

[From the Spirit of the Times].

Another error in training, and it frequently results most disastrously to the horse, is repeating and when tired in a trial run, or in a race. A tired horse should be allowed to be run off. A tired condition is easily observed by an experienced trainer. It manifests itself in a hollow loin, raised tail, and excessive contraction of the flanks at every inhalation, which symptoms indicate an engorgement of the blood vessels of the lungs, and hence presses against the air cells. In this condition it is with difficulty that the horse can inhale sufficient air to prevent smothering. To repeat a horse in this condition is very dangerous, unless a longer time is allowed for cooling off than is permitted by the rules in repeat races. I assure you such a horse will not be in a condition to run another race that day; for the brain, lungs, heart, blood vessels, and all the cellular tissues have become engorged. It takes a long time for them to return to their normal state, and if they do so, it leaves the nervous system more or less prostrated. It will require several days' good nursing with grass, salt, and water, turning him around to his former self. Had he been repeated in the condition described above, the chances are that he would have been dead for some time, and, perhaps, have been buried. I have seen so many horses injured by hard-contested heat races, some of them being so badly injured that, I think, the Legislature for a charter, but it with the limitation that no heat race shall be run under the charter. This will prevent the running off of dead heats. From one to four miles are enough for a horse under the weights now carried in the country. His speed, bottom, and courage can be tested in such races without repeating them, and his improvement will be assured thereby.

I will mention, at the hazard of repeating myself, a few heat races at one, two, three, and four miles, most conspicuous in disastrous effects upon the horses engaged. First there was the sixteen-mile race, won by Billy Towns, near the Oakland course, near Louisville, Ky. Five or six horses started in the race at heats of four miles. Sambo won the first heat, and died before the race was over. Billy Towns won the second heat, and Darulay the third heat, and died before sundown. Billy Towns won the fourth heat and the race. It was a very close, hot September day. The race was a hard one on every horse engaged, but death should not have necessarily resulted from the great fatigue, if a rational treatment had obtained after each heat. In those days they clothed horses in wearing very heavily. Each horse in this race had to carry two or more blankets with a heavy head while cooling out after each heat. The air was so close that a man could scarcely breathe.

The unreasonable treatment, of course, hastened their death. The blankets caused them to overheat by keeping the body too hot. Billy Towns, the winner of the race, cramped so badly that the grooms had to follow him on every side to keep him from falling between every heat. It seemed strange to me, even at that time, that the trainer did not observe that every time he pulled the blankets off previous to saddling up, he would cease to cramp, and, while waiting up to the starting post, would seem to be considerably recovered. Yet the moment the heat was over, and the saddle removed, the blankets would be thrown on again, and the same results would follow; in a few minutes, by the time they got down to the stable, he would be cramping again, and so on between every heat throughout the race.

If they had kept the clothing entirely off the horse, bathed his head with cold water, given him a few swallows of water to drink every few minutes, walked him slowly in the shade, the grooms taking a good firm hold by his head to steady him, turning him around as little as possible, and allowing the perspiration to remain upon his hair, to which the atmosphere would impart its coolness, thereby converting it into a cooling lotion for the skin, it would have been much safer and more pleasant to the horse. If you attempt to scrape and rub a horse in this condition, it excites him and causes him to exert himself too much, which of itself retards his cooling process. It is a great error in trainers who think that they must scrape perspiration off a horse in a hard heat race, for it is impossible for the horse, while the body is hot, to absorb. The water particles pass off by evaporation, and, if subjected to remain until it does evaporate, it,

after winning the first heat. She was bleeted as usual, and soon cramped and fell; she was helped up, and started for a second heat, but she did not win. It was a long race, and a hot day. Had she not been started for the second heat, she might have lived. Had it been a dash, she would have won the race and lived, too.

Another sixteen-mile race, run at New Orleans, and won by Charmer, resulted in injuring one horse, and killing another. Rigadon won the first heat, broke down, and was rendered wholly worthless, as he was a gelding. Florino cramped, and died by the time the race was over. It would have been a twenty-mile race had it not been that Louis d'Or, a three-year-old, was withdrawn after the fourth heat. That ended the race, as Charmer was not required to gallop for the fifth heat.

Another race of four heats, run over the old Louisiana Track, four miles, between Gray Medoo, Alford and Denizen. Gray Medoo won the race, and broke down in the effort. Alford broke down a few weeks afterwards, and Denizen did not afterwards appear upon the turf. The great race was *Red the best daughter of Glencoe*, was broken down in a four-mile race.

One of the most remarkable races within my memory was that which the game and fleet horse Henry Perritt died in, after winning it in four heats. It was run over the Nashville (Walnut) course, Sept. 19, 1855. There were three horses in the race, Henry Perritt, Whirlwind, and Iodine. It was a rainy day, and the track was very slick. Perritt won the first heat, and Whirlwind the second. In the third heat, Whirlwind was in the front and fell. Perritt was so close on him that he fell over him. Iodine passed them both, but Perritt's rider, not being badly injured, got on him and pursued Iodine, who was nearly a half mile ahead. She won the heat, distancing Whirlwind, who was badly injured by the fall. Perritt saved his distance on starting for the fourth heat, Iodine went off, but Perritt refused to go, and ran through a gate into an outside enclosure, fell, and threw his rider. He remounted, and got his horse on the track, and started in pursuit of the mare, who was now a quarter of a mile or more ahead. She ran steadily ahead. She ran steadily along until she came around to the stand and there she leaped the railing, threw her rider, and injured her leg. The rider remounted her, and got her back on the track, but by this time Perritt came up and away they went together, and after a hard struggle, Perritt won the fourth heat and race. Poor fellow it was his last. He was exhausted by this extraordinary effort, and, unfortunately, while still hot, and in a high state of perspiration, on the way to his stable, it rained upon him, and he became chilled and died that night.

I could name hundreds of good horses who have broken down, within my knowledge of the turf. Nearly all the horses taken to California, in the last four or five years, have broken down from running hard heat races. Joe Daniels, True Blue, Hubbard, Katie Pease, Eutherford, Wild Idle, Springbok, Hook Hocking, and others that I cannot now call to mind. Four-mile and repeat races, and mile heats, three in five, are favorite races with spectators; having no pecuniary interest in the horses, it is fun for them, but death to the horses. One of these favorite races has killed as many horses as the epizootic. I allude to the mile heats, best three in five, especially before the American Jockey Club humbly reduced it to three, instead of five heats, which rule has at length obtained upon all race tracks in the North. I have seen six and seven heats, and sometimes eight, run in those races, and on one occasion, at St. Louis, there was a nine heat race. The judges made two or three dead heats. Red Eagle, a three-year-old, won the race at nine heats, but never appeared upon the turf afterwards.

DETROIT HORSE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the members of the above Association, held lately, the following officers were elected.—President, J. M. French, Vice-President, E. Ferguson, Secretary and Treasurer, Chas. Dupont, and Messrs. Dupont, E. H. Gillman, and John De Mass were appointed a Committee. Their meeting will commence on July 8rd, and last four days, when \$8,000 will be given in purses for classes ranging from 2.17 to 2.50. The Detroit meetings this year will probably be favored with large delegations of Canadians, on account of the "pool" crusade in this country and New York State.

Atlantic, of London; the Hesperus, of Marham; the Athletes, of Eborac; and the Toronto, of Toronto; various other clubs in the Association being represented by proxy.

The treasurer, Mr. Mountain, brought in his report, from which it appears that the funds of the Association are in a healthy state.

The report of the Judiciary Committee of 1876, awarding the championship emblem to the Tecumshs, of London, was adopted.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the various officers for the ensuing season, when the following were elected by acclamation:—

President, Mr. Geo. Sleeman (Maple Leaf), prof. Gu (ph); Vice-President, Mr. H. C. Smyth (London); Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. W. F. Mountain (Toronto). The President then, as usual, selected the Judiciary Committee, which is constituted as follows: Messrs. McGill (Iroquois, Markham), McEwen (Toronto), Smart, (Atlantic, Loran), Moorhead (Atlantic, London), Nichols (Maple Leaf, amateur, Gu (ph)).

The constitution was read over and retained unaltered.

The playing rules of the International Association of Base Ball Clubs, as adopted at the Pittsburg Convention, were adopted as the playing rules of the Canadian Association.

It was decided to have two distinct championships—one for the professional clubs and one for the amateur clubs of the Association, to be decided under two distinct codes of rules. The code was left unaltered, as played last year, for the professional championship; while the principal changes effected in that code to adapt it for the amateur championship code were that the number of games in the series were reduced to three; that the visiting club is entitled to 50 per cent of the gross receipts, that the entrance fee for the amateur championship is reduced to \$5, and that lady visitors are admitted free.

Mr. P. Collins, of the SPORTING TIMES, was authorized to publish the Canadian Association base ball guide for 1877. The guide, when completed, will contain the amateur code, and other matters of interest to Canadian players, to be found in no other yet published.

GUELPH.

THE PROFESSIONALS.—The following are the correct position of the players in the Guelph Maple Leaf Base Ball Club: Sullivan, p; Hastings, c; Lapham, 1st b; Gillespie, 2nd b; Quinton, s and ch c; Dixon, 3rd b; Welsh, r f and ch c and s; T. Smith, l f; W. Smith, c f and ch p; Hower, ch c t and 2nd b.

THE AMATEURS.—The following were unanimously elected officers for the current year.—President, Mr. J. T. Nichols; Vice-President, Mr. Chas. Maddeck; Secretary, Mr. Jas. Hower, jr.; Treasurer, Mr. A. P. Crooks; Field Directors, Messrs. J. W. Colson, John Henderson, R. Emery; Scorer, Mr. J. Henderson.

Cricket.

BUFFALO, N.Y.—A meeting was held at the Tiff House last week, at which the election of officers took place, with the following result:—President, H. Matthews, re-elected; Vice-President, O. H. Park; Treasurer, S. S. McCrea, re-elected; Secretary, Dr. J. L. Cronyn; Managers—E. E. Dudley, Dr. M. W. Loughly, N. Totten.

GUELPH.—There was a large attendance at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday, 8rd inst., at the meeting for the election of officers. Mr. Hanley having taken the chair, and Mr. Grest being appointed Secretary, the following were elected: President, Col. Hall; 1st Vice-President, G. H. McIntyre; 2nd Vice-President, George Murton, jr.; Sec. Treasurer, T. Y. Grest; Committee, R. J. Hewat, C. A. Connolly, F. I. Hankey, E. East and W. Ford, the officers being ex-officio members.

AT OTTAWA.—The return match between a team of the Curling Club and a team of the Cabot Club, took place last week in the St. Andrew's rooms. The former were again beaten, the score standing:—Cabotmans, wins, 52; Curlers, wins, 23; draws, 13. The stake was a bag of meal for the Orphan's Home. Ald. Henderson acted as referee.

FROM LOCKPORT.

LOCKPORT, April 9, 77.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

Horse items and money go together in this vicinity, where you find one you generally find both, consequently, money being scarce horse items date. Please accept for a substitute a bulky item. Mr. Geo. F. Green, residing about two miles east of this city has added to his stock of cattle the thoroughbred roan red calf Hartford Boy, by Knave, dam Dotba, calv'd Jan. 14, 1876, bred by Mr. Chas. M. Beach, of Hartford, Conn., one of the most noted and enterprising breeders of Jersey cattle in this country.

The Aert Gymnastic Association decided to disband. Their apparatus, &c., were sold at public auction, and brought about \$75. The association was not in debt, and this movement is one that will be generally regretted in time to come.

The party given by the Niagara Light Guards, was the social event of the season, and a grand success, the fondest hopes of the most sanguine were fully realized.

Amusements are at par. Furbish's Fifth Avenue combination in Forbidden Fruit to good house, March 31st. The Mallard Club of this city concertized to a large and delighted audience on the 3rd inst. John T. Raymond and company on the 6th to poor house. Washburn's Last Sensation is billed for this evening, and present appearances indicate a full house. A first-class orchestra would be fully appreciated by Lockport audiences, having been satisfied for some time by one of the most violent discords imaginable, they have at last opened their "peepers" and discovered, that true and astonishing fact, that they want an orchestra.

Yours truly,
ELL.

FROM HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N.S., March 31, '77.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR—The Halifax Rowing Association which I lately referred to evidently intend business. They intimate that if Wallace Ross, of St. John, is willing to row that they will find a man to accommodate him. Their choice would be either Warren Smith (of the Centennial crew, and brother of Obed Smith who was drowned some time ago), or Jeremiah Toohig, who was training some time ago but has been lost sight of lately.

The following are the officers of the Halifax Rowing Association:—President, C. J. McDonald; Vice-President, Geo. H. Davis; Treasurer, W. E. Weir; Secretary, J. R. Townsend; Committee, M. Power, Thos. Spelman, Wm. Ross, Alex. McDonald, John Rowe.

The base ball and cricket clubs are being re-organized. The Atlantas and Resolutas had a match on Good Friday; the former were victorious by 9.

Manager Nannery has withdrawn his stock company from here and will open in St. John on Monday. He will probably return with a new company in three or four weeks.

Yours truly,
BLUE NOSE.

A gun club having for its object the protection of game by procuring the enforcement of the law for the close season and for establishing a pack of fox hounds, has been organized in Winnipeg.

Mr. Thomas Richardson, of Putnamville, has sold his colt by Capt. Tom to Mr. James Karns, hotel keeper, of Beavertown. Mr. Karns was already the owner of a colt of the same blood, and he is now the lucky possessor of one of the best matched teams in Western Ontario. The combination I believe was \$200. Mr. James Chambers, of this vicinity, owns at present one of the finest draught teams it has ever been my lot to see. They are Cypriotes, by imp. Champion, dam by imp. Punch. They stand 17 hands, and weigh 1,600 each. They took the first prize at the Western Fair, London, 1876.

Some of Capt. Tom's friends in this town think it was rather unnecessary to bar Capt. Tom's colt in the Station Race, as Tom's not afraid of him a little bit, and they are ready to back their opinion too.

I am sorry to have to record the death of Mr. James Battelby, G. W. R. Station Master, and for years President of the Logansville Cricket Club. He was the leading spirit in all athletic sports in this town, and we shall miss him very much. His death was very sudden. He had been attending the performance of Miss Madsen at the Town Hall when he took a fit of coughing, which caused a choking in the throat, and he expired in a few moments.

Yours very truly,
TOM WEIGHT.

A TROTTING COLT.

Mr. John B. Wilson, of Oshawa, has lately purchased from Dr. L. Harr, of Forest Park, Lexington, Ky., a very fine three-year-old colt by Mambrino Patchen, dam Wait-a-bit, grand dam by imported Glencoe. The consideration reported is \$500, and Mr. W. thinks he has quite a bargain. The colt stands about 15-3, and has fine style and action. He should prove quite an addition to our stock of trotting sires. Mambrino Patchen, his sire, is the sire of two very speedy mares Mambrino Kate, that trotted through the Septilateral last season, and got a record of 2:24; and Mambrino Boy, with a record of 2:26. From this it will be seen the emigrant comes from a speedy family, and it is to be hoped that Mr. W. will realize the fulness of his hopes in the young horse, and that the reward of his enterprise will be amply sufficient to repay him for his investment.

To Correspondents.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

TOE-WEIGHT.—Do not know the height of St. Patrick.

M., Truro—The pictures are not sold under any circumstances.

J. N., Glenallen—2.17 is Dexter's best record.

T., Halifax—Cards should be returned. You were sent renewal two weeks ago.

SPZAR, Guelph—1. Charles Douglas, a very horse, owned by Mr. C. Flanagan, Toronto, by old Royal George, dam by American Star (a horse imported to the neighborhood of Hamilton, Ont., by Mr. Ranyon of Philadelphia), 2nd dam by volcano, best record 2.87, at Woodbine, Toronto, Sept. 16, 1876. position in Sporting Times Stallion Race. 4, 8, 8, 8, 8. 2. King Tom by Lexington, dam Tokay, by imp. Yorkshure, died at Hamilton, Ont., July 1, 1876. 3. Matt Cameron is by Elghland Boy, by Hamlet, by Volunteer, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, dam by Toronto Chief, 2nd dam, the Woodenough mare, by St. Lawrence. 4. St. Patrick is by Clear Girl.