

...Memento, but he took the second and third in 2:32½ and 2:31½. In the last heat he broke badly in the first half mile, and Memento got the lead of over 100 yards ahead of him: nevertheless, when he pulled down to his work he closed up the terrible gap with ease, and won readily. He is a bright bay, 15½ hands high with a very thoroughbred look, and his owners have refused \$8,000 for him. He is by Strathmore, out of Abess, by Libion, second dam by Marshall Ney, by mp. Emancipation, third dam by Bertrand. He was bred by Col. Stoner, of Glenwood farm, in Bourbon county, and he is now being wintered on Mr. Bookner's farm. Strathmore, his sire, is by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, out of Lady Waltmeyer, who had a record of 2:28, and she was by North American, and her second dam was by Harris' Hambletonian. Strathmore is the sire of the promising young trotting stallion Chestnut Hill, the property of J. P. Wiser, Esq., M.P., Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont. Chestnut Hill has a record of 2:26½, and can certainly be looked upon as one of the fastest, if not the fastest stallion in Canada. In Chestnut Hill and Steinway, Strathmore has two sons that will in no way show discredit on him. From this item it will be seen that Chestnut Hill comes from a strong trotting family, his instinct in that direction not being accidental but hereditary.

EDITORIAL CLIPPINGS.

Telegram.—Mayor Beatty, at the Hanlan Concert, made a few trite remarks upon the betting mania. He clearly sees that wherever an element of chance enters therein will men speculate on the result. In support of his remarks he stated the recent mayoralty election, which itself was a work of necessity, but upon which sums of money were lost and won. But there were worse manifestations of the betting mania than speculating upon the result of a civic contest. "Bulling" and "bearing" in stocks is nothing more nor less than betting. Putting up a margin is another form of pool-selling, but it is not so safe for one of those interested, as more may be lost than is put up, which cannot be the case with a trustworthy pool-seller, and it was not the want of trustworthiness on the part of pool-sellers that led to the passing of the Blake Act. By the abolition of stock speculation no material interest in the country would suffer; by the abolition of pool-selling the breeding of a certain class of horses has unquestionably suffered, and the value of fast stock has been depreciated, though it may be only temporarily. We do not affirm or deny the benefit claimed to have accrued to the country through the passage of the Blake Act, but what seems to be evident is that if one species of speculation is bad and ought to be suppressed, all kinds of betting ought to share the same fate.

N. Y. World.—The game of billiards is going, it has not gone, the way of base ball. The bar-ball game was abandoned by professional players because it was too easy and runs of two or three hundred were not uncommon. The three-ball game which has been substituted for it has become at least equally easy. Such a run as Slosson made yesterday shows that the game no longer presents difficulties which interest either the player or the spectators. Four hundred and forty-one shots, as like as 441 peas, are very tiresome after they have been done once, and there is no likelihood that Slosson's feat will be surpassed at this tournament. It behooves the players and the manufacturers to devise new difficulties and to prevent the accomplishment of "nursing," which is only part of the game, from becoming the whole of it.

Montreal Gazette.—It is said that great difficulty is met with these days on the turf in England, in getting one's money up for large bets, or to any great extent, in betting. It is to be hoped that this indicates an improvement of public sentiment on the point, which

I am about to make a revelation to you, which is strictly confidential, and the utmost secrecy must be enforced. I have not the least doubt, but, that in your long editorial career, you met with that touching poem "Beautiful Snow," well, sir, allow me to inform you that I have the distinguished honor of being its originator. It was written when in a fit of anger, against the whole world, and I wished to put upon them a terrible affliction, hence this striking poetical effusion. I have never made myself known before, for fear of being cremated, by an indignant public, but my girl has given me the "mitten," and "death" cannot wrap me in his cold embrace any too soon.

We have plenty of the "beautiful" and East Avenue is thronged every pleasant afternoon, with the elite of our city. Below are enumerated some of the principal "fast ones":—Henry Belding, our popular liveryman, takes his daily airing behind his bay gelding, "Whiskey Bill," and it takes a "good 'un" to throw snowballs in his face. Joseph Dunville gives them all a good "shake" with his black gelding. Chas. Keep sometimes gives the boys a little "brush," and his bay gelding gives them all the "go-bye." Harvey Ernest has a little Toronto Chief, mare, Canada bred, that has a fine way of going, and bids fair to be equal to the best in another year. Dick Ashford sails out behind the "old Chief," who trots a perfect "storm."

For a variety in the sport there is an occasional accident, and last Thursday afternoon, when ten or twelve horses were coming down the "stretch," at about a three minute gait, "slap-bang, ker-whalopp," went a sixteen hand bay mare into a wood-rack, driven by a granger across Elm street, up went a nobby portland about six feet in the air, out sailed young Reasoner like a flying squirrel. Result: Mare hooked into another cutter, and in ten minutes coming down the avenue again. Nobody hurt, but a granger badly scared.

Frank Lillis has opened a billiard parlor in the new Commercial Block. Frank is an excellent caterer to the wants of our "young bloods," and may success attend his new venture.

A pleasant affair is on the tapis for Thursday evening next, being the occasion of the first annual ball of Hodge Horse Co., No. 4.

Amusements are like rich editors, few and far between. ELL.

Athletic.

PRIZE FIGHTERS HELD FOR TRIAL.

The hearing room in Central station, Philadelphia, was crowded on Jan. 24, long before the hour appointed for the appearance of the now notorious pugilists, Clark, King and Chambers. The twain put in an appearance promptly on the hour. The evidence was insufficient to convict them. Several witnesses gave their affidavits that King appeared in a variety theatre, and was announced as the "Unknown" who had agreed to fight Clark for \$2,000, but the police have been unable to find the stakeholders. After a lengthy hearing the magistrate held the prisoners under \$1,000 bail to appear. Securities were entered, and the pugilists left the court accompanied by a crowd of the stylish. There is no truth in the report circulated that Clark had withdrawn from the fight, and that his opponent, King, had demanded the stake money. The fight stands indefinitely postponed as long as the trial in court is pending, but Chambers says the men are bound to fight and will have it out some time, no matter how often the police interfere with their arrangements.

SPRINTS.

FIXED.—The date of the Muldoon-Bauer tussle has been fixed as Feb. 8. Irving Hall, New York, is the locality.

Fred. Plaisted is credited with being the author of the lines:

Catch the stroke at the beginning,
Let the legs with vigor work;
Little chance has one of winning,
When he does the stretcher shirk.

Let the arms be well extended,
Just as stiff as poker's two;
And, until the stroke is ended,
Pull it without poking through.

WALLACE ROSS MATCHED.

A gentleman of London, Eng., well known as a patron of aquatics, writes as follows: "I beg to inform you that articles of agreement have been drawn up between Wallace Ross, the Canadian sculler, and Frank Emmett, of Jarro. You will be glad to learn that Ross has been taken in hand by one of the chief supporters of aquatics in England, and that he will undergo his training under the care of George Drewitt, one of the best and most experienced scullers in the world, and Harry Kelly, the ex-champion. The date of the match was originally proposed for March 8. On this day, however, the tide was found to be very unsuitable, and it was agreed that the contest should come off on Monday, March 10. The first deposits of £25 a side were made, and the following articles of agreement were drawn up and signed:

Articles of agreement entered into this day between Wallace Ross, of St. John, N. B., Canada, and Frank Emmett, of Jarro-on-Tyne, to row a straightaway sculler's race from Putney Aqueduct to the ship at Mortlake on Monday, March 10, 1879, in best and best boats, for the sum of £100 a side. The two men to be in their boats ready to start one hour before high water. The race to be rowed according to such of the new Thames national rules as are applicable, cutters being allowed to accompany the race, but they must be kept behind the sternmost man from start to finish. To start by mutual consent, but, if not off within fifteen minutes of the time fixed, the referee to start the men by signal or otherwise. The first deposit of £25 a side is now made good with the editor of the Sportsman, second deposit of £25 a side to be made good on Feb. 14, 1879, and the final deposit of £50 a side to be made good on Friday, March 7, at the Sportsman office, the editor of which paper is hereby appointed final stakeholder. Mr. John Ireland, to be asked to officiate as referee; but, in the event of his being unable to do so, the stakeholder to appoint one. The referee shall have entire jurisdiction over the race from start to finish, and his decision shall be final, and subject to no appeal at law or otherwise. Either party failing to comply with any of these conditions shall forfeit all money down in the hands of the stakeholder. Wallace Ross hereby agrees to allow Frank Emmett £15 expenses for rowing on the Thames, the same to be paid at the final deposit.

(Signed) JOHN MOORE, for FRANK EMMETT.
Witness, T. B. WHITEFOOT.
(Signed) WALLACE ROSS.
Witness, FREDERICK H. GALE.
Date, Jan. 6, 1879.

F. EMMETT, OF JARROW.

Emmett, who is matched to row Wallace Ross, is thus described by the London Sporting Life. He was born in 1849, weighs 158 lbs., and has the following record of successful performances: John Potts, Jarro, £10 a side, in 1878, open boats; Joseph Marshall, of the Onseburn, £10 a side, open boats; J. Fringham, Feeling Shore, £25 a side, open boats, after losing a race with this sculler on a foul: W. Lakey, of the Onseburn, £25 a side; J. Blamire, Jarro, £10 a side, and W. Spencer, of Chelsea, £100 a side, on the Championship Course. On the 25th and 26th of July last year he won the Newarth Castle Plate of £30, beating (with five lengths' start), T. Orton (12), J. Penton (9), and R. W. Boyd (1). On January 9, of this year, beat A. Strong, on Walney Channel (foul). On this last occasion the betting was 6 to 4 in favor of Emmett, but on the morning of the race it had advanced to 2 to 1.

...at 11. Mrs. Orphan.
STATION—Mrs. Scott Siddons at Free Press Hall, Jan. 27.

IN TRAINING.—Wallace Ross has already gone into training for his match on March 10th with Frank Emmett, of Jarro. He is located at the Bells, Putney, and George Drewitt will attend to his interests, while Harry Kelly and Harry Thorne will accompany him in his practice on the Thames.

DEATH.—The dead body of John Morris, once a celebrated oarsman, was found on the Western Extension Railroad track, eight miles from St. John, N. B., on Monday night. He was killed by a freight train.

NEW CLUB.—The Barrie Advance says:—"It is in contemplation in town to organize a rowing club for the coming season, and see what kind of four-oared crews we can show the aquatic world. The attempt, we believe, will also be made to have Hanlan pay us another visit on his return from England, and to make the occasion one for another successful regatta."

EASY.—The Boston Herald says:—Eph Morris having challenged James Riley of Saratoga for a race at Pittsburg, a week or two will elapse and then Riley's acceptance may be looked for. Pittsburg is a good place for a race, as there are always railroad commissions to secure and no loss to parties making matches. Those who are "inside" in the races that have taken place over the Hulton course in the past two years will watch the progress of the Morris-Riley match with interest.

Horse Notes.

LITTLE JACK AND LOOPER.—Mr. Albert Field, of Ashtabula, O., is driving these fast and well-matched roan geldings to the pole, and they make a lively pair.

Col. Manlius V. Thompson, of Lexington, Ky., has been speeding his handsome and fast gelding, Lew Keller, to sleigh. They say he shows a 20 gait now, and that several purses on the Western Circuit are at his mercy the coming season.

DEATH OF WASHINGTON.—The thoroughbred bay colt Washington, 2 years old, by Westbury, dam Nora Worth, by imp. Eclipse, out of Mildred, by imp. Glencoe, the property of Mr. Thomas W. Summers, Illinois, died on the 12th inst. from an injury to the thigh.

DEATH OF CINDERELLA.—The thoroughbred brood mare Cinderella, brown, foaled 1861, property of A. G. Carl, Illinois, sired by Sir Leslie, Jr. (son of Gazan), dam Kitty Clyde, by imp. Consternation, died at the stable of her owner, on the 7th inst. from an injury received by getting down in her stall.

DEATH OF ASHWOOD.—A. J. McKimmin, of Tennessee, has had the misfortune to lose his three-year old colt Ashwood, by Blackwood, Jr., dam Mary Sweeney, by Country Gentleman. Ashwood was so well thought of that Mr. McKimmin entered him in the three-year old trotting stakes, at Lexington, Ky., to be trotted this Spring.

MARSHALL CHIEF.—The sires of great horses, like sires of great men, frequently live in comparative obscurity, and go down to their graves "unwept, unhonored, and unsung." For example, Marshall Chief—commonly called the Goodrich Horse—after siring such good ones as Dr. Lewis (Leander), 2:24; Rattler, 2:28½; Randall (grandson), 2:24; Primus, the fastest four-year old of his day, and many others, recently died on a backwoods farm, near Union City Mich., the victim of hardship and neglect.

A CARD.

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