

English Surf.

A DEAD HEAT OF THREE.

A feature of the sport at the Leicester (England) racing meeting, Thursday, Oct. 4, was the circumstance of a dead heat of three, resulting for the half mile Nursery Handicap, the three that the judge could not separate being Telegram, Palpito and Titania II. In the deciding heat all of the three were laid on Telegram, but coming into the straight she slipped and fell, breaking her leg, and was at once put out of her misery. The following is a report of this rather extraordinary contest:—

The Nursery Plate Handicap of 100 sovs. added to a sweepstake of 10 sovs. each; winners extra half a mile.

- Mr H E Beddington's ch c Palpito, by The Palmer, dam Cachua, 112 lbs (car. 114 lbs).....F Archer 1
- Mr C Hibbert's h f Titania II, 107 lbs.....F Jeffery 2
- Lord Lonsdale's ch f Telegram, 129 lbs (inc. 7 lbs extra).....Custance 3
- Mr E Hobson's Ayrshire Lass, 102 lbs.....Hemmings 0
- Mr H Jennings's Fay, 108 lbs. W Johnson 0
- Major Straylton's Satira, 124 lbs.....T Cannon 0
- Mr Etches' Mangostan, 98 lbs.. J M'Donald 0
- Mr H S Stratford's f by Blair Athol, dam Amethyst, 107 lbs.....W M'Donald 0
- Mr G L Paget's Honeybourne, 112 lbs.....H Keyto 0

Betting.—2 to 1 against Telegram, 9 to 2 against Amethyst filly, 6 to 1 against Satira, 100 to 15 against Titania II, 8 to 1 against Palpito, and 10 to 1 against Fay, Ayrshire Lass and Mangostan.

Mangostan made play, attended by Amethyst filly to the bend, where the latter ran wide, and Palpito took the lead. When fairly in the straight Telegram and Titania II drew up to Palpito, and this trio ran a magnificent race home, the result being a dead heat with the three.

Deciding heat.—Betting—6 to 5 on Telegram, 9 to 4 against Titania II, and 5 to 2 against Palpito. Titania II. held a clear lead of Palpito to the turn into the straight, where Telegram slipped up, and Palpito getting the best of Titania II. in the last few strides won by a lead. Telegram broke her leg just above the fetlock, and had to be destroyed.

RACING AT NEWMARKET.

Newmarket, Oct 11.—The Middle Park Plate of 500 sovs, given by Jockey Club, added to sweepstakes 30 sovs each, 20 ft; for two-year-old colts, 120 lbs; fillies and geldings 117 lbs, winners of a stake, value 1,000 sovs to carry 7 lbs; 500 sovs 4 lbs extra; second horse to receive 200 sovs, and third 100 sovs out of stakes; Brethby Stakes course; 162 subs.

Mr Parkin's br g Beauclere, by Rosierucian, by Borvio Boll..... 1

Duke of Ujest's bay colt, by Scottish Chief, dam Katio..... 2

Mr Gerard's ch f Pilgrimage, by The Palmer, dam Lady Audley..... 3

Athol Lad, Maximilian, Gaberluzzie, Atarcos, Incenza, Equinox, Hansari, Jocko, Insularo, Birdie, Clementine, Tiger Lily, Lady Mercia, Censer, Wild Darell, Polo Star, and Beraugo ran unplaced.

Betting—5 to 1 against Beauclere, 50 to 1 against the Duke of Ujest's bay colt, 33 to 1 against Pilgrimage. The favorite, Athol Lad, came home sixth.

Same Day—Champion Stakes, 20 sovs each, h f, 1,000 sovs added; three-year-olds to carry 118 lbs; four, 130 lbs; five and upward, 132 lbs, mares allowed 5 lbs, second to receive ten per cent, and third five per cent of stake; out-stance, 4 sovs; 268 subs; 43 declared forfeit.

J H Houldsworth's b c Springfield, 4 yrs, by St Albans, dam Viridis..... 1

Lord Falmouth's b c Silvio, 3 yrs, by Blair Athol, dam Silverhair..... 2

Lord Falmouth's ch c Great Tom, 4 yrs, by King Tom, dam Woodcroft..... 3

RARUS.

In connection with the fine likeness of this wonderful trotter, which we present this week, is given the result of a patient effort to ascertain the real breeding of his sire, Conkings Abdallah, who has always been claimed, but never proved, to be a son of Ab Allah. It transpires that several parties who owned the stallion, and used him for business purposes in this city, never had any notion that he was a son of Abdallah, and that the name he bore was given him out of weak faith by his last owner, who bred and owned him.

match—the iron Scotch plough to be excluded; 3rd class, open to all ploughmen with wooden ploughs; 4th class, open to boys under eighteen years of age, with any kind of plough; 5th class, open to boys under eighteen years of age, with wooden ploughs, 6th class, open to ploughmen with two-furrow ploughs. The Grand Trunk and Midland railways will carry passengers and ploughmen, with their teams, to the match and return for one and one-third fares.

HARRY HILL'S GIRAFFE.

Every man has his hobby, and Harry Hill, the noted of New York, is no exception to the rule. He is the owner of a nondescript looking animal of the equine genus, in shape not unlike a giraffe, his fore legs being considerably longer than his hind ones. Altogether, it is the ugliest, oddest looking brute that ever was foaled, and yet the mishapen wretch can trot very fast. He has quite a history and has passed through several hands. Curiosity, for that is his name, was raised by J. Fletcher Vail, of State Hill, and was sired by Stockbridge Chief, a son of old Hambletonian, and his dam was a finely-bred American Star. Mr. Vail sold him to Bill Bodine, when quite young, for \$85. Bodine disposed of him in a raffle for \$150, E. S. Puff holding the lucky ticket. Mr. Puff also raffled him off for \$100, he and Lon Smith, formerly proprietor of the Cooper Institute Hotel, winning him. They sold him to Al. Lamoreaux, of Bloomingburgh, who, in a game of "seven up," with a man named McCormick, a foreman at the Shawaugunk tunnel on the Midland, staked him against \$80 and lost. McCormick sold him to Bill Bodine for \$800, and he sold him to "Dunk" Brown for the same sum. Brown exhibited him under canvas in several places, and entered him in several races. In a race at Goshen he beat one of Mr. Backman's colts. Under Brown's handling he trotted in 2:54. Brown sold him to Harry Hill for \$500. Since he has been in his possession he has trotted in several races.

TEN BROECK, TOM OCHILTREE, PAROLE.

Ten Broeck, Kentucky's mighty representative, is at Baltimore, taking daily gallops. Tom Ochiltree and Parole are also there. The latter pair will represent the East in the great race to be run on Tuesday next, the first day of the October meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club. The distance is two miles and a half. There will, no doubt, be a vast attendance, for people will journey from all sections of the Union and Canada to witness this celebrated trio measuring strides. It is the sole topic of conversation among turfmen at the clubs and hotels, and as each has hosts of admirers, it will in all probability be the heaviest betting event of the past decade. Many believe Ten Broeck to be invincible at the distance, for the fact that he has the best record, judged by the time test, at one, two, three and four miles. His performances in Kentucky prove him to be an exceptionally good horse. He seems to be capable of going any distance at a great rate of speed, and his sticking qualities are of the best. Besides making a short season in the stud, Ten Broeck has started in six races this year and won them all. His name and fame are household words. Tom Ochiltree is owned by Mr. George L Lorillard, and is of the same age (five years) as Ten Broeck. He ran at all distances during the season, having faced the starter no less than thirteen times. He met with defeat four times. Vera Cruz beat him at Saratoga, in the mile and a quarter sweepstakes, in which he finished second and Parole third. Parole defeated him in the Saratoga Cup, two miles and a quarter, Ochiltree being second, while Vera Cruz failed to get a place. At the same meeting in the two miles and a quarter, won by Whisper, Ochiltree was again second. Then Vera Cruz defeated him by a head at a mile and three-quarters. Those are the only reverses he met with this year. At the late meeting at Jerome Park he acquitted himself creditably. He won everything he started for, his most notable victories being those being in the Grand National Handicap, two miles and a quarter, and in the All-Aged Stakes, a mile and a half. In the first he

Horse Notes.

Hughes the jockey, was the recipient on Saturday of an unmerited and unwished for compliment from Clemmie G. in the way of a wicked kick on the leg.

Dr. J. W. WELDON—This gentleman, so well known throughout the country, met with a serious accident on Monday last while attending a sale of thoroughbreds at Messrs. Barker & Sons, New York City. At the beginning of the sale, a chestnut filly having been frightened, launched out with both hind feet, striking Dr. J. W. Weldon in the groin and seriously injured him. We hope the doctor's accident will not prove serious in character, and that he will soon be out again.

DEATH OF EAGLESS—The thoroughbred mare Eagless, by imp. Glencoe, dam by Grey Eagle, out of Mary Morris, by Modoc, died on Friday last, 12th inst., at Mr. Alexander's Stud Farm, Spring Station, Ky., aged twenty-one years, of lockjaw. The old mare, a short time before her death, struck a stub in her foot, causing lockjaw almost immediately, which terminated fatally very suddenly. She was due to foal in January next to imp. Australian. Eagless was the dam of Mary Clark, Grey Planet, Lizzie Laucus, Steel Eyes, Eaglet, &c., &c.—all good racing stock.

The Columbus (Ga.) Enquirer says: We were told by a gentleman yesterday of a pair of aged but splendid mules. The two together are sixty-four years old—one being thirty-five and the other twenty-nine years. They are owned by Mr. Wm. Parkman, of Chattahoochee county, and are in fine condition and good workers. He has made twenty-eight crops with one, and twenty-four with the other.

THE TURF.

THE "CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES" MEDAL.

The medal won by Mr. Gillis' horse Falton in the recent SPORTING TIMES stallion race has been completed, and will be forwarded to the fortunate owner of the winning horse in a few days. The medal and all its appendages are of fine gold, and together present a very handsome and rich appearance, the workmanship, executed by Mr. W. C. Morrison, being of a high order. The ribbon connecting the two clasps has on it a pretty little enamel bit, pendant from the lower clasp in the centre being a horse's head in solid gold, the medal being hung by two whips. On the obverse of the medal is a horse speeding to sulky, with the following inscription surrounding it:—"CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES stallion race, 1877, P. Collins & Co., Toronto, 2nd year." On the reverse is:—"Won by Falton, the property of Mr. David Gillis, St. Catharines; trotted at Woodbine Park, Toronto, Sept. 11th, 1877."—Mail.

DOG, MAN, AND MULE.

A North Carolina wagoner sold his dog to a Laurens County man the other day for half a barrel of sorghum syrup. The dog, however, refused to be sold, and took refuge under the wagon. The Laurens County man crawled after him with a piece of meat in one hand and a rope in the other. Although there were several spectators of the scene that ensued it is difficult to get at the facts. All agree that there was a scuffle under the wagon, accompanied by yelps and yells; but no one is willing to affirm that the man had the dog or the dog had the man. Finally, the dog, as it would seem, brushed up against the hind legs of the off mule, and then all was still. It is not certain what killed the dog. One of the spectators said he thought he heard a trace-chain rattle, but when he went around to examine the mule she was asleep. The man had lost his hat, his coat and the greater part of his trousers, and subsequent examination proved that the dog died with one ear and a handful of hair in his mouth.

A MOUSE'S STRATAGEM.

Not long since the writer witnessed a strange sight in the Record office. Our attention was attracted by several lusty squeaks from the inside of a pail almost full of water, into which a half grown mouse had fallen. The alarm had

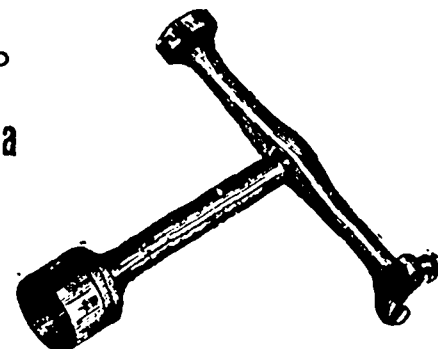
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