

American Turf.

WASHINGTON RACES.

May 18.—The inaugural meeting of the National Jockey Club, which has been postponed since Tuesday on account of the unfavorable weather, commenced to-day.

May 18.—Purse \$250, for all ages; second horse to have \$50. Three-quarters of a mile. Jos Donahue's ch h Spindrift, aged, by Bonnie Scot and, dam by Wagner, 118 lbs. 1 H Quickfall's b c Leader, 4 yrs, by Leamington, dam Jossie Dixon, 108 lbs. 2 Barton & Co's ch h First Chance, 5 yrs, by Baywood, dam Dot, 111 lbs. 3 T B & W R Davis' b f Jest, 4 yrs, by Baywood, dam Joke, 105 lbs. 4 M Byrnes' b f Nettie B, 4 yrs, by Vandal, dam Woodbine, 105 lbs. 5 A D Brown's ch h Austral, 6 yrs, by Australian, dam Coral, 118 lbs. 6 Oden Bowie's b h Keene Richards, 5 yrs, by War Dance, dam Evergreen, 114 lbs. 7 A B Patterson's b f Alecio, 4 yrs, by Dickens, dam Trunket, 103 lbs. 8

Time—1:18½.

Same Day.—Purse \$400, for three-year-olds second horse to have \$100. Mile heats. J B & W R Davis' ch f May D. 1 W Nyches' ch c Habbirk, by Red Dick, dam by Tar River. 2 M Byrnes' ch c King Bee, by Hamburg, dam by J C Brockenridge. 3 C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner. dis

Time—1:49½, 1:53.

Same Day.—Purse \$400, of which \$100 goes to second horse; mile heats, over four hurdles. Oden Bowie's ch g Calvert, 6 yrs, by Baltimore, dam Chickamauga. 3 1 1 Jos Donahue's b h Stanford, 6 yrs, by Bay Dick, dam by Seythian. 1 2 2 L A Hitchcock's ch m Busy Bee, 5 yrs, by War Dance, dam Laura Spillman. 4 3ro J G K Lawrence's ch h Resolute, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam Annie C. 2 4ro

Time—1:50½, 1:57, 1:57½.

May 19.—Purse \$350, for all ages; \$225 to first, 75 to second, 50 to third. One mile and a quarter.

Oden Bowie's b c Ore Knob, 4 yrs, by Dickens, dam Slipper, 108 lbs. 1 Jos Donahue's b h Cariboo, 6 yrs, by Lexington, dam Alice Jones, 118 lbs. 2 John F Lewis' ch c Darville, 3 yrs, by King Lear, dam Mary Minor, 90 lbs. 3 H Quickfall's b c Leader, 4 yrs, by Leamington, dam Jossie Dixon, 108 lbs. 4 W Strungfield's gr c Enlist, 4 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Crownlet, 108 lbs. 0 Wilson & Co's b c Jack Trigg, 4 yrs, by Lightning, dam Sallie Morgan, 108 lbs. 0

Time—2:15½.

Same Day.—Selling race, purse \$650, for all ages; the winner to be sold for \$1,000; if entered to be sold for \$750, allowed 5 lbs; for \$500 allowed 10 lbs; any surplus over stated price to go to second horse. One mile and an eighth. Jos Donahue's ch h Spindrift, aged, by Bonnie Scotland, dam by Wagner, 118 lbs; \$1,000 1 L A Hitchcock's ch f Sprunglot, 4 yrs, by Australian, dam Springbrook, 100 lbs; \$750. 2 Jordan & Co's gr c Bill Munday, 4 yrs, by Rogers, dam by Engineer, 98 lbs; \$500. 3 T B & W R Davis' b f Jest, 4 yrs, by Baywood, dam Joke, 95 lbs; \$500. 4 Wilson & Co's b c Denver, 4 yrs, by Pimlico, dam Young Utilla, 98 lbs; \$500. 5 M Byrnes' b f Nettie B, 4 yrs, by Vandal, dam Woodbine, 100 lbs; \$750. 6 R Sascars' b m Fairy Queen, 5 yrs, by Eugene, dam Faith, 101 lbs; \$500. 7 Oden Bowie's b h Keene Richards, 5 yrs, by War Dance, dam Evergreen, 104 lbs; \$500 8 A B Patterson's b f Alecio, 4 yrs, by Dickens, dam Trunket, 95 lbs; \$500. 9

Time—2:02½.

Same Day.—Purse \$400, for all ages; second horse to receive \$100. Mile heats. J G Bethune's b g Burgo, 5 yrs, by Hurral, dam Emma Downing, 111 lbs 1 2 1 A D Brown's b h Pelatin, 5 yrs, by Leamington, dam Garland, 114 lbs. 3 1 2 J Fletcher's ch h Hartland, aged, by Australian, dam Lucretia, 118 lbs. 4 3ro Owner's Alton. 2 4ro Owner's Romney. 5 5ro

Time—1:49, 1:48, 1:51.

THE MUSTANG RACE.

The race against time by 80 mustangs, ridden by one man, took place yesterday. The race was the result of a wager on the part of an old Californian that he could produce a man who would ride a distance of 805 miles in 16 hours, using for this purpose 80 mustangs. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning the small crowd of people which had gathered in front of the judge's stand at Fleetwood Park greeted the rider, Parker, with a cheer as he swung himself lightly into the ponderous Mexican saddle, and with a shake of the rein and the jingle of spurs, started upon his journey. The first ten miles were travelled in 26 minutes and 40 seconds, but it required 27 minutes and 20 seconds to accomplish the second 10. In riding the first 40 miles the rider changed horses 82 times, showing great

pletely exhausted, and was taken to the little hotel in the Park. He suffered greatly from the effects of his undertaking, being blind and affected with nausea. The race closed at 8:27 p.m., Parker having been in the saddle 11 hours and 27 minutes.—*New York Tribune, May 19.*

PIGEONS FOR FARMERS.

Farmers are apt to regard pigeons as very destructive to have around the farm and say they dig up the grain and eat it, thus ruining the crops. This is a prejudice entirely without foundation. Pigeons' bills are not suited to digging, neither would they have sense enough, as they are pre-eminently "dumb." They will, of course, eat the grain which lies upon the ground, but these, of course, would waste or be picked up by birds in any case. The farmer has splendid chances to breed pigeons. He can fix up a corner of his barn loft with little trouble, and letting the birds fly they will pick up their own feed in summer time. They require comparatively no care—the loft need be cleaned only twice a year. A frequent cause or lack of success is that farmers instead of fixing up a small loft with nests inside, nail boxes to the side of the barn, and here the squabs, being exposed to the inclemency of the weather, necessarily perish. In winter the pigeons will feed with the poultry. They will breed on an average eight or nine pairs of young a year, which will find ready market when four weeks old for fifty cents per pair; in winter seventy-five cents. If the stock consists of Dutchies or common runts, which will cost \$2.50 per pair to start with, squabs twice the size of common ones can be raised and will of course command much higher price. Breeding birds of the common variety cost only fifty cents per pair, and will pay for themselves within two months.

A NEW WAY TO ROW A BOAT.

No one that has rowed much on any of our many boating courses but has been warned by a sharp call of "Look out ahead!" and glanced hastily over his shoulder to find a collision imminent—a collision to be avoided only by holding "hard all." Every sportsman has felt that, in rowing, his boat was wrong end foremost, and to see where he was going, in many an excursion has resorted to pushing or paddling, at the expense of a great loss of power. Theo. Winthrop has said that "it took three thousand years to learn that we had been threading our needle at the wrong end;" hence the sewing machine.

Mr. Lyman, of Middlefield, Conn., realized that for centuries we had been rowing backward, and he put his wits to work to set the matter right. In company with the inventor and Mr. Harris, of the Forest and Stream, I had the pleasure, on Wednesday, of making a trial of the "new fangled contrivance," and was very agreeably surprised to find it worked smoothly and effectively. The oars, or rather, to speak properly, the sculls, are made in two pieces. The outer end of the loom, or portion of the scull inboard, is fastened by a ball and socket joint to the gunwale, and a short distance forward, by a similar joint, is fastened the shaft, or outboard portion. A light iron lever, or connecting row, joins the two pieces in such a manner that the blades of the oars move in the same direction as the handles, reversing the ordinary method.

The action is absolutely without noise, which will be appreciated by every one who has attempted to row on to game. Much to my surprise, I found no trouble arising from the inability to feather, the sculls leaving the water with ease. The sculls, although but eight feet long, gave as much reach and power, apparently, as could have been obtained in the same boat with ten feet sculls, a length that would have necessitated outriggers. By simply drawing the looms against the gunwale, the blades are folded back as a bird folds its wings. Although the gear can be detached instantly, the sculls cannot become unshipped by accident, and there will now be no occasion for the use of "sawer words," that so generally follow the loss of a row lock when among the reeds or brush.

No one who has tried the gear will ever again be contented to use any arrangement that will not enable him to see where he is going. It is adapted for every boat propelled by oars, except, perhaps, outrigger racing shells.

DEATH OF NETTIE NORTON.

We learn with regret of the sudden death of Mr. John Coffee's famous race mare Nettie Norton, which occurred at his farm near Sufferns, N. J., on Friday, May 12. She was grazing in the paddock, and was observed to

the Bowie stakes, four-mile heats, at Baltimore, distancing in the last-named race Aaron Pennington and Shylock in the first heat in 7:34. She was engaged this season in the Jockey Club Handicap, the Centennial Stakes and Centennial Cup at Jerome Park, the Monmouth Cup at Long Branch, and the Philadelphia Cup and International Handicap at Philadelphia. Her death is a serious loss to her owner, for, after her racing career was finished, she would have made a very valuable broodmare.

A NEW METHOD OF SWIMMING.

A lecture on swimming was lately delivered at the Marylebone Baths, London, Eng., by Mr. R. H. Wallace-Dunlop, C. B. The feature of the lecture was the introduction of what was termed plate swimming, which, until the audience were initiated, was an expression scarcely conveying the idea intended.

"Plate swimming" is the fastening of round paddles on to the hands, in size and shape resembling plates, and by this means Mr. Dunlop maintains that great extra power is given to the swimmer. This was abundantly proved by a man swimming across the bath assisted by the plates when he had a heavy weight attached to his neck, when it would undoubtedly have been impossible to have swum without such assistance. Plates, or paddles are also attached to the feet, and the lecturer maintained are also great assistance in keeping afloat. Mr. Dunlop has seen a considerable amount of service in India during the mutiny, and during the evening gave several interesting anecdotes that had occurred during his experience. The lecture was illustrated by some magic lantern views, but was, we think, somewhat too scientific for the audience—a clear head and considerable knowledge of mixed mathematics being necessary to understand some portions of it. Mr. Dunlop spoke in very high terms of Captain Webb's book on swimming, and read several extracts from it—in particular, one that dwells on the importance of learning a style of swimming adapted to keep the swimmer afloat for a long period, rather than to enable him to swim very fast for a short distance, and then succumb. We feel confident that the plates give increased power in the water in the way of enabling the swimmer to carry, say a rifle and ammunition, but we do not at present feel sure that they will increase speed.

Mr. Dunlop very kindly offered some plates for experimental purposes to a young swimmer, a friend of Captain Webb's, and who accompanied him across the channel. We shall have an opportunity of witnessing and directing these experiments, and also of trying how far they assist on or two first-class and experienced professionals, and we hope at some future period to revert to this most interesting subject at some length, but would as much deprecate hasty praise or censure. The whole subject of saving human life, which is the main point for respectable persons to bear in mind in reference to swimming, and not either winning a cup or medal, or making a more than doubtful reputation, is so fraught with interest, that too great care cannot be taken to weigh well each point to avoid any fallacies in connection with it.

Among the exhibitors in the water was Ainsworth of the Serpentine Swimming Club, whose peculiar "leg stroke" was admirably adapted to exhibit the fins, or feet-plates, or paddles that were used. There is one point we may mention in connection with this most interesting invention, and that is, it is indispensable that ordinary swimming be first learned. We consider this, upon the whole, to be in its favor, as we should be sorry to see artificial means of floating resorted to, which would tend to check persons learning to swim in the ordinary manner.—*Land and Water.*

REVERSES OF AN ENGLISH JOCKEY.

Over a quarter of a century ago, Charles Marlow, the English jockey, was the zenith of his fame. He had ridden the celebrated Flying Dutchman in all his two and three year engagements, and on him had won the Derby and St. Leger of 1849. He rode also when in the memorable Doncaster Cup of 1850, he was defeated by Lord Zetland's crack Voltigeur, who, like his rival, had also been enrolled the double victor at Epsom and Doncaster. But he had his revenge when, in their great match at York the ensuing year, Flying Dutchman triumphed over his Richmond rival, with Nat in the saddle; Marlow, as usual, riding Lord Exlington's famous brown horse. Of him "The Druid," most interesting of all turf writers, thus speaks: "Marlow was a very nice, but not, perhaps, a brilliant horseman; with good hands, very patient, with a most resolute mode of riding his horses out. A

fashion, the Dutchman's jockey is a fit object for support. In his time he was one of the finest horsemen then riding, and now that he is old, and in need, is he not a fitting object of public succor, and is he not worthy of assistance from the Bentinck Benevolent Fund?"

DEATH OF OWEN MARLOWE, THE ACTOR.

Owen Marlowe died in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Mass., about seven o'clock in the evening of May 19. His disease was consumption, and he had been in the hospital under treatment for a number of weeks past. He was almost 46 years of age, having been born in Sussex, Eng., Aug. 1, 1830. Coming to America in 1855, he made his first appearance on the stage at Barnum's Museum, in New York, in September of that year, acting the small part of Lamp in Wild Oats. After the close of that season he went West and South, and finally settled in this city, where for a time he was engaged. In October, 1857, he married at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Miss Virginia Nickinson, the well-known manager and actor formerly of the Royal Lyceum. During the season of 1868-4 he was engaged in the Arch street Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., opening in Sir Lucius O'Trigger in The Rivals. He became a great favorite, and remained there for four seasons, and then returned to New York. When Caste was originally acted in this country at Wallack's old Theatre, Mr. Marlowe impersonated Captain Hawtree, and made a pronounced hit. He then became a member of the company at Wallack's theatre and so continued three seasons. He had also acted at Laura Keane's Theatre, Niblo's Garden and the Olympic Theatre. He then went to San Francisco, Cal., where he acted for two seasons at the California Theatre, and was a great favorite professionally and socially. After his return to New York he fulfilled a few brief engagements, and then made a flying visit to England to see his mother. Returning to New York, he was engaged by the Kralffy Brothers to act Phineas Fogg in the spectacular drama of Around the World in Eighty Days, at the Academy of Music. His last appearance on the New York stage was in that character on the evening of September 11, 1876. He then went to the Globe Theatre, Boston, Mass., and was a member of that company up to the time of his death. He made his last appearance on the stage in the Academy of Music, Chelsea, Mass., April 1, 1876, acting Talbot Champeys in Our Boys, during the provincial tour of George Honey and the Globe Theatre company. He had been suffering from the disease which caused his death for some time; but on the night last referred to he took a severe cold, and was soon obliged to take to his bed, from which he never arose. He was a genial companion and an excellent actor in his peculiar line, and his loss will be severely felt. He leaves a widow and several children residing in this city. His funeral was to have taken place May 22.

A FEMALE BASE BALL CLUB.

A correspondent writes from the village of Dutton, on the Canada Southern railway:—"The young ladies of the village have organized a base ball club, and now about twenty of them practice that healthy exercise each evening. The petticoats and pin-bags are a little awkward to run in. Still, even with this inconvenience, they are the best athletes we have in the village. The clubs of surrounding villages may expect a challenge during the summer. If some of our young men, who seem to have no higher ambition for the summer evenings' entertainments than to congregate in bar rooms, drink beer, smoke cigars, use slang phrases, gossip, and pass remarks on customers, would take example from the young ladies, it would be better for their health and morality, and much more pleasing for the people of the village and others to transact business."

Pedestrianism.

WALKING EXTRAORDINARY.

AN ENGLISH PEDESTRIAN COVERS ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY MILES IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

The pedestrian meeting that terminated at Agricultural Hall, London, the 9th inst., developed some "tall" walking. The event was gotten up for the purpose of testing the ability of Englishmen to beat the distance of 100 miles, 3 furlongs, 172 yards, made by Weston in that country. Prizes of £100 to the first, £10 to the second, £7 to the third and £10 to the fourth were offered.

Miscellaneous.

The Bogardus Talbot match is fixed June 5, at Philadelphia, one hand (page) each, half English rules and half American rules.

A few days ago Mr. W. G. Foote, of P. Aux Pins, shot 40 ducks and 23 wild geese. N. Light, Saint Ste. Marie.

Tom Allen and Joe Goss signed articles Cincinnati, May 13, for a fight for \$5,000 take place 100 miles of Cincinnati on September 7.

The Shamrock Lacer Club has arranged for a match with the Toronto team on Monday, and it is possible the championship will again be back to Montreal.

A skating rink accident is thus described by a Kentucky reporter:—"She struck—couldn't turn—started for the cornice shouted, 'don't you look!—turned a somersault, and then set down. The skaters were brown and red."

DRAGGOTS.—A match of twenty games was played on Monday evening last, between four picked players from the Flora club and one player from Listowel. Four games were played simultaneously. At the conclusion the score stood—Listowel, 14; Flora, 4 drawn.

Mr. Chas. Clarke, living on lot 14, concession 9, Yarmouth, has a curiosity in the shape of a three-legged cat. The left fore leg is lacking, and there is no semblance of a stump or limb. The cat is now three weeks old and is as lively as a cricket.

FISH FAMINE.—It is believed that one result of the high water this year will be a famine for the next two years. The various streams having overflowed their banks, the fish will spawn in far on shore, where the eggs will be exposed when the water subsides.

On Saturday last Mr. E. Fowler, of the Guolph Academy, was out shooting on the Eramosa river, and when between "Paradise" and the "Rocks," he shot a fine specimen of the loon or great northern diver. It is in fine feather, and about the size of a goose.

On the 15th, Mr. Ferguson, of the Listowel Banner, was in Elora for the purpose of picking four of his best draught players. He had Messrs. Geo. Thomas and T. Williams straight games, and Messrs. McMichael and Alex. Duncan two games, the other two were draws.

Who dare say that Canada is a poor country? The London correspondent of the New York Times says:—"The Duke of Devonshire has just sold the Grand Duchess of the Ford XXIX, one of the Holker shorthorns. Hon. G. Brown, of Canada, for 2,600 guineas, the highest price ever yet paid for a female shorthorn in England."

This is part of a sermon by a preacher in Colorado. The boys understood it. "You will find this life a game of seven-up. You want to save your soul and look out for game. An' never beg when you hold a good hand. Also recollect in a long run low counts are much as high, if it is only a trump. The devil has stocked the cards, but just play an honest, and when it comes your turn you bound to get a winner and every time, and old split hoof will just have to jump the game and look after a softer snare. Also, if you happen to turn Jack, call it lucky, but don't forget to remember that turning Jack is a certain business, and it never do to bet on it."

A week or more ago Allan McKinnon, son of Lauchlin McKinnon, a black and white stepping over a wall, and a black and white across an old she bear with a cub. Bruno immediately on being disturbed, gave Mack a good hug, tearing his shirt off from his shoulder down. Fortunately the dog was with him, and the bear turned its attention to the canine, and Mack took the opportunity to flee from the dangerous locality, and at once sought the assistance of black John McDonald, who was splitting rails in proximity to the scene. After a little trouble they succeeded in capturing one of the cub alive, the other was killed by the falling of a tree which had just been chopped.

Horse Notes.

Mr. Gladstone, in his last away on the Horse in Haver, says that the first track horse on record was the wooden horse employed by the Greeks in the taking of Troy.

AN ENGLISH STATION.—At a recent sale of thoroughbreds in England, several were offered from Mr. P. Grafton's stables. Of them was the celebrated race horse, the