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DATES CLAIMED FOR 1878.

CANADIAN

Fergus..... Sept 10 to 11
Stallion Race..... Oct. —

AMERICAN

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Long Branch..... June 29 to July 6
Denver, Col..... July 8 to 6
Saratoga, 1st Meeting..... July 20 to Aug. 3
" (2nd Meeting)..... Aug 13 to 25
Baltimore, Md. (Fall)..... Oct 23 to 26

TROTTING

Cincinnati, Ohio..... July 2 to 8
Detroit, Mich..... July 2 to 5
Clyde, N. Y..... July 8 to 5
Columbus, Ohio..... July 9 to 12
Bradford, Pa..... July 9 to 11
Sharon, Pa..... July 11 to 13
Watertown, N.Y..... July 11 to 14
Toledo, Ohio..... July 16 to 19
Cleveland, Ohio..... July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y..... July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill..... July 30 to Aug 2
Rochester, N. Y..... Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill..... Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y..... Aug 13 to 16
Springfield, Mass..... Aug 20 to 23
Earlville, Ill..... Aug 20 to 23
Newark, N. Y..... Aug 20 to 23
Cleveland..... Sept 10 to 13
Rochester, N. Y..... Oct 1 to 3

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Sportsman of last week speaks as follows:—"But their (the book-maker's) operations, except in so far as owners and trainers are concerned, are not preferable to the old American system of pool-selling. The public prefer that method of betting and at Long Branch they will have it. Some men, especially when they get elected to the Legislature, think that the people are to be restrained and looked after as if they were all fools or little children. But the people who want to bet upon the races on race days, when the contests stand in the real act, know a great deal more about it than all the pettifogging blockheads who have been pitchedforked from Tammany and other Halls and Associations up to Albany in the last five years. The people know what they want; it is pool-selling in open, public competition. There remains, then, the sole question of morals and good order. If any man thinks it is any more moral, or orderly, to have fifty fellows bawling proffered bets at the top of their voices, than to have pools quietly knocked down by an auctioneer to the best bidder, his proper place is an asylum for idiots." In Massachusetts the penalties of the pool-bill are evaded by conducting on the track what is termed an art sale. Pictures of horses, labelled with the names of those contesting in the races, are sold to the highest bidder, and on the conclusion of the race the auctioneer announces that he will repurchase the picture of a certain horse (the winner of course) at a remarkable advance on the original cost. As a matter of fact he does this, and it is no less true that none of the holders of the pictures labelled with the name of the winning horse values it as much as the auctioneer; they are resold to him at the advance offered, which is no doubt the amount in the pool less the commission. The idea is that the purchases are actually made back and forth of articles of intrinsic value, and if a man is willing to pay an exorbitant sum for a "work of art," there can be no law to restrain him. The Spirit of the Times is little inclined, however, to approve of these artful dodges. It believes the law to be a bad one, which is bound in the national course of events, to become a dead letter; its enforcement now depends entirely upon the caprice of local authorities, and it will soon, like much other sumptuary legislation with which our statute books are encumbered, die a natural death, although it may never be repealed.

It will thus be seen that both in New York and Massachusetts the popular feeling is adverse to enforcing the penalties of the bill. Our report of the Montreal races speaks of such and such a horse being the favorite in the pools. It is possible pools were openly sold there, but of this we would not be positive, as our information is not direct enough to be infallible. It may be simply a figure of speech. There would, however, be nothing surprising if they were really sold there. It would only be inserting the thin edge of the wedge, which will be done somewhere at some time, and why not at Montreal now. The law in course of time, and a very short time, too, is bound to become a dead letter in this country, if it is not amended in the mean time. It is too binding for a free people to pay tribute to; and our legislators in their wisdom should so amend the bill as to command the respect of everyone.

A CANADIAN TEE-WEIGHT.

The ingenuity of horsemen has been taxed to invent a perfect tee-weight for trotting horses. Many devices have been contrived,

Sporting Gossip.

The fine race-horse and great sire, imported Australian, is in a declining state of health and his death is looked for daily.

Rarus trotted three heats at East Saginaw on Tuesday of last week, in the special speed class, in 2:17, 2:16, 2:16, and these in the face of a strong west wind, which experienced horsemen think made fully two seconds difference in the time.

Butcher Boy (for. Toronto Boy), the well-known trotting gelding, has been sold by Mr. Hugh Kelly to Mr. Con. Flanagan for exportation to Glasgow, Scotland.

A scoundrel named Bigg cruelly maimed a valuable horse owned by Mr. Wm. Dunbar, near Picton. The horse had two inches of his tongue cut off, his throat cut, and several gashes in different parts of the body. Bigg has been arrested, and reciprocal punishment would meet his case.

The black mare Jessie, owned near Belleville, Ont., is now working at the Rochester N.Y., Driving Park. It is said she has shown trials in better than 20, and is thought to be still coming.

The bay stallion Monitor, who has been trotting through Michigan, is thought to be the little horse Bay Billy that showed up so well at London lately. He got a record of 2:30 at Grand Rapids in the 8:00 class, but was distanced in the race. The Association were holding the horse as security for his entry fees, but when they went to look for him in the 2:45 class he could nowhere be found. His controller had stolen him away. Of course he will be suspended.

The chestnut mare Belle Smith, who won the 8:00 race at Woodbine here last fall under the name of Lady Hodgson, was rung in in the 8:00 class at Webb's Mills, N.Y., lately, under the name of Addie. It is not said whether she had goggles on or not. She can trot in about 2:27.

Messrs. Currier & Ives, 115 Nassau St., New York, have published a colored portrait of the California wonder Mollie McCarthy. It is sold for twenty cents, and sent by mail on receipt of price.

B. Maisouville, of Windsor, and the bay gelding Starlight, have been temporarily reinstated.

Seventy-two horses were shipped from London this week for Scotland, to be used by the Glasgow Tramway and Omnibus Company.

It is said that Mr. Frank Van Ness, of Rochester, N.Y., will handle St. Patrick through the grand circuit.

Mr. Frockleton's Bay Nelly beat Mr. McMullin's Leopardess at Wardsville on the 26th ult., in a match for \$100. Our correspondent does not say whether it was running or trotting, and makes no mention of the distance.

A chicken controversy took place at Ottawa on Sunday of last week, between the Upper and Lower Town admirers of the pugilistic chanticleers.

On Monday last Mr. Stephen Oliver, of South Dumfries, had a mare that foaled. The colt had only three legs and one shoulder. The mare and colt died.

As an illustration of the present value of horses in England, strong farming and dray horses brought at the late Howdon horse fair \$250 to \$350 each; harness horses \$300 to \$350; handsome carriage horses \$350 to \$500 and hunters from \$250 to \$750.

Correspondence.

IS COURTNEY A DUFFER?

GENEVA, N.Y., June 25th, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

I have had the pleasure of reading a copy of your paper, and was much pleased with the tone of it, especially the department of Aquatics. In it I noticed an article headed, "Is Courtney a Duffer." Allow me to answer this; he is one of the *first water*. Look at his behavior at Greenwood Lake when he gave out that he was poisoned, and came near ruining the reputation of an innocent man (I mean the hotel proprietor), and would probably have succeeded but for the declaration of the doctors. The cause of his sickness was being afraid brought on nervousness, &c. Before this he had rowed, or attempted to row, Dempsey at Union Springs on two different occasions, and each time had an accident, taking water each time. He puts me strongly in mind of our temperance people, who prefer water to anything else when cornered.

And now to finish up with the race here on the 9th. Geneva had never had a finer day, a finer crowd, nor a finer sheet of water to row a race upon. The thousands who were here were in the best of spirits. The people of Geneva had spared no pains to make everything pleasant for all, and more especially for Mr. Courtney, "the duffer." Mr. Dempsey did his utmost and allowed him every privilege. But to show the termination, they had the word "go," and rowed finely until reaching the flag, when Courtney was seen to stop, and in the presence of thousands did his grand water act. The referee's boat steamed to him at once, and he was asked the cause of his accident; his reply was, "I struck a wire in the water and worked by some one on shore."

The referee immediately caused a search but not a thing could be found. The water was clear and the smallest pebble could be plainly seen. There were no signs or marks where a wire could be attached or dragged to shore, and more, no person would dare to do such a thing, for if they had attempted it they would have been made into bait for the fish. This is the slimmest excuse on record, and out of the thousands no one would scarcely believe it—not even his own backers. If Mr. Courtney had come out as a man, and owned it was an accident, he would have had thousand friends who today would not back him one cent's worth.

The referee's decision is one of the most biased ones on record—how he could declare it no race, and to be rowed the next day between the hours of ten and three, is beyond my power to say. Of course, when this was rendered, Mr. Dempsey declined rowing again for money he had once won, and wanted the money and the race. He was willing, if right was given him, to row another race for \$500 or the whole stake again.

But Mr. Editor you will please excuse the liberty I have taken in writing to you, and do this only to show you the word "Duffer" is correct.

The would-be champion and big blow, has not done anything to merit him the name he has, and there are thousands on this side who are patiently awaiting the time when he and Mr. Hanlan get together, (and I think the sooner the better.) I do not think he is over anxious, but newspaper talk is good enough for him—of course any man can row a good race on paper and if he at-

swept the board at Ascot, winning the Queen's Gold Vase, Ascot Gold Cup and Alexandra Plate.

Sefton, the Derby winner, went down before Glengarry in the Prince of Wales Stakes at Ascot, trying to give him 16 lbs., no joke over such a course.

The racing men in the States will have their boots full of the great match between Ten Lroek and Molly McCarthy. I should not be surprised if the mare had to win. One has beaten time, the other has beaten horses.

Since writing the above I have received a more detailed account of the Higgins and Elliott race. At the start Elliott was rowing 45 strokes to the minute, and Higgins 44; at three-quarters of a mile from the start, Elliott 42, Higgins 40. The mile was rowed in 4 min. 50 sec., Elliott 40, Higgins 38; the mile and a quarter in 6 min. 4 sec., and the mile and three-quarters in 8 min. 45 sec., when Elliott was beaten by the pace, and Higgins drew away, winning, hands down, by 600 yards. My account also says that Higgins and Trickett are matched.

Racing seems to take in Spain and Portugal, there having been a very good meeting lately at Lisbon, the principal features of which were a Spanish jockey called Garcia having 4 winning mounts, and a hurdle race for gentlemen riders, in which four of the Spanish and Portuguese aristocracy performed. The hurdles, however, being all knocked down.

Cooper beat Kien for the mile bicycle championship in 3 min. 0½ sec. Raining, and ground heavy.

In France the Grand National Steeple-chase of Paris, 3½ miles, was run on June 10, and won by Wild Monarch, by Wild Oats, aged, carrying 160 lbs., and ridden by Page, leading 17 others. Congress, with 182 lbs. up, finished fourth.

Nothing particular at Manchester except that Attalus won the Cup as might have been expected from his Derby running.

Appleyard, of the London Bicycle Club, went 100 miles on the road from Bath to London, in 7 hrs. 18 min. 55 sec., best on record.—TRAMP.

CHALLENGE TO DELLA WAIT.

BRADFORD, July 2, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

Having been informed that Messrs. Palmer and Wells were anxious to match the mare Della Wait against my little bay horse Hamilton, I am willing to give them a chance. I am a man of few words, and will only say that I will match Hamilton against Della Wait to trot mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness, for \$500 a side, to trot at Woodbine or Buffalo, any time in September next after the 15th of that month. I have this day deposited with P. Collins, of the *Sporting Times*, the sum of \$100 as an evidence of my intention in this match. The remainder of the money to be put up the day of the race. This challenge will remain open two weeks from date, when, if it is not accepted, I trust they and all others interested with them will hereafter hold their peace.

GEORGE BANNERMAN.

Pedestrianism.

OTTAWA.—At the foot races at Ottawa on the 1st, the mile race was won by Raine, of Ottawa, Daillabont 2, Fitzgerald of Montreal 8. Grant, of Ottawa, was first in the 440 yards, Summerhayes, of Montreal, second; the latter had a good lead up to 25 yards from home, when he fell. The amateur 100-yards fell to Fraser, of Prescott, Summerhayes second; the latter entered a protest against the winner as not being an amateur, and the committee have the case in consideration. P. Duffy, of Ottawa, won the open 100 yards.