

Sporting.

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We have to congratulate the Hunt Club upon their singularly successful initial race meeting. They were late in getting started, and had bad weather and a break down of the street car system to contend with, yet they not only gave two excellent days' sport but pulled out with a small balance to the good. We have before congratulated the secretary Mr. S. F. Houston; we now beg to extend our felicitations to the other officers. Next year the fall meeting will be looked forward to.

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The Cesarewitch was a veritable surprise. It is a handicap of 25 sovereigns each with 500 sovereigns added, for 3-year-olds and upwards, and was won by Sir John Russell Mayle's Childwick—4. Mr. M. A. Abeille's Callistrat—4, was second, and Mr. Manton's Shrine, aged, third.

The other starters were: Mr. W. Goater's Fileps, 4 years; Mr. Ellis's Opera Glass, 3; Mr. M. R. Lelaudy's Quilon, 4; Mr. W. Fulton's Comedy, 6; Lord Howe's Faradale, 3; the Duke of Hamilton's Ragimude, 6; Mr. John Dawson's Sir Benjamin, 4; Mr. M. Callist's Latin, 3; Mr. J. W. Churton's Pennyless, 4; Mr. T. Jennings's Cypris, 4; Mr. P. Buchanan's Newcourt, 4; Mr. E. D. Gosling's Gleamaway, 4; Mr. T. Jennings's William, 4; Mr. E. Ribancourt's Highland Buck, 4; Mr. C. P. Shrobb's Insurance, 6; Mr. K. J. Donald's Bess Mar, 5; Mr. Dartmouth's Lord Barnard, 3; Mr. A. Taylor's, Sir Syndie, 3; and Mr. T. Jennings's Sacristy, 3. Childwick was four lengths ahead of Callistrat at the finish, and the latter was four lengths in advance of Shrine.

The betting was 20 to 1 against Childwick, 10 to 1 against Callistrat, 20 to 1 against Shrine, 4 to 1 against Fileps, 10 to 1 each against Amiable, Opera Glass and Quilon, 14 to 1 against Comedy, 17 to 1 against Faradale, 20 to 1 each against Ragimude, Sir Benjamin and Latin, 25 to 1 against Pennyless, 38 to 1 each against Cypris, New Court and Gleamaway, 50 to 1 against William, 66 to 1 each against Highlands, Buck and Insurance, and 100 to 1 against the others.

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The winner is by St. Simon, out of Pleasantine, is 4 years old, carried 7 stone, 9 pounds, was ridden by Mr. Bradford, and was not considered by the talent to have substance enough for the long course. It appears, however, that he was never in trouble. Callistrat was never mentioned, yet he outfooted Shrine, who, with Quilon, Latin and Ragimude, were thought to have the race between them.

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On the previous day Newmarket followers saw a great race for the Champion Stakes, of 50 sovereigns each with 1,000 sovereigns added. The great five-year-old mare La Fleche won, while Mr. Rose's Ravensbury consistently stuck to his

record by coming in second. Lord Beresford has again issued a challenge to match La Fleche against Ingleass, but Mr. McCalmont has very sensibly pointed out that his horse has been retired for the season and that La Fleche will have plenty of opportunity of meeting him later on.

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The only event among the long-tails on this side of the water during the past week was the breaking of the five furlong turf record by Maid Marian, at Morris Park. The mare covered the distance in .361, the previous record having been .37 flat, made by Dr. Hahnbrouck in 1892. The Maid's backers won a pot of money.

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Speaking of betting, the decisions of the Supreme Court in the case of Trebilcock v. Walsh, declares all betting illegal—this of course does not cover legalized betting as defined in the new Criminal Code. It will be recalled that on the occasion of the last Carling-Hyman election in London, a bet of one thousand dollars was made between Mr. John E. Richards and Mr. F. T. Trebilcock—the former choosing Carling and the latter Hyman. Mr. Sir Walsh, of the Tecumseh House, was chosen stakeholder. On the result of the election being declared Trebilcock notified Mr. Walsh not to pay over the money, and suit was brought for its recovery. Mr. Walsh has figured as the defendant in all the various phases of the matter, it having gone through all the courts till it finally reached the Supreme Court.

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The great event of the week in the trotting ring was the continuation of the Kentucky meeting. The Transylvania stakes gave attention to in our last issue, but that was only one of many notable events. The Futurity for two-year-olds was a horse race all the way through. Pansy McGregor, last year's champion yearling, took the first heat in 2:47, carrying both Boreal and Laroche off their feet to such bad breaks that they could not save their distance. But Pansy had shot her bolt and was herself distanced in the next heat, which the Dictator filly took in 2:20. Bernadine Girl took the next two heats in slower time. She is by Bernadine, out of Annie McKee, by Red Wilkes and must be a stayer.

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For the Kentucky Futurity on the next day, nine three-year-olds faced the starter. Benetta was the favorite and won in straight heats. She was unlucky enough to draw the outside position, and then acted so badly that it looked as if Gus Macey, her driver, would never get her away. Coming down for the fifteenth time, he got ready, and although she got off in the last division, before a furlong was trotted she was mistress of the situation. Rich in Hambletonian blood, her gait was pure and faultless, and without being struck a lick she swept past her field of brilliant youngsters, and before the half-mile pole was reached she was leading by two full lengths. She was never in trouble, and came home an easy winner, with four lengths to spare. The

second and third heats were simply processions, and were not worth describing, as Benetta so far outclassed her field that it was no contest whatever. Benetta is a chestnut filly, by Onward, dam Buda, by Harold. The stake was the richest ever trotted for in the world, being worth \$31,180. The bay colt, Futurity, by Hindoo Wilkes, got the second money, \$3,000, and Celayo the third prize, \$1,000. The Astell colt, Axinite, made a hot fight for it but could not quite get there.

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On the following day the only particular events were the failures of Alix and John R. Gentry to beat their respective times, owing to a high wind, but next day saw the defeat of Rex Americus in the West stake after winning two heats. It was Newcastle did it, taking the fourth, fifth and sixth.

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FRIDAY SAW B. B. P., the winner of the Horse Review stake, on Sept. 11th, fairly beaten out by Limonero in the stallion stakes. It was a great race, however, as the summaries published elsewhere will show. On the last day the youngster, Directly, won the Cornercracker stake in 2:12 thus bringing to a close the greatest meeting ever held in Kentucky.

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For a wonder, the world's records have remained intact this past week. But Outline, a great horse, and will be a greater, has entered the 2:04 class, having paced his mile in that time at Sioux City. Watch Outline for a world's record yet. Joe Patchen was sent on the same track to lower his record of 2:04. He was given a mile in 2:04 and then Curry took him to the quarter in .32, the half in 1:02, the three-quarters in 1:33, leaving him .301 to tie the stallion record held by John R. Gentry of 2:03. He would likely have done it, or better, but at this point the second pacesetter came on and ran in two close, causing Patchen to leave his feet, a thing he has not done before this season. At Lexington the best time Alix could make was 2:08½, while John R. Gentry could not come within two seconds of his record. On Saturday the pacer La Belle, out her record from 2:12 to 2:09.

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The great race between Alix and Directum is to come off on Saturday at Mystic Park, Boston. Salisbury fixed the date and Hickok the course. The Park authorities add \$5,000 to the purse. Hickok has the advantage of having driven his horse on this track recently, and it is not a record breaker, but we still adhere to the opinion that Alix will prove the better horse. If the mare is right Directum will have to trot harder than he has ever yet done in a race to win.

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Come to look at it, that little Iowa mare Onoclea is a hummer. Her 2:11½ last week taken with ease in a race equals Directum's performance at the same age, and is only exceeded by Sunol and Fantasy, neither of which were in the strictest sense race records. She is by Keeler 2:13½, a magnificent son of King Rene,

and his dam was by George Wilkes. He earned his record in a race, and is one of the stoutest hearted stallions ever campaigned. The dam of Onoclea is Bella B., race record 2:24, by J. R. Shedd 2:19½, son of Red Wilkes, out of a mare by Ericsson. Bella B.'s dam is Alida, by Bay Joe, son of Lakeland Allday, brother to Harold, second money by Zenos, son of Boston. Onoclea is owned by Staver & Hussey, and is campaigned by the latter, the firm having purchased her a year ago after she had shown miles in 2:20 and better at Independence, Ia., in the hands of C. Q. Weeks.

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It is funny to see the *Turf, Field and Farm* classing Dexter, Rarus and St. Julien among "the mares which stand out conspicuously as record breakers."

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At Fleetwood Park a New York driving club have introduced a feature that might be worthy of the attention of our lovers of the light harness horse in Canada. They give a matinee of races every Saturday afternoon, and there being enough trotting and pacing enthusiasm about a weekly one-day meeting has become a fixture. In Toronto, for instance, these Saturday matinees with no charge for admission, and yet under suitable control, would not only create an interest among the general public, but would give owners an excellent opportunity of speeding their animals.

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The following from the *Horse Review* is worthy of being called to the attention of Canadian dealers and horse fanciers: "Within a month the active campaign for 1894 will have ended and the championship of interest will then be the rings. As has been noted by the readers of the *Review* some of the very best harness horses ever bred will be offered for sale at public auction this fall and winter. The sale of the Stanford horses for the estate is made necessary because the stand must be closed up; hence, some of the choicest ever bred at Palo Alto will be thrown on the market to take the chances in the ring. If we are to judge by the synopsis catalogues already in hand, buyers will have better opportunities this winter than ever before in their own prices upon the very best pick of the very best farms. While we do not believe it would be best to enter into discussion of what sort of prices will be secured, we can not refrain from expressing the belief that they will really be relatively higher than was the case last fall or last winter. There are two reasons for this belief. One is, that following the depression of 1893 and the early months of the present year, there has been a reaction for the better, and what time is not just what what we would like to have them, there has been undoubtedly a decided improvement. But the chief reason for believing that prices will be better, is that at the sales of 1893 and 1894, buyers secured at figures below their actual value some of the youngsters that have ever been campaigned. This was demonstrated on

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