and plucky horseman. It is his intention to visit Philadelphia during the Contennial, taking with bun a number of California horses, and there that time just commenced to rain they waltances not met with in any ordinary or extraordinary circus.

BAY DISTRICT FAIR GROUND ASSOCIATION,

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PROFESSOR BLACKIE ON AMUSE MENTS.

Professor Blackle, in his speech to the

would it be right to train them upby hearing ancient Greeks . the curb is an Asiatic inprosy sormons? I will quote Dr. Norman Maclood-that's the D.D. for me-that's what what you call a jolly priest, and unless a priest is jolly I will not look at him. We don't want a fellow with a death shead, who is always looking grim. Quite the contrary. We are sent here for the purpose of doing noble work, and to amuse ourselves; not, however, like pigs, for pigs do not got drunk systematically. Well, Norman Macleod says, 'If we are over to have a Church in gratity our taste and educate all the powers complete command over his horse which and the beautiful, and the holy and the subfree, but something bigger than both. We are sermonising snobs. That is to say, you portant place in the industrial economy of don't understand the use of amusement. I stake of \$500 a sid, fifty miles out, each wise and consecrated amusement, for what tion of the curb bit necessitated the stirrrup, parties to the match were H. N. Mowry and should, therefore, have a Church that will upon the bridle; and if so riding, he were J. P. Smith, both men whose business is in consecrate dramatic amusement and all other using a curb bit, and he were to lean any amusements. Try to get up private theatri-cals in your halls of public amusement. Begin in the first place with singing the fine dramatic songs of our Scottish ballads, which horse. They were assisted by a numerous are small dramas—for instance, 'The Bonnie company of men of their profession, the differential House o' Airlie.' Then dress in character, rection of Mr. Smith's affairs being in the and have 'Tak' your auld cloak about you,' and you cold follow that with 'Woo'd and married and a', woo'd and carried awa'.' The Professor caused a burst of laughter by singing these two lines and the two follow-ing.) "That, he proceeded," would be the commencement of drama, and you will find was crowded with a gang of bucking, rearing nothing so delightfully occupies an evening as private theatricals. It requires a little preparation certainly, whereas to get drunk requires no preparation at all. A man may drink, and smoke, and soak, and die in a lays retired behind the fence without special ditch, like a beast, without any preparation. -Extract from Era, 26th March.

WE DRIVE HORSES TO EXCESS.

By driving to excess we mean that horses are pulled and hauled, jerked and twitched too much with the reins. There is too much guiding with the lines. Concerning the subect the Trairie Farmer says (in truth) that the "most vicious and inexcusable style of driving is the manner which so many drivers adopt, to wit: Wrapping the lines around their hands and pulling the horse backward with all their might and main, so that the horse, in point of fact, feels the weight back of him, with his mouth, and not with his breast and shoulders. This they do under the impression that such a dead pull is needed in order to 'steady' the horse.

"The fact is, with rare excetions, there should never be any pull upon the horse at all. A steady pressure is allowable, probably advisable; but anything beyond this has no justification in nature or reason: For nature suggests the utmost freedom of the action of the head, body and limbs, in order that the animal may attain the highest possible rate of speed. In speeding a-horsethe lines need seldom be grasped in both hands when the road is straight and tree from obstractions. The true way to drive is to let the horse drive himself, the driver doing little but directing him and giving him that confi lence which a horse gets in himself only when he feels that a guide and friend is back of him.'

TROTTER AGAINST BICYCLE.

There was a fair attendance on Friday afternoon at Decrioot Park, New York, as considerable curiosity had arisen to witness the five mile match between Starton, the champion bicyclist, and the trotting horse White Cloud. The mutch was to have taken place at three p. m. sharp, but as it had at challenge any man or the whole would to ride ed a half hour. Then, finding no change for against him in long distance races. He will the better, they, decided to start. Stanton also asterich the quietly disposed Grangers was advised notito go, as the track was getting heavy. would effect the sandy soil. A portion of the track about seven feet from the pole had been rolled for his use, and it was agreed San Francisco, Cal., April 22, 1876—Purse that the trotting horse should have the pole and stake \$2,000; 50 miles, in saddle, on California bred horses; the riders to use ten horse each. It was raining quite heavily when the horse and the man came on the ground. Billy McMahon-was driving the quadruped. Stanton took up a position on the backstretch 264 yards from 50. 2:08 given the word Stanton was signalled to go by the dropping of a flag. The rain was fall-ing fast, making the track heavy. Before they had gone a half mile it was apparent that Stanton had no chance. In two laps the horse gained the 264 yards' start, and on the fifth lap was a quarter of a mile ahead, He kept improving his lead and finally won

Many children are born dramatists, and snaffle was used by our ancestors and by the vention and was probably brought into Europe with the Moore. The difference in the bit modifies the whole style of riding, and as there are two sorts of bits, so there are two styles or schools of horsemanship, which may be called the Eastern and the Western tyles. The type of Eastern is best seen in the modern Bodouin Arab, with his short stirrups, peaked saddle and severe bit and the Western type in its simplest form is beautifully exemplified in the Elgin marbles, Scotland that shall appeal to and satisfy all where naked men bestride barebacked horses, the noblest instructs of our nature, that shall The balanced seat of the Arab, and the more we have as men, wed together the truthful follows from the greater security of his seat would make him infinitely more formidable line, and the graceful—then; if such, a in war than the European, in spite of the Church in this country is to be a visable superior size and strength of the latter. Hischurch, it will neither be a bond kirk nor a tory teaches us how the cavaly of the Saracens—small men on small horses—rode down the Christian horsemen till they learndon't understand the use of amusement. I ed to ride with the bits and saddles, and say eternal sermonising won't do without lances of the Moslem cavalry. The invenover we do, whether we sing, dance, drink or tor a man sitting upon a barebacked horse is part of his body upon it, his borse would stop, or he would rear, or would flinch. ancient Greeks and Romans are believed not to have known the use of the stirrups.

Lacrosse.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Lacrosse Club was hald at Fairchild's, when the following officers were elected:—President, J. H. Park; Vice President, G. W. Griffin; Secretary Tronsurer, D. Steele, jr.; Managing Committee Messis, F. W. Gates, W. E. F. Caddy, J. R. Am brose, G. Bristow and J. A. Mackenzie.

A largely attended meeting of the United London Encrosse Club was held, when the following officers were elected:—Hou. Patrons, Col Walker, I. Waterman, Esq.; President, J. H. Fraser, M. P.; 1st Vice do., Win. Carling, Esq.; 2nd Vice do., W. Woodruff, M. D.; 3rd do., John Taylor, Esq.; Captain, W. M. D. Williams; Secretary, H. A. Smith; Assistant do., A. Camp-bell; Treasurer, W. R. Vining; Committee— Wheeler, Nichol and Angus.

THE CONVENTION.

The convention hold on the 4th inst. in the Toronto lacrosse club rooms was very numerously attended, the following clubs being represented:—Montreal, Shamrock, Sarsfield, Caledonia, Emerald, Athletic, and Independent, of Montreal; the Orillia; Excelsior, of Brampton; St. Regis Indians, of the mule is not the vicious animal he is gen-Cornwall; London; Young Canada, of Toronto; Hamilton; Union, of Whitby; Bowmanville; Ætna, of Toronto; Cayuga and Onondaga Indians; Tecumseh, Ontario, and Toronto, of Toronto; Acme, of Yorkville. Mr. James Hughes was elected chairman, and Mr. J. Massey, secretary to the meeting. After a committee to examine credentials had reported, it was resolved "That an association be formed to be called the National Lacrosse Association of Canada." The election of officers was then proceeded with which resulted as follows :-W K McNaught, Toronto, President; 1st Vice-President, Geo Massey, Toronto; 2nd Vice-President, Hugh W Beckett, Montreal; Secretary and Treas-W Beckett, Montreal; Secretary and Treas-urer, It B Hamilton, Toronto; Council, Messrs R W Craig, Brampton; W L Malt-by, J Davey, A H Woods, and P Enright, Montreal; W DeKay Williams, London; W B Douglas, Orillia; C W Mulligan, Hamilton; W S Spotton and F Walker, Toronto. A constitution was then drafted by a special committee. The rules of the game were then taken up seriatim, and a great many changes and improvements made The laws affecting rough play were most strictly defined, and were made so stringent as to render it hopeful that foul and rough play are now things of the past. The delegates were entertained between the afternoon and evening sessions by the city clubs at Messrs. Jewell & Dennis', where a pleasant 'he hest of fe ime was spent vailed throughout the meetings, and it is extremely probable that the Canadian national game will have received fresh impetus, through this friendly convention.

THE TECUMSETH CLUB. and the first of the state of the

At the annual meeting of the Tecumseth At the annual meeting of the Tecumseth doing the four miles in 18m. 15 Lacrosse club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, R best amateur time on record. No have the champion bicylist of Enhanced for the ensuing year: President, R best amateur time on record. No have the champion bicylist of Enhanced for the ensuing year: President, R best amateur time on record. No have the champion bicylist of Enhanced for the ensuing year. It was at the amateur.—N. Y. Sportsman. Shaw; Captsin of Juniors, M. McPherson; Committee, W Griffin, J Aird, W H Hall, W Spotton. The club have secured the Cricket Ground for practice, etc., and the Cricket Ground for practice, etc., and the Graham, champion of Lugland, a

Miscellaneous.

The Burlington (Vt.) Free Press says: John Hall, of North Troy, has seven children, four of whom, under fourteen years old, weigh exactly 200 pounds each. youngest are twin girls ten years of age, healthy and intelligent. Two boys one about twelve and the other something over thirteen, are so much alike that they would pass readily for twins. These children have each ten well-formed fingers, two thumbs, and

The first prosecution by the recently formed "Fish, Game and Insectiverous Birds Protective Society," of London, took place before the Police Magistrate a day or two C. Thompson, hotel keeper, was charged with shooting a robin on Good Friday, at the "Ivy Green." Mr. Taylor, counsel for the society, asked that a small fine should be impose, as this was the first case. A fine of \$1 and costs, in all \$4.45, was inflicted. The society has handed over the fine to the Orphaus' Home.

At a public meeting held in Picton on Friday afternoon last, a society for the protec-tion of fish, game, and insectiverous birds in the county of Prince Edward was formed. The society will commence work at once. Such a society would be of great use there in preventing the slaughter of game out of sea-son, and insectiverous birds. It would also be of great assistance to the Fishery Overseer in the discharge of his duties.

It is announced that Mossrs. H. & J. Gowan, proprietors of Gowan's Opera House at Ottawa, and large dealers in musical instruments, have made an assignment. This will be regretted, as they are public spirited

PRESERVATION OF GAME.—For the information of pot hunters who kill deer out of season, running the anunals into the deen snow, and then mercilessly slaughtering them, it may be as well to state, that Mr. Lett, of Ottawa, has set on foot a subscription for the purpose of defraying the expense attendant apon the detection and presecution of the offonders. He has already received \$25, and scouts will soon be on the warpath.

KENTUCKY MULES.—The best mules are bred in Kentucky, and it is not uncommon to find toams here sixteen hands high, and weighing 1,400 pounds each. Although oceasionally there are larger mules, even as high as eighteen hands, such are rare and undesirable. The use of mules is rapidly increasing in this country, their being over 1,150,000 in use in 1870, against 570,222 in 1850. When properly and kindly treated, erally supposed to be, and it is a mistake to be prejudiced against him on that account.

A RACE DECLARED VOID .-- In the great hurdle-race at Sandown Park, near London, Sir Charles Rushout's horse Arbitrator came in first. Arbitrator's sire was the Américan thoroughbred Umpire, formerly the property of Mr. Ten Brocck, and the first favorite for the Derby of 1800, 1 won by Thormanby. The race was declared void by the stewards on the ground that the horses had been started from the wrong post. Sir Charles Rush-out claimed the stakes, and has served writs on the stewards, Sir John Astley and Mr. Chaplin, with a view of testing the matter in a court of law. At the same meeting Lord Marcus Beresford's horse Chimneysweep, ridden by himself, and carrying 1591b, won the Grand National Steeplechase, beating Palm (second), Sheppard (third), and three

We have this week a very interesting letter from our London correspondent, "Thames," who writes for us on "English Rowing and Athletics." Amongst his reports of the Inter-University Sports, will be found the contest for the "high jump," which was won by Mr. M. J. Brooks, Oxford, who cleared the extraordinary height of 6 feet 21 inches. This is the highest jump on record, and unless authenticated by ventable witnesses would almost seem incredible. Mr. Brooks stands six feet in his stockings, and it must have been a sight we believe never before w nessed to see a man walk under the bar he had just cleared, without even his hair touching it, by an inch. This great feat could only have been accomplished by long practice and a wonderful development of mus-cular power. The bicycle race was won by the Hon. J. Keith-Falconer, Cambridge, he doing the four miles in 18m. 15 8-5s., the best amateur time on record. Now that we have the champion bicylist of England out here, David Stanton, this will be a guide to us as to what time he should make to beat

WRESTLING.—There are prospects of an international wrestling match for \$2.500 and the championship of the world between John Graham, champion of Lugland.