

SPORTS

Gossip and Comment

The Spectator was "in error" last night when it stated that F. C. Mills accompanied the sheriff's officer to Britannia Park on Saturday afternoon to "attack the gate receipts."

Johnny Hayes was beaten in Minneapolis, leaving only one or two places in which he has not been defeated.

Buffalo Times: England took the "American victories" in the international horse show with unwonted good nature, the reason being that the American exhibitors have lived so long abroad that they don't take their hands out of their pockets even when the band plays "Dixie."

Many Canadian horsemen will take in the Lake Erie circuit this year, among the prominent reinmen being Jack Romboough, of Hamilton. He has a good racing stable. Anna V. Brino, 2,144, looks good, and so does the pacing gelding Ideal, 2,184, by Arabuskan, 2,008, dam Canadian Girl, by Superior, sire of Wentworth, 2,044.

Willus Britt, says an exchange, tells a hot one on Young Peter Jackson, the "baby" of Baltimore, who used to fight around Seattle. Willus was up in Alaska years ago during the rush for gold, and at Nome met Peter, who was almost dead from cold.

"He wanted to go up the Yukon to the gold district," said Willus, "but was afraid that he'd freeze to death, as hundreds of others had done that year. He finally decided to go up with us, and three days after we arrived was taken sick and started to die."

"Well, after three days in bed Peter withered up like a dried apricot. The doctor pronounced him dead, and we took his body over to a big oven in a factory near by to cremate it. Some of the miners packed him in the oven and then started a fierce fire underneath. It was so hot that none of us could stand it for a minute, and we sat outside for three hours and then decided that Pete must be there in the form of ashes."

"One of the boys went inside with a long pole, and shielding his face from the heat, opened the door of the oven to see what was left. As soon as he opened it, Peter's husky voice yelled out: 'Say, Doc, shut that doah! You want me ter catch cold!'"

According to reports Ethel Mae, the Canadian mare in the M. and M. stake at Detroit, is going nicely, and has more than an outside chance to get in on the money in this great classic. Astara, the Tillsonburg pacer, is also stepping fast, and will hustle them all to beat him in the C. of C. stake. It looks like a good year for the Canucks down the line.

There have been many anecdotes of remarkable feats in baseball, but probably the most spectacular is told by Hugh S. Fullerton in the June American Magazine, in the course of an article full of such stories: "That Baltimore crowd, a team of inferior players winning by dash, nerve and courage, gave many exhibitions of individual daring, but one of the greatest was the feat of Wee Willie Keeler on the home grounds. Right field on the Baltimore grounds of those days was the terror of visiting players. It was down hill, rough and weedy, and back of it was a high board fence, peculiarly constructed for advertising purposes. Inside the fence sloped at an angle of about 65 degrees, being straight on the outer side. Boston was playing there late in the season in which the two teams had their frantic struggle for the pennant, and late in the game, with runners on bases, Stahl drew a long fly to right and seemed likely to win the game for Boston. Keeler, one of the fleetest men in the business, seeing the ball was going over the fence on the outer side, he leaped upon the slope of the fence and started to run along it, going higher and higher, and just as the ball was going over the fence caught it. His momentum carried him high along the incline, and before the big crowd realized that he caught the ball, he was running along the fence, and then holding the ball aloft he plunged over and went outside the grounds. Probably never a baseball player in the world received such a rousing ovation as he did when he climbed over the fence and tossed the ball to the infield."

Score Cards Given Away

Captains and managers of local amateur baseball teams will be supplied with free score cards by applying at the business office of THE TIMES.

ONE PROBABILITY. "What will happen," demanded the suffragette, "when a woman sits in the Presidential chair?" "I s'pose we'll find chewing gum stuck under it," answered the mere man.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

HER ARITHMETIC. "But why, my love, are you burning gas so recklessly?" "Because, John, dear," said Mrs. Newlywed, "for every dollar's worth I burn you'll get 70 cents."—Harper's Bazar.

TOM LONGBOAT WON IT

Made Fast Time in Match Race.

Nebrich Had No Show With Indian.

Toronto Beat Newark Yesterday, 2-1.

Buffalo, N. Y., June 22.—Tom Longboat, the Onondaga, easily won a ten-mile match race from Frank Nebrich, the local runner, at the Midsummer Exposition Grounds last night before a crowd of 5,000 people, doing the distance over a wretched track in the good time of 53:11.4-5.

The Indian bore out the good stories that had been sent out regarding his condition, and appeared in fine shape. The local boy, who has twice before engaged the Indian in races at shorter distances, had prepared especially for this encounter, and besides had the advantage of trackside coaching from Alfred Strubb, but it was of no use. He thought by his early speed to kill off the redskin, but Longboat lunged to the pace Nebrich set, including the local man with all the credit he might gain by being pacesetter, but was never far enough away from the leader to make his backers feel the slightest uneasiness.

Longboat tried Nebrich out in the first mile by a series of sprints, and the men went the distance in 43:3-5. Then Tom fell in behind his fair-skinned opponent and followed any pace he set. In the seventh mile he took the lead, seemingly just to show he could step up in front whenever he desired, and dropped back again. Nebrich fell in the tenth mile, and Nebrich passed him, but Frank was unhurt, and bore half a lap had regained his loss. At the crack of the gun announcing the beginning of the tenth mile Longboat sprinted past the tape in the lead, and from then on set a corking pace, which Nebrich was unable to hold. He increased his lead steadily, and won by half a lap. Nebrich's time was 33:24.2-5. The time for five miles was 26:13.2-5. The track was a cinder affair, eight laps to the mile, and was in poor shape, being soft and very unsteady. Nebrich broke onto the track before the race began, filled the infield, crowded close to the lines and embarrassed the runners greatly. Longboat finished without any pronounced signs of distress.

MARSH IN THE COURTS. Winnipeg, June 22.—John D. Marsh, the western Marathoner, is in trouble with the courts, following a split with his manager, Bell, who had a contract with him running until next December. Bell has got an injunction to prevent Marsh from running anywhere in Canada or elsewhere, under any direction than his (Bell's).

ACOOSE, SELLEN AND MEADOWS. Winnipeg, June 22.—Still another Marathon is in prospect for Winnipeg. Percy Sellen, of Toronto, Fred Meadows, of Guelph, and Paul Acoose, the Grenfell Indian, having been matched for a fifteen-mile encounter for Friday evening next. The lanky redskin is being backed to show his heels here to both of them.

WOOD BEATS HOLMER. Halifax, N. S., June 22.—Before a crowd numbering 1,000 people Abba Wood, the plucky little Montreal runner, defeated Hans Holmer, formerly of Halifax, in a grueling contest at the Arena Rink this evening.

Lieut. Governor Fraser fired the pistol at 9 o'clock, which started the men on their long journey of 15 miles. Wood immediately forged to the front and set a heart-breaking pace, finishing the first mile in the phenomenal time of 4:57. He continued to slowly increase his lead and at the end of the fourth mile lapped his opponent. From then on he dodged along behind Holmer until the last lap, when with a magnificent spurt he jumped into the lead and beat his opponent out by a little over two laps in the fast time of 1:26:39. The track was a little over 10 laps to the mile, being 155 laps. The winner took 60 per cent. of the receipts.

TORONTOS WON.

Leafs Defeated the Newark's by 2 to 1.

At Newark—Why Jack Dunn allowed one Pfeffer to flit from the Oriole nest is a mystery to Newark baseball followers. The big German pitched the best game of baseball seen here on the part of an opposing twirler this season, and as a result the Tigers' long string of consecutive victories was broken, score 2 runs to 1. Of course there were nicely bunched hits back of him to tally those runs, but he made two of them himself, drove in one of the runs, and struck out three batters when a hit meant a run. One of these strike outs came in the sixth inning, when one run was across the plate, the bases were full and two men were out. Score, R.H.E. Newark 1 5 2 Toronto 2 6 0 Batteries—Pfeffer, Perkins and Lapp; Pfeffer and Mitchell.

At Baltimore—Baltimore 4, 10, 1; Montreal 1, 6, 0. Second—Baltimore 2, 4, 5; Montreal 1, 8, 1. At Providence—Providence 1, 4, 3; Buffalo 4, 5, 0. At Jersey City—Jersey City 4, 11, 2; Rochester 1, 6, 2. AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES. Detroit 2, St. Louis 0. Washington 6, 2, New York 4, 3.

RACES AT BRITANNIA RINK.

Jack Fitch, of Chicago, Jesse Carey, champion Marathon roller skater of the world, and Camille De Vaudrey, of France, the world's renowned roller skaters, opened a week's engagement at the Britannia Park last evening, when they interested a large crowd with their clever work on wheels. Jack Fitch did some remarkable and difficult tricks, ending his act, two-stepping, waiting, and clog-dancing. After a short intermission, open race was the feature of the evening. There were only four started, but it was close and exciting, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Louis Christie, the local speed-merchant, was a competitor, and showed fine form, leading till the eighth lap. Jesse Carey forged ahead on ninth lap, and won handsily by a good margin. The time was 2:53. There will be an extensive programme this evening, including a farce comedy, and Willie McMichael, Canadian champion, who will try conclusions with one of the faster men. Lomas' band supplied the music.

THISTLES WON FROM VICTORIAS.

Five finks of Hamilton Victorias were beaten by 33 shots by the Thistles on the Thistle lawn yesterday afternoon. The scores: Thistles, W. F. Campbell, J. P. McBride, Alex. Currie, R. Junor, Skip 26 Wm. Lees, J. W. Shaver, W. Mulvaney, Dr. Dickson, Skip 13 E. G. Payne, J. M. Burns, W. Wilson, Dr. McConochie, Skip 31 H. S. Case, M. E. Smith, G. F. Crawford, C. Burkholder, J. P. Bell, W. F. Miller, G. D. Burns, J. Harrison, Skip 24 Jas. Scott, Gen. D. Petrie, C. W. Cartwright, Dr. Morrison, G. Stinson, D. M. Clark, J. Wilson, J. M. Chambers, W. A. Holton, J. M. Eastwood, R. S. Morris, W. Muir, J. V. Osborne, S. C. Morton, H. G. Gates, W. H. Kent, Skip 17

BEAMSVILLE MEET.

Beamsville, June 22.—(Special.)—Entries and applications for prize lists are coming in in large numbers for the big

field day to be held here on July 1st, and if these are any criterion, the meet should be a hummer. Some of the cups will be placed on exhibition in this city during the end of the week. The half-mile clay track is in the best of condition and with the very generous prize list should attract some of the good ones.

The events to be filled are: 100 yards dash, 220 yards, 440 yards, 5-mile and 1-mile race, running broad jump, pole vault, running hop, step and jump, and running high jump. The special races are for boys 17 and under, to include a 3-mile race, running broad jump, and 100 yards dash. The value of the silver cups alone aggregates \$80.

H. H. P. C. HELD 200 MILE RACE.

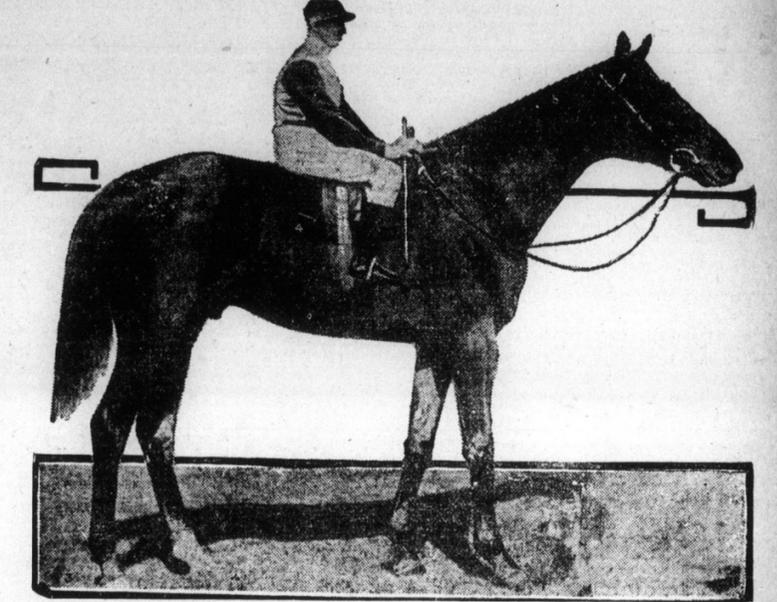
The Hamilton Homing Pigeon Club held its fifth race on Saturday from Oxford, Mich., a distance of 200 miles. The birds were liberated at 8 a. m., central standard time, and the first bird was heard from at 3:58 p. m. As the previous race was from Petrolia, the jump was 125 miles, and the time made was good. The velocity in yards per minute made by the first four birds was as follows: Yds. per m. 1—J. Davis 827 2—Robshaw 823 3—Robshaw 819 4—Somerville 677

The next race will be held from Howell, Mich., a distance of 250 miles, on next Saturday, June 26.

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If the fool could see himself as others see him, his life would be one continuous laugh.

SIR MARTIN, "THE HORSE THAT FELL."



SIR MARTIN, "SKEETS" MARTIN UP. Had Sir Martin, Louis Winan's Ogden-Lady Stirling American bred colt, not knocked off his pins pins in the English Derby, another story might have been written of the running of that classic this year. Winan bought Sir Martin from John Madden and his early performances made him a well played Derby choice. Had he won, the bookmakers on the other side would have lost a million dollars.

RACING STARTS AT H. J. C. TRACK TO-DAY.

The spring meeting of the Hamilton Jockey Club opens this afternoon at the picturesque course on Barton street east. The feature of the card of seven races is the Hamilton Derby and the event promises to be a lively betting event. In view of the heavy rain this morning, the mud larks will have an in-coming and the chances are that the talent's calculations will be upset.

Following are the London Free Press expert's comment on to-day's events: 1st—Well, they are off at Hamilton to-day. Red River for the opener. This one has not started for the new owner and should gallop here to-day. King Cobalt is the contender, he is fit and ready. Won a nice race in New York last week. Simcoe should beat Brady to-day at these weights. 2nd—Little Osage is the one I am taking to catch the judge's eye first. This one is extra good at this distance. Minot showed her hand, have a care, she is always coming. Grace Kimball can hold Brown Tony and Gold Front safe. 3rd—John Dillon for the suicide event.

Dr. Keith for the place is an excellent fencer. Gault should stall Marksman off the first start. Hamilton Derby—For the feature event on the card I am taking Topsy Glass. This is a three-year-old wonder. If she has shipped well I look for her to win regardless of company. McLaughlin entry has had plenty to do lately. Second is the best I can make them. Detective has been well prepared for this event, in fact, I believe he has been saved for it. It is worth a show bet any time. 5th—This is a pretty well-balanced race, and if Plaudmore can run back to that last race it will pretty nearly do here. Smoker is not fond of a load. Cloisteress is extra good just now, as is also Osorine. 6th—Dredger for the turf event. Oberon should be close up. King of the Mist will have to show something pretty soon. Prefers a route. 7th—This I find the hardest race on the card. Topsy Robinson is the one I like. Fulford is in rare form just now. Stroneland will stand for no mistakes. Harlan has saved for something. St. Elmwood has an outside chance.

Hamilton track records were changed frequently last year, nine new ones being made over the main course, while a complete set of records was established over the turf course for runners of the future to challenge. Three new ones were made at jumping, and the records of the track are as follows: 1-2 mile, Brown Tony, 2:11, June 11, 1908, 48. 4-1/2 furlongs, Paper Maker, 2:108, Aug. 6, 1901, 54. 3-8 mile, M. Montrose, 3:105, Oct. 6, 1908, 190. 1-1/2 mile, M. Montrose, 5:109, June 12, 1908, 106:3-5. Waponeca, 2:105, Sept. 30, 1908, 106:3-5. 3-4 mile, Ethon, 4:113, Oct. 1, 1908, 1:12:1-5. 6-1/2 furlongs, Magnetic, 3:102, Aug. 7, 1901, 1:29:1-2. Enclave, 4:105, Aug. 10, 1908, 1:20:1-4. 7-8 mile, Ethon, 4:117, Oct. 6, 1908, 1:25:1-8. 7-1/2 furlongs, All Saints, 3:101, Aug. 10, 1901, 1:33:3-8. 1-1/2 mile, Gridiron, 3:96, Oct. 7, 1908, 1:40. 1-1/4 mile, Cave Adsum, 4:118, June 15, 1908, 1:40:2-5. 1-1/8 miles, Cave Adsum, 4:113, June 10, 1908, 1:53:1-5. 1-1/4 miles, Gridiron, 3:96, Oct. 7, 1908, 2:05. 1-1/2 miles, Cave Adsum, 4:119, Oct. 2, 1908, 2:32:4-5.

SCRAPS OF SPORT

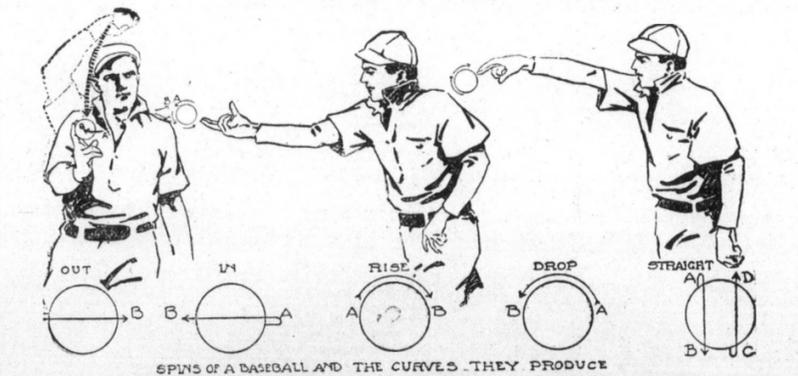
A big bicycle meet was held at the Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, on Saturday, July 24th. Ogden, Utah, June 22.—At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Edvard Parson Weston, the cross-country pedestrian, left Ogden traveling westward along the Southern Pacific right-of-way. He expected to reach the great Salt Lake at daylight, and hopes to reach Lucin, 40 miles westward, during the night. Weston is in good condition, having recovered from the effects of heat and the slight injury which he suffered in a fall. New York, June 22.—A six-round match has been arranged between Jack Johnson and Tony Ross, the Italian heavyweight, to take place in Pittsburgh on June 30th at the Duquesne.

In the Newspaper Soft Ball League at Victoria Park yesterday afternoon, the Herald won from the Times by a score of 11 to 5. Batteries: Wilkes and Graham for winners; Jamieson and Lithgow for losers.

Too Good to Be True. "Why, I declare!" exclaims the trusting wife. "I won't have to buy any new dresses or hats at all this spring!" "You won't!" asks the crafty husband. "Surely you will need something."

"Not a thing, I've been looking through this month's fashion magazine that you brought home for me, and I find that there isn't the slightest change in style from last spring. And the crafty husband, inwardly gloating over the success of his scheme to paste a this year's cover on a last year's magazine, leans back in his chair and smokes and smokes and smokes.—Judge.

Supple Wrist and Fast Spin Make Ball Take Strange Curves, Slants and Jumps



SPINS OF A BASEBALL AND THE CURVES THEY PRODUCE

What makes a baseball curve? The spin given it by the pitcher. How many curves can a ball be made to take? That question is open to discussion. Some say one, others declare four or five curves are possible. Why does the ball curve after being spun by the pitcher? It curves as the result of friction caused by revolving against the air. When a ball pitched by a right-handed man is delivered with a twist from right to left, one side constantly spins into the air, the other away from it. The side spinning against the air gets the greatest friction, and as moving bodies follow the line of least resistance, the ball edges away from the friction. In brief, the air pushes the ball in the direction of its spin, resulting in what is known as an "out curve."

Every time a ball is thrown it spins, but ordinarily the thrower does not spin it rapidly enough to cause it to curve perceptibly. Six spinning motions are possible. Two of them, the vertical spins to right and left, do not curve the ball. Instead they hold it to its course as

rifling in a gun barrel holds a bullet true. Of the others, the horizontal right to left produces the "out curve." The horizontal left to right produces the "in curve," which disappeared when pitchers were forced to deliver every ball with the same motion to prevent "telegraphing" to the batter their intention, only to reappear when Mathewson and Joss brought out their famous "fadeaway" ball. A vertical spin away from the pitcher develops a "drop ball" and a vertical spin toward the pitcher produces the "rise" ball.

But only a strong, supple wrist and powerful fingers can produce a curve. In the hands of good pitchers, with a wrist capable of "snapping" the ball the instant of delivery, the sphere can be made to do wonders. Pitchers declare they have but two deliveries—the fast ball and the curve—and they believe what they say, but watch a Mathewson, "Cy" Young, Brown, Joss, or a Walsh, and you will convince yourself that they have more in their repertoire than they confess. For instance the "fadeaway." Only Joss and Mathewson have it under perfect control. This ball, delivered over-

hand with the same motion they use in throwing the straight ball or out curve, fall off rapidly to the right as it nears the plate. This break, or curve, or shoot, is obtained by jerking the fingers from left to right behind the ball as it is released. Then there is the jump ball, a straight ball of tremendous speed, given a quick rise as it reaches the plate, after the way the "fadeaway" is produced. The pitcher, as he releases the ball, whips his fingers downward, producing a fast backward spin which "takes" as the ball travels, causing a rise or "jump" of a couple of inches. A curve that is wonderfully effective is the "out drop," which is, in fact, a two-way curve, the ball breaking down and out near the plate. This ball is delivered after the fashion of the out curve, save that instead of a horizontal spin the pitcher spins the ball on an angle which is about half way between the vertical and horizontal.

And still pitchers claim they have nothing but the curve ball and the fast one. They refuse to distinguish between the different curves and slants which are apparent to those who sit back of the catcher and study what they see.

HOW TEAMS IN THE BIG LEAGUES STAND

Table with columns for League (National, American), Team, Won, Lost, P.C. (Percentage). Lists standings for various teams like Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, etc.