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FORMER AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

Twenty years ago Mr. Richard Ten Broeck, a man of great tact and fine ability, took a stable of racehorses to England. His first lot consisted of three tried performers—Lecompte, Pryor, and Priores. They had all been trained to run heats in this country, and it may be doubted whether this was not a disadvantage to them for the style of racing in which they were to be employed in England. Lecompte was an aged horse, got by Boston out of Reel, by Glencoe, grandam imported Galopade, by Cutton. It is hardly necessary to say that Reel was, on the score and afterwards at the stud, one of the best mares, probably the very best, that was ever bred in this country. Her sire and her dam were both imported by that sagacious sportsman, Mr. James Jackson of Alabama. Lecompte was a chestnut horse belonging to General Wells. He was so good that at one time he disputed the palm with Lexington, and had defeated him in a race of four-mile heats, running the fastest in the year 1853. Afterwards, however, Lexington ran against that time and made 7m. 19 3/4, but upon a track specially prepared, and with a running start; and again Lexington beat Lecompte in 23 3/4 the same year. They were both then called four years old on the 14th of April, the day of the last race, but they were five according to the English rules and our rules of the present period. Lexington carried 103 lbs., but a horse of that age now would have to carry 124 lbs. Pryor was a chestnut horse, two years younger than Lecompte, got by Glencoe out of Wisp, by American Eclipse, grandam Medoo's Young Maid of the Oaks, by imp. Expedition. He was an excellent little horse, named after Mr. J. B. Pryor, who trained Lexington for Mr. Ten Broeck. The year Pryor went to England he won two-mile heats at Natchez, in straight heats, upon a very heavy track, and four-mile heats over a heavy track. In this last race he beat Lecompte and ran his heats in 7:47—7:44 1/2. It was on account of this race that Captain Moore used to maintain that Pryor was the best horse ever taken from America to England. That same year he walked over four-mile heats for the purse for all ages, on the Metairie Course, at New Orleans, and beat Lecompte and Minnow three-mile heats, over a very heavy track, in these heats, the first of which was won by Lecompte. He also won the Jockey Club Stakes for all ages, four-mile heats, at the Fashion Course, Long Island, defeating Florida and Augusta, in straight heats and slow, as the track was new and very heavy. That was the last race Pryor ran in this country. He never was in form in England, and, as we have said above, we believe that it is long heat races were not the right kind of thing for a horse wanted to go over there. The third racer of the first lot taken across the Atlantic was the bay filly Priores, a three-year-old, and a very fast one. She was got by imported Sovereign, a horse bred by the King of England, and got by Emilius out of the famous mare Fleur de Lis, by Bourbon. This horse only beat two horses in England before he was sold to go to Russia, and the Czar Nicholas would not let him go back. Fleur de Lis won the Goodwood Cup two years in succession. The first time she carried 129 lbs., the second time

got through the rack to the front she was sure to win. We also heard that Gilpatrick was a much better rider than the English jockeys. Gilpatrick had gone over to ride the mare. Charles Littlefield, now training for Mr. Sanford in England, rode Pryor. Against them in that race there were Sam Rogers, Wells, Fordham, Nat Flatman, Tom Aldcroft, Tom Ashmall, John Osborne, etc. The American horses were not backed at the start. Gemma di Vergy, 3 yrs, 107 lbs., was the favorite. Riseber, Auton, Arsenal, and Fisherman followed in favor, and so on to 100 to 3 against Mary, who had the top weight, 131 lbs. Fisherman, 4 yrs, had 127 lbs. Priores obtained a clear lead, and the favorite, with Gunboat and Kestrel, fell into the straight run home. The American mare could not maintain her lead, and she got no place. Monarque, a five-year-old French horse, with the allowance of 14 lbs., won by a head. Riseber was second, and Fisherman third. The winner was ridden by Tom Ashmall, brother of the wife of Anthony Taylor, the trainer. Gilpatrick was found fault with as having gone wide with the mare when in the lead, but he has always maintained, and, no doubt, truly, that he rode just where Mr. Ten Broeck told him to ride when they went over the course together. "The real truth is," said he to us, not long ago, "that when the French and English horses got well into the straight and set out to run, Priores stood still." The trainer and jockey both came back to America, leaving Brown and Littlefield with the horses. The weight Priores carried in the Cup was 109 lbs. Fisherman was of the same age, and he beat her a long way with 18 lbs. more. Her next appearance was in the Sussex County Cup at Lewes, two miles. She ran fourth in a field of five, with 106 lbs. Tournament, three-year-old, won with 105 lbs. Pryor made his last race at Leicester in the Leicestershire Handicap, a mile and a half, and was sixth of nine. He had never been well in England, and that fall he died. Priores made her third race at Okeston, in the Shorts Handicap, seven furlongs. She had 95 lbs. up and was last of seven. Her next race was for the Cesarewitch Handicap, two miles, two furlongs, and twenty-eight yards. The mare was nicely weighted with 93 lbs. Thirty-four started, and she ran a dead heat with the three-year-old colt, El Hakim, by The Cure, who carried the same weight as Priores. A lad named Tankesley rode her, and Little rode El Hakim. A third dead-heat was Queen Bess, a three-year-old, with 60 lbs., ridden by Grimshaw. In running off the dead heat Fordham rode Priores and Bray was on El Hakim. The former won by a length and a half, and the latter beat Queen Bess by a head. This was a great triumph for Brown the trainer, and it must have afforded solid satisfaction to the owner. The last race that year for Priores was the Cambridgehire Handicap. She carried 93 lbs., and was not placed. Odd Trick, a three-year-old, won with 102 lbs.—N. Y. Sportsman.

AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

MR. SANFORD TO DISPOSE OF HIS PRESENT STABLE AND TRAIN A FEW TWO-YEAR-OLDS NEXT YEAR.
From the English sporting press it would seem

the Newmarket July meeting, the First Welter Handicap over the Ditch Mile (this was a very creditable performance) and the Ancaster Welter at the Houghton meeting—another very meritorious win. Her second in the Cesarewitch and third in the Jockey Club Cup are too recent occurrences to need special comment. The biggest bid Mr. Sanford has made for a really great race was with Brown Prince in the 2,000 Guineas, the colt having previously won a 100 sovereigns plate over the Rowley Mile, and impressed people favorably by his style. In the 2,000 Guineas he finished second to Chamant, running a very game race and beating Silvio out of a place. Flunderstone, Strachino, Monk and others being behind. He was in consequence much faulted for the Derby in a field undoubtedly weak, but Silvio completely turned the tables on him, and evinced such form as to quite disprove the correctness of the Rowley Mile running; in fact, Brown Prince failed to get in the first three, while his form in the St. Leger was equally moderate. He may consequently be esteemed a lucky horse in getting second for the 2,000 Guineas. Taken altogether, therefore, the experiment of Mr. Sanford cannot be deemed encouraging for other American sportsmen, although as excuse it must be admitted that in the mishaps of training, and the ill to which horseflesh is heir, the transatlantic team has experienced considerable drawbacks and Littlefield has had a host of trouble in his task of trainer. It was the opinion of Mr. Ten Broeck's trainer, Pryor, that the best American thoroughbreds were fully fourteen pounds behind the best English, and it would seem as though the same standard now held good, judged at least through Mr. Sanford's horses. Their trotters, who have been imported by scores into this country, keep up their supremacy for that especial mode of progression, but the same rule does not hold good with their racers. Fortunately Mr. Sanford is a wealthy man, and the matter has simply been an interesting experiment to him, while with better luck and better horses the next who ventures across the "big herring pond" with a representative team of racers may succeed in more marked degree than have the bearers of the dark blue banner with which Preakness opened the battle and Start concluded it. Meanwhile Start will remain as a legacy for the Duke of Hamilton to breed from.

Another authority says that the Duke of Hamilton paid 1,000 guineas for Start and that Mr. Sanford will not entirely retire from the English turf, but that the yearlings sent over last July will be trained for him by Mr. W. Arnall, the well-known Newmarket trainer. This seems to be a correct statement, as in the last Calendar Mr. Sanford makes nominations both for the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas to be run in 1880, while he has several nominations in the Middle Park Plate in 1879. Among other nominations for the Guineas for 1880 are several by Mr. Pierre Lorillard, who names Geraldine, Cherokee, Nereid and Pappo for the 2,000 Guineas, and Geraldine, Nereid and Pappo for the 1,000 Guineas. Mr. Addison Cauk, of New York, also names his colt Neuchatel, by imported Strachino, dam Eclipse, for the Middle Park Plate and 2,000 Guineas.

Fur, Fin and Feather.

PIGEON SHOOTING AT HAMILTON.

During the past few weeks the sporting fraternity of Hamilton have been on the qui vive for the pigeon shooting match that took place at Ashbaugh's on the Dundas Road, last week. Although there was a stiff breeze blowing from the southwest the attendance of sportsmen was large and may be considered as one of the events of the season. Mr. Wm. Stroud conducted the sports of the day to the entire satisfaction of all who participated. This pigeon match was so successfully carried out that we shortly expect to hear of another—indeed, we are informed that another is now on the tapis. The following is the score:

FIRST SQUAD.	
W Stroud, Hamilton.....	0111101110-7
R Buttram, ".....	111001010-6
Geo Rogers, St Catharines....	11010110-7
W Mallett, Dundas.....	1010110-5
Proctor, ".....	11010111-7
W S Fletcher, St Catharines....	101111100-6
SECOND SQUAD.	
Harwood, Woodstock.....	1111111100-8
W North, Hamilton.....	1011011110-7
Grant, Woodstock.....	1011110011-7
G Featherstone, Paris.....	0110000110-4
P D Bates, Hamilton.....	1010111111-8
W Buttram, ".....	1000000000-1
J Buttram, ".....	1110100111-7
A Chidley, ".....	1111011101-8
THIRD SQUAD.	
F Morrison, Hamilton.....	0111111110-8
C Cook, ".....	1010011111-7
A Sawden, ".....	0111010111-7
H Addison, ".....	0100001000-2
J Johnson, ".....	1110111111-9
G Chatterbuck, ".....	0000000000-0
J Johnson, Burlington.....	0101000000-2
Burns, ".....	1000000000-1
Dr Richards, ".....	1111000101-6

SHOOTING OFF TIES FOR SECOND PRIZE.
Bates, Hamilton..... 101110100-5
Harwood, Woodstock..... 100110011-4
Chidley, "..... 011100010-4
Morrison, "..... 110010010-4

At the close the lucky competitors were awarded the prizes as follows: J Johnson, Hamilton, \$45; F Bates, 2nd, \$25; 3rd, Mr Harwood, \$15; the 4th and 5th prizes were divided between Messrs Morrison and Chidley, each taking \$7.50 each.

POPPING AT ST. CATHERINES.

A shot took place at St. Catharines on Monday last between the following teams:—
Geo Rogers..100101-3 O Hunter..111111-6
B Carlisle..101200-2 W Wilson..111101-5
R Nichols..111101-5 C Ayers..111101-5

Base Ball.

THE LIVE OAKS OF HAMILTON.

The base ball season of 1878 being over, we annex a record of the doings of this Junior Club. Below is given a complete list of all games played by the Live Oaks Junior Base Ball Club during the season. They played the total number of ten games, of which they won five and lost five. They applied the halcyon to their opponents twice, but in the five games they lost their opponents scored 82 to 77. The following are the scores of the club, together with those of their opponents:

Date	Opponent	Score
April 19	Live Oaks vs Stars of the West, of Hamilton, at Hamilton..	14 13
May 18	Live Oaks vs Actives, of Hamilton, at Hamilton.....	8 0
" 24	Live Oaks vs Athletics of Guelph at Guelph.....	1 4
July 1	Live Oaks vs Stars, of Galt, at Galt.....	11 25
" 6	Live Oaks vs Actives, of Hamilton, at Hamilton.....	9 16
" 22	Live Oaks vs Stars, of Galt, at Hamilton.....	2 11
Aug 16	Live Oaks vs Actives, of Hamilton, at Hamilton.....	9 0
" 16	Live Oaks vs Hot Islanders, of Hamilton, at Hamilton.....	11 1
" 24	Live Oaks vs Brown stockings, of Hamilton, at Hamilton.....	7 3
Sept 11	Live Oaks vs Stars of Galt, at Galt.....	6 0
		77 82

* Claimed by the Live Oaks for the Actives leaving the diamond in the first inning because the Oaks scored 11 runs.

Curling.

CONVOCATION.—At the regular monthly meeting of the Waverley Curling Club, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the coming year.—Patron, J. K. Cameron, Esq.; Chaplain, Rev S S News, D D, President, P McCallum, Jr, Vice President, W Hargratt, M P P; Secretary-Treasurer, E A MacNachtan; Committee of Management, Jas Wood, Dr Dunnet, John Greenwood and W Saunders.

BANNER.—The following are the next term officers of this Club elected at the annual meeting:—Patron, John McLenn, President, J McL Stevenson; Vice-President, G W Lount; Representative Members, Dr McConkey and David Walker; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr McConkey; Chaplain, Rev J Leiper; Council of Management, Messrs Shortreed, Cotter, Ross and Brown; Honorary Members, E S Lally, Wm Lount, Q C, D'Alton McCarthy, Q C, M P; H R A Boys, Robt Simpson. The skip for the year is