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WARNING.—Frank J. Stuart Morrison has been dismissed from the staff of this paper, and has no authority to represent himself in any way connected with the office; our friends will please make note of this fact.

HORSE PICTURES.—We have this week sent by mail a large number of premium oil colored horse pictures; our friends will please acknowledge receipt by dropping us a post card. If any person has been overlooked whose orders have been sent us, by notifying this office, the matter will receive immediate attention.

THE CESAREWITCH AND THE "PLUNGER'S" DOINGS.

The above, one of the most important events during the second Newmarket meeting has this year been invested with additional interest through the reported heavy transactions of Plunger Walton. This American turfite appears to possess the knack of making things lively on both sides of the big pond, and of so managing his investments that outsiders get alarmed over his movements. Upon close inspection of his reported doings in connection with the Cesarewitch, the story scarcely holds together, it is a very good piece of turf gossip and answers well for an Associated Press dispatch, but old heads will only swallow it with many grains of salt. Up to the 26th ult., when Mr. Walton is reported to have backed her so publicly at Newmarket, his mare Girofle had scarcely been mentioned in the betting. It is next said that the Plunger's ostentatious and persistent backing of her had started a very lively outside support and Americans in England were taking a fly at the Yankee's chance. But what looks so fishy about the business is that while Walton was reported to be backing Girofle for the Cesarewitch, distance two miles, two furlongs and twenty-eight yards, he was also said to be backing her heavily for the Cambridgeshire, a dash of one mile and two hundred and forty yards, to be run on the 23rd inst., in which her weight is 116 lbs. His support of her in the latter race was instanced by the following bets which he is said to have accepted, \$5,000 to \$100 ten times, \$20,000 to \$500 three times, and \$100,000 to \$5,000 once with a request from Walton to have the latter sum repeated.

Now we cannot bring ourselves to believe that the Plunger had any serious designs on the Cesarewitch, and we doubt very much whether anything near the amount credited to him was wagered on that event. The idea that he would play his horse to win both events is too simple in connection with such an astute individual. Girofle's weight in the Cesarewitch was 113 lbs., and had she won that event she would have to pack a penalty of 14 lbs. on to her 116 lbs in the Cambridgeshire making her impost in the latter 130 lbs., a sufficient lump to effectually kill her chances. It looks far more probable that Walton has been playing a different card from what he has been credited with doing. His very public support of Girofle would attract the attention of betting men and as alluded to by English sporting papers it attracted a great deal of attention to the mare. Her easy defeat in the Cesarewitch will of course drop her still lower in the market, but, should she win the Cambridgeshire, the race we are of the opinion she has all along been intended for, the Plunger is likely to have a "barrel" that it would take a strong man to handle. Her running at any rate in the coming race will be watched on this side with a great deal of interest.

The number of starters was twenty-two this year in the Cesarewitch, nine less than faced the flag last year when the 4 yr. old Hackness that finished second on Tuesday, won carrying 88 lbs., this year her handicap was 102. This year's winner, the 3yr. old Don Juan, is the property of Mr. S. Lambert and was one of the light-weighted outsiders 80 lbs. only being allotted to him. In the latest betting quotations he ranked a 20 to 1 chance, and did not receive any particular notice from the scribes, until a few days before the race, he then moved up with a rush and the starting odds were only 6 to 1

Cosmos the third horse is the property of the Duke of Hamilton, he is a 3 yr. old and was in at 80lbs. During the week prior to the event he was enquired for and apparently a stiff order was out in his favor towards the last.

THE ZOO.

The great success that has attended the single handed efforts of Alderman Harry Piper, in the creation of a Zoological garden in Toronto, has afforded abundant proof of the public appreciation of such an enterprise. Unfortunately the worthy Civic Father has found his family increase so rapidly that his present abiding place is altogether too small to accommodate them all. Lions, tigers and elephants must have room and proper accommodation and at the present time it is impossible to give them that. The tens of thousands of young and old people that have passed through the doors of the Zoo since they were first thrown open could in the future years be immensely increased if the location was a more attractive one. The fact of the matter is that the present enterprise is assuming such proportions that it becomes almost a necessity for a company to handle it. We have heard many prominent citizens say that its proper location would be at the Industrial Fair Grounds, and we are inclined to think their judgment is correct. The erection of proper buildings and the providing of the various other necessities to make an attractive resort would no doubt prove a great drawing card. The facilities for visitors reaching the grounds in the summer season are unrivalled. Steamboats and railways discharge their passengers at the gates, and though the grounds be, as one may say, in the city, yet the visitor can enjoy the untainted breeze from Lake Ontario, and reap all the benefit to be derived from the purest of air. We should like to see the Exhibition directors make a move in this matter. They have just returned from a trip to St. Louis and Cincinnati and what they have had an opportunity of seeing in those cities should fortify them strongly in the opinion that there is but one place for the Zoo and that spot the Industrial Fair Ground.

CARELESS HANDLING OF GUNS.

Our exchanges last week recorded five cases of so called accidental shooting in one instance the result was death, in the other serious injury was the record. The man who blows a hole in himself is not much to be pitied, ninety-nine times out of a hundred it is through his own neglect or carelessness, and though it may sound cruel to say it, we feel mightily inclined to say "serve him right." Even people who have used fire arms for years, become careless in handling them, and some unlucky day they pull their gun the wrong way and oftentimes a dead man testifies to the accuracy of the aim. The boy or man who shoulders a gun should ever keep in mind the important fact that he has in his possession a dangerous weapon. We have seen fellows who called themselves hunters get over a fence gun in hand in such a blundering fashion that one felt inclined to swear that they desired to lodge a charge of shot in the carcase of a neighboring friend. Others will roll through the woods with gun swinging in their hands, and the hammers ready to catch on any intervening twig and send on its journey a charge of shot to bore a hole in a companion's body. When such accidents do occur, and unfortunately they are recorded much too frequently; we always feel like saying that the Lord would so direct the muzzle of the careless man's gun, that it would soundly pepper his own body.

LAKE TROUT IN GEORGIAN BAY.

The Orillia Packet has again called the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to the uselessness of the present law for the protection of lake trout in the above waters. According to the "Rules" the close season for salmon trout is from the 10th of November to the 1st of December, but there can be little doubt that a change in those dates is absolutely necessary. According to the statement of those who ought to know, the trout are even now reported to be on their spawning grounds, and judging by the preparations now going on, some twenty or thirty vessels will this week leave Penetanguishene for the north shore and as many more from Maitland City and other parts, the result being the taking of thousands of fish at a time, when if preserved, their salvation would mean tens of thousands added to the stock in those waters. The great trouble is that the fishery laws are too often framed by men who have no practical knowledge on the subject and the result is the adoption of a close season after all the mischief has been done. It is to be hoped that an early effort will be made to remedy the present defective provisions.

THOSE HEAVY DRAFTS.

We last week made allusion to the award of prizes in the Imported Heavy Draft Stallion class at the late Fair here, and made mention of the ugly rumors that were abroad in connection with one of the judges. The *Evening Telegram*, in its issue of Tuesday last, pretends to answer those remarks by some rambling talk about a mistake having been made in awarding the diploma, and that some thick-headed judge or thick-headed clerk didn't know the difference between 15 and 5, and consequently some fellow got what t'other fellow should have. Will our commercial contem. try again, the last time he was a good deal mixed. We took no exception to the diploma or medal business, but we did take exception to awarding first prize to a horse that was not even eligible to be shown in that class. As a general purpose horse he might pass muster, but he was as much out of place amongst heavy drafts as a trotter would be amongst thoroughbreds. We suggest to our confere to read what we did say, perhaps after doing so he will awake to the fact that he has been barking up the wrong tree. Next week we will provide the dailies with a few more facts on the same question.

A JUNIOR ANANIAS.

Another transatlantic dude has been airing himself in an English provincial journal respecting the qualities of the black bass and the high cock-a-lorum has decided that "there is no fun in catching such a lazy fish," verily we say unto the dude that he knows not whereof he chatters. Still further we will wager him ten to one, ten times, that he not only never fished for black bass but that he never saw a single specimen, and if he did see one, wouldn't know what it was. He may perhaps have come across a sucker or two but to publish such a libel upon one of the gamest fishes that swim the water, proves to us that he is a romancer. And this man signs himself "Sportsman," ye gods and little fishes, what a libel upon an honourable name that such a duffer, as his letter proclaims him to be, should have the privilege of so miscalling himself. For a man who claims to have caught thirty black bass averaging two pounds each and declare that not one of them gave him a minutes play is to prove that this narrator is a lineal descendant of Ananias. Such a chap should be cut up for bait with which to tempt catfish.

THE ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

On the 24th of the present month the students will commence to gather at the above College, and judging from present appearances the number in attendance is likely to be in excess of even the large classes of last year.

The reputation enjoyed by the O. V. C. both at home and abroad is so high that students know if they are able to pass its strict examinations and gain its diploma that the latter will be accepted anywhere in America as a guarantee of their ability. Dr. Smith, the principal of the college, enjoys a continental reputation and to his professional skill and indomitable perseverance the present high status of the school is chiefly due.

The Washington Park Club of Chicago announce a long list of attractive stakes to close on the 15th inst., and as the Garden city has been a fortunate centre for quite a few of our horse owners, we hope to see some entries made from this side. The following are the fixtures: The Lake Side Stakes for two-year-old fillies, with \$1,200 added. The Kenwood Stakes for two-year-old colts, \$1,200 added. The Hyde Park Stakes for two-year olds, with \$2,000 added. The Englewood Stakes for three-year-old fillies, \$1,500 added. The Drexel Stakes for three-year-old colts, \$1,500 added, and the Sheridan Stakes for three-year-old colts, with \$2,500 added. A programme for eight days racing will be so arranged that two stakes and not less than three purse races will be run each day. Not less than \$45,000 will be given by the Club. We ask attention to the advertisement in another column, it contains full particulars.

The annual meet of the Montreal Hunt is on this week,—Thursday and Saturday. A very attractive programme has been provided.

The Ontario Veterinary Medicine Co. on Tuesday last shipped a case of these celebrated Colt's Colic Cure, and one case of Eptizotica to one of the largest Street railway stables in the United States. The leading horsemen of Canada speak very strong in its favor.

HORSE NOTES.

It is reported that Mr Vanderbilt made a big offer for Jay-Eye-See, and that it was declined.

Hinda Rosa, the sensational California three-year-old, trotted a mile at Lexington on Wednesday in 2.19. What next?

Mr. Vanderbilt has sent Maud S. to Cincinnati to winter under the care of her former owner, Captain Stone.

A large number of high class horses were sold at Grand's on Tuesday and Wednesday. Prices were not as firm as earlier in the season.

If anybody has a two or three-year-old horse or filly, black or bay, that promises to make a trotter, they can hear of a customer by addressing this office.

Mr. Forbes' Bonnie Bird finished second to Lute Foyle in a mile and half a furlong dash at Louisville on Monday.

Mr. Forbes Lady Reveller ran in a hurdle race at Chicago on Monday, and was not placed, Bell Boy was the winner, Carter Harrison, 2nd.

Prior to his Cesarawitch betting in England it was calculated that Plunger, Walton, had made a hundred and fifty thousand dollars in four weeks.

The phenomenal pacer Johnston has wiped out all previous records, not only at his way of going, but has also given a set back to Maud S. At Chicago on Tuesday he paced a mile without a skip in 2.10.

Mr. J. W. Crawford, of Mount Forest, has a six-year-old mare, 16 hands high, of the staunch Cairn blood, that is as good a piece of horse-flesh as ever looked through a collar. She has a Valentine colt by her side and the two are a valuable pair.

Mr. McCulloch, of Mount Forest, owns a rattling good road team, one a dark chestnut gelding by Royal Leopard, the other a black gelding, by old Phil Sheridan. They are 6 and 7 years old, and it don't trouble them a bit to draw a road waggon in three minutes.

Mr. Little, of Moun Forest has a 6yr-old brown gelding, Butcher Boy by Royal Leopard out of a St. Lawrence mare. He stands 16 hands' has never had professional training, still it is said he can beat 40. Knowing ones up in that northern country say "Look out for him when friend Little cuts him loose."

Anything that the *Spirit of the Times* undertakes to do is generally done well, but its engraving last week of the English thoroughbred stallion, Prince Charlie, is away "off." It looks more like Barnum's dancing horse in the act of pivoting on his forefeet.

Mr. Cummings, proprietor of the Ontario House Mount Forest, has a strong affection for a good horse, and is just now handling the ribbons over a mighty slick gelding that he calls Long John. This chap is said to be able to clip 45. The same gentleman also owns a few very promising Valentine colts that he thinks highly of, he also has a 3-year-old stallion, a prize winner at the Provincial, that it will take quite a collection of dollars to take away from him.

The Toronto Athletic Grounds, Rosedale, will be formally opened to-morrow with a lacrosse match between the Shamrocks of Montreal and the Champions. In view of the last issue between these two noted clubs there can be little doubt that a desperate effort will be made by the Eastern men to redeem themselves, and an equally stubborn attempt will be made by the home men to retain their laurels. In addition to the big match a general programme of sports of an interesting character has been furnished. Four foot races colour the card at 2.20 yards, a quarter mile, half mile and a mile. The Wheelmen are also likely to be out in force as a Bicycle parade and races are down for settlement. The chief drawback for a time to the prosperity of the new grounds will be the difficulty of getting there.

The attendance at the three days racing at the Montreal Riding and Driving Park was large, and the most fashionable people in the city were on hand to show their appreciation of Mr. Acer's enterprise. Our report of the meeting came to hand too late for insertion this week.

Our report of the Oshawa races came to hand too late for this week. We shall have something to say about this Club next week.

The Ontario Veterinary Medicine Company publish this week several letters from well-known horsemen, praising their medicines.