

then, while yet a boy, he entered the wholesale and retail grocery store of Adams & Co., in Montreal as clerk, remaining here about five years. The elder brother Joseph having meantime proven himself proficient as a billiard expert, had acquired the proprietorship of St. Lawrence Hall billiard room, a very large and elegant establishment. In 1862, needing the services of a trusty person to assist in the conduct of such an extensive concern, he called for Cyrille, who had become a strong local billiard player, and together they conducted the business. About two years after, in the winter of 1865, being together in St. Lawrence Hall, they retired the room and opened Nordheimer's Hall in Montreal. They were burned out by fire in January, 1867, but immediately refitted and were again at business the following June.

In 1870, in consequence of the immense tax, \$1,800 gold upon sixteen billiard tables, they closed up Nordheimer's Hall and went to New York, where they have since remained. At first they gave exhibitions of their skill around about, and finally Cyrille, in December, 1871, bought from Captain Boyle the billiard room at 243 Broadway. He remained there for about eighteen months, then on October 29, 1873, he opened the large room 1,239 Broadway, formerly Thomas Exchange. Joseph was not a partner here, but superintendent, and they closed out this room December 12, 1874. In the spring of 1875 both Joseph and Cyrille went to Europe, visiting London and Paris, remaining away about two months, and upon returning home they opened the present place of business at 605 Sixth avenue. Cyrille Dion has played exhibitions and matches in Canada, California, New Orleans, England, France, New York, and all over the United States. He has undoubtedly played more matches than any other player, and his prowess and stubbornness are well known, not only to the professionals who have been his antagonists, but to the public at large. His first match was played with Crown, at Belleville in 1864, whom he easily defeated. His first tourney was that which was played in Montreal, commencing July 12, 1865, Cyrille winning first prize, not losing a game. His first match in the States was played with Wilmart, of Boston, in the latter city on Oct. 18, 1865, which was won by Cyrille. His last three-ball game was played with William Sexton in New Orleans on Feb. 5, 1874, Sexton giving odds of 200 in 1,000 points for a grand stake of \$4,000. Sexton won by a score of 1,000 to 765, including odds. His last three-ball tourney was played in New Orleans, commencing Jan. 10, 1878, when he came out last man. His last public match appearance was with Wahlstrom, "the Swede," in the fifteen-ball pool match, for the championship, played August 7, 1878, the medal emblematic of which Cyrille held. The latter was defeated, Wahlstrom winning 21 games to Dion's 14. Cyrille's last appearance was at the fall opening of the reception of the rooms of which he was joint proprietor at 605 Sixth avenue, which event occurred on the evening of Tuesday, Sept. 24, and his opponent was Dudley Kavanagh, the latter meeting with defeat.—*Sportsman*.

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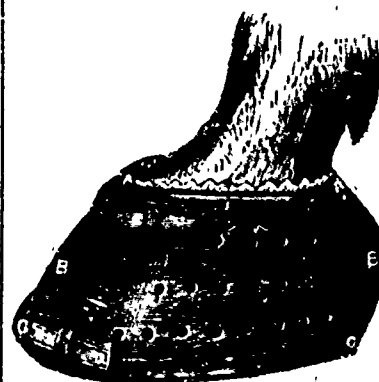
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