

THE PEOPLE'S PASTIMES.

There is nothing of importance doing in sporting circles this week. Next week will witness the opening of the rowing season as the boat house of the Neptune Rowing Club will then be in position on this side of the harbor.

The only turf event announced hereabouts is at Moscopath Park during Jubilee week. A large number of local horses will take part and the events will all be worth witnessing.

TOMMY.

Sporting Gossip.

The sporting papers all say that the Prince of Wales has been a heavy better at the spring races, and that he has lost a handsome sum of money on Baron at the Derby.

Seventeen yachts, including the Prince of Wales's Aline, have been entered for the jubilee yacht race, which will start from South End pier, London, on June 14th. The Prince of Wales was riding in Rotten Row last week looking very well, but by no means thinner. He usually kept his eyes pretty straight, but not so straight but that he noticed and promptly returned the salute of an artisan who was leaning against the railings. There were crowds of pretty horse-breakers racing and tearing after and all around him as if they imagined that the road to Princely favor lay in being run away with and perhaps thrown in his sight.

English sporting men and bicycle champions says a London correspondent are much moved by the sudden death of the Hon. Ion Falconer of heart disease, at the age of thirty. The correspondent of a sporting paper in speaking of the alleged cause of his death, given by medical men, says: "I am satisfied that his career has been cut short (as in the case of the late Dr. H. L. Chris, who died a short time ago abroad of the same complaint) by excessive bicycle riding and training. Some six years ago I happened to be at the Crystal Palace, and saw Falconer win the fifty miles amateur championship. The match was ridden through-out at racing speed, and both he and the remaining competitors were at the conclusion apparently utterly prostrated with overexertion and fatigue. To my mind it was a sickening sight, and it struck me at the time that such undue and unnatural exertion if persevered in must inevitably ruin the constitution of the riders."

Says the London Sporting Life: So the Thistle is a dark horse—or yacht? To get to know all about her sailing qualities, or rather, to put it in a more sportmanlike manner, her "racing qualities," she must be touted like a Derby favorite or one of the university elights. She went out on a special trial run on Saturday from Georrock proceeding down to Lamash Bay, where she remained over night, returning on Sunday. Before leaving she had two additional tons of ballast put aboard. The cutter Vandura went out with her, and was at once left behind, the Thistle sailing round her again and again on the way down the Firth. The new craft was tried under varying conditions of wind and proved very fast, being exceptionally smart in light winds. The communicator of this information (who of course goes about in peril of his life), adds, it will be remembered, that the weak point with the Galatea and Genesta was their behavior in light breeze.

At Clarksville, Mo., on May 25, Charles P. Dannites walked a mile, square and toe, in 6 minutes and 22 seconds.

Billy Oliver of Harlem offers to row any man in the world one mile straight away on the Harlem River, in best and best gigs, for from \$500 to \$1,000 a side.

Jem Mace writes from England that he and Champion Jem Smith are good friends again, and that he intends to bring Smith to this country to fight all comers.

Malcolm W. Ford, the champion all-round athlete, about whose amateur standing so much has been said, is in training at the Mott Haven grounds of the New York Athletic Club. He will contest in the all-around amateur championship given by the New York Club and in the spring games of that club, as the New Yorks do not recognize such a body as the National Association.

The "Totalisateur," the instrument for recording bets on the system recently adopted by the French Government, was in good form at Longchamps on the 15th ult. On the day of its introduction only 170,000 francs worth of tickets were sold, but by reason of improved facilities there were sold on the 16th 641,000 francs worth of which the Government received 13,000 francs for "public assistance."—[Spirit of the Times.

Another English light-weight has arrived at Boston. He is Jack Mack of Birmingham. He is 26 years old, 5 feet 6½ inches tall, and when trained will weigh about 130 pounds. He has fought twice; the last time with Sonny Evers, whom he bested in 100 rounds, lasting 1 hour and 30 minutes. He came here on the invitation of Patsy Shepherd and Jem Carney, who are prepared to match him against any man of his weight in America.

For the past week visitors to Clifton race track have noticed a well-built, good looking young man who went around with Jem Dunn. The young man was the champion middle-weight pugilist;

Jack Dempsey, and now that he has broken his best arm he is learning to make a book on the races, and Champion John L. Sullivan is said to be about to follow in his tracks. Dunn says Dempsey is smart and quick at figures and will make a great book-maker. Jack's only trouble is a little deafness in one ear.

Arthur Chambers says his protegee, Jimmy Mitchell, now matched against Jem Carney, is the only light weight in America who is out for the money and willing to fight. He says Mitchell has been trying for the past two years to get on a match with McAuliffe at 133 pounds for big stakes and the championship, but McAuliffe would not come to time. He says McAuliffe can take Carney's place, provided Shepherd will allow it, as he would rather have Mitchell fight McAuliffe than any one else.

Billy Madden, who is Jake Kilrain's manager, writes to the Sun: "I see by the papers that Sullivan has relinquished the championship of America to Jake Kilrain. Now that Kilrain is the champion of America I will try if we cannot bring about a fight between him and Jem Smith for the championship of the world. Kilrain will come here on Friday, and we will then consult with Richard K. Fox as to a match with Smith. Kilrain and myself are willing to go to the other side and fight. If a battle cannot be brought off in England we will go to either France or Spain. If Smith will come to America he will be allowed \$500 expenses, which amount we want to go over to meet him. The fight to be with bare knuckles in a twenty-four foot ring on the turf." The people of New York will have an opportunity of seeing what Kilrain can do when he meets Mitchell on Saturday night at Recreation Rink, 107th street and Lexington avenue.

About Sullivan.

(New York Sun.)

John L. Sullivan is an original, as the Irish have it, if there ever was one. He copies no one. He originated the present style of hurricane fighting, and though he has had, like all innovators, plenty of imitators, he has yet found no equal. His manner of dismissing the claims of Kilrain to the championship is novel, to say the least of it. "I'd like to see the man," says he, "who can make me fight if I don't want to." I'd hate to be the party to undertake it, because Sully does change his mind suddenly sometimes. As for the championship, I'll make him a present of it if he wants it so bad, and he can take it and his dog collar belt and wear it until he is tired of it." Could, contempt, be more sarcastically or snoringly expressed? There is one thing certain, and that is that Sullivan is determined to take no chances that will interfere with his money-earning capacity. He knows that his arm will not be fit to use for many months yet, and he also knows that if he were to make a match with Kilrain for the championship, even were the fight not to take place for a year, Jake would travel and star on the reputation of being matched against him, and thus divide the attraction with him. Then again, Kilrain is a big, strong fellow, who has acquired a good deal of experience in the last three years, and in a fight to a finish there is no telling what might occur. I may be wrong, but I am firmly of the opinion that Kilrain and no other man, will ever be able to get Sullivan into a ring in a London-style prize fight. Such a contest involves a not less than six or eight weeks' course of training, and that is an ordeal the big fellow will never again submit to, unless it should be in a match with Jem Smith for international honors. Nearly two years ago Sullivan told me that he was growing less and less inclined to train or do any hard work, and certainly circumstances since have not made him any fonder of physical discomfort.

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