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AMERICAN.

Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Springfield, Mass.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	3d "
Utica, N. Y.	3d "
Earlville, Ill.	4th "

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WINTER RACING.

It can be said that the turf season of 1876 is virtually over, and the racers soon will be, if not already, consigned to the tender mercies of the stable boy or the straw yard until the grass grows green in 1877. A retrospect of the sport in Canada for the season would not be any too inviting reading if the skeleton was laid bare; and, in charity, it may be expedient to let bygones be bygones, although the right to review the action of this or that association cannot be questioned at any time. While the mantle may be drawn through policy, if the interest of the turf in the future demands lessons from the past, it would be folly to withhold the valuable knowledge which experience has taught.

Ice or snow racing in some portions of the country is one of the most attractive amusements of our inclement season. In some sections there are very few difficulties in the way of success, the most essential element to the sport, a good track, being at all times available. Of late years many winter gather-

being too great for the advantages offered. However, there are usually a sufficient number of entries to make them at least interesting to spectators, and at times the fields are large enough to compare favorably with any of our summer gatherings. The same rules which govern the conduct of turf affairs should be enforced in ice meetings. These have been so lately and so frequently spoken of, that a repetition is quite unnecessary here.

Considering the total absence of the record penalty on ice as affecting turf, it would naturally be expected that horses would at all times be driven to win—but here as in every where else it is found that the Ishmaelite shows his hand. It is the duty not only of the judges in these events, but also of the managers to use their utmost endeavors to prevent the semblance of fraud, and insist upon every contest being up-and-up, and on its merits alone. No exertions should be spared to stamp out fraud in whatever shape it presents itself, no matter who may be the sufferers—holding dear the principles of equity and fairness with which all such contests should be conducted. An incentive to crookedness is found in the small purses which are hung up; but the peculiar conditions under which ice racing is generally governed, render it impossible to give larger money; and as a consequence "fixes" are too frequently heard of, with the pool-box as the base of operations. To circumvent this crooked operation is one of the first duties of both judges and managers.

WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO.

Last week we spoke of the difficulties which were likely to arise in the payment, or rather the holding, of the money invested in pools in the United States on the Presidential election. Since then many of the more prominent American journals have taken the question up, and submitted it to a discussion in which all the salient points, *pro* and *con*, have been brought out. Many of them speak of the hardship some investors will suffer from the money being locked up, and in a charitable sort of way submit the bets should be governed by the rules authorized by the National Association regulating investments on trotting contests. If this was adopted the bets would, in all probability, be drawn, as the decision in the race has not been arrived at within the time which is provided by the National Association Rules. Five days only are allowed, exclusive of Sunday, which through practice is not counted as a portion of the time, though the rule itself would not admit of such a construction. The general feeling, however, is that the money will be retained until a final decision is positively arrived at. Indeed some of the most prominent pool sellers, such as Morrissey and Johnson Bros., declare themselves to this effect. Morrissey, in answer to the inquiries of a New York Herald reporter, said he will pay no bets until the fact of the election of either Mr. Tilden or Mr. Hayes is settled beyond the peradventure of a doubt. Johnson Bros. say they do not intend to pay any bets until the Electoral College shall decide who is elected; and if the decision should be that Hayes is elected they will ask Tilden to fill out a paper saying the end has been reached, and *vice versa* if the choice should be any other way. It is altogether probable that the action of these leading rooms will govern the conduct of all the pool-sellers throughout the Union on the question. In the meantime investors can console themselves the best way possible, and while wishing this cruel war was over, keep their courage up by trusting to a proper disposition of the funds when Tilden (or Hayes) comes marching home.

The New York Graphic, which appears to be greatly excited about pool-selling, has some startling suggestions regarding the disposition of the money now in the hands of the pool-sellers. By a law of the State of

to the higher and nobler purposes of civilization. Billiards, *per se*, is by no means a game which can be devoted to improper purposes. The science necessary to its acquirement proving an effectual bar to its employment by the pariahs of society. The game is the highest rational indoor one we possess in which all members of the family can take part, and there is no reason why it should not become as popular and universal as croquet.

Hemmed in as it was at one time by puritanical prejudice, it is easily understood why careful parents were cautious about introducing it to their homes; but as its beauties and adaptability to the home circle became apparent, these morbid obstructions were broken down, and healthy common sense ideas were adopted. Our best citizens practice the game in the privacy of the domestic circle—and many good players are found among the daughters and sons of our intelligent, wealthy, and far-seeing pillars of society. Old fanatical lines have been rubbed out, and rays of intelligence and pleasure beam in the place they were wont to occupy. And so it should be to the end. Satan has no right to monopolize all the good things—no more in our homes and in our domestic comforts than he has in the church. Music hath charms, which are being recognised in circles where it was ostracised; and billiards have a mission which is becoming identified with the advancement of our enlightenment.

A notable step in this direction has been made by the Mechanics' Institute of this city. Frowning down an opposition waged by fanaticism and an ignorance of the subject, the Directors have acted upon a proposition made some time ago by the Secretary of the institution, that a billiard room should be added to the many attractions already found within its walls. It is proposed to use the Music Hall for the billiard room, and by this day week it is expected it will be ready for occupation. For the present four tables will be in use; but under such management it is quite easy to assume that that number will in a short time not come up to the requirements. Thus is a noble move, and does credit to the managers of one of our most popular institutions, and must result in great benefit to the young men of our city. The Directors are but following the example of Rev. Dr. McCosh, of the Presbyterian College at Princeton, N.J., and they have the noble words of Prof. Swing, of Chicago, who in speaking on the subject of the game of billiards, closed with an eloquent appeal on behalf of the game with the peroration: "Common sense will be victorious, and the homes of the future will be full of both billiards and bibles, of cheerfulness and piety beautifully mingled."

NEW INDUSTRY.

We have had our attention directed to some new articles introduced and manufactured by the firm of Messrs E. G. Tisdale & Son, of Brantford, Ont. They consist of several kinds of Iron Stable Fittings, and commend themselves for the purposes for which they were devised at sight. The assortment comprises Feed Boxes, Hay Racks, Open and Box Stall Guards, Gutters and Covers, Heavy and Light Gess Pools, Stall Posts, Ventilators, Wall Straps, Cap Rails, Tie-ring Plates, Blanket Brackets, Wash Harness Brackets, Saddle Brackets, and the whole of the minutiae required in architecture of this class. No recommendation of ours is necessary to show the value of these Iron Fittings; they are in universal use in England and the Continent, and are being rapidly adopted in this country. A preference is due to the home-made article, and more especially so when the cost discriminates so much in its favor. Large stocks are kept on hand, so that delays are at all times avoided, and orders are filled with a promptness that is characteristic of this firm. On the score of economy alone

After crossing the ravine to the east of Yonge street, and proceeding to the place on Mr. Armstrong's farm, where the drag was supposed to be laid, quite a delay was caused by the hounds failing to trace out the scent, and as all were anxious to be off they scattered in every direction trying to find the starting point, consequently, when the hounds gave tongue, letting known that they had succeeded, only five or six happened to be in the right position, the rest following the best way they could by the sound in the direction they supposed the others had taken, but failed to take the right one, it being impossible on account of the bush to see where to go. Knowing then that it was useless to search farther, they crossed over so as to come in at the finish, having missed over half the run. Even those who were fortunate enough to be in the right position at the start did not accomplish the whole distance of the trail, as the hounds, losing the scent, caused them to take a short cut.

After about fifteen minutes delay, the hounds were put on the scent of the fox, who, running in divers directions through the bush for about twenty minutes, giving the hounds hard work, was captured about half a mile from where he started. Mr. O. Brown taking the "brush."

There was quite a number of ladies and gentlemen in carriages and on foot, especially the latter, who came to witness the sport, but were likewise disappointed, as there were so many obstacles in the way to shut out the view.

At the finish of the drag, as is usual through the kindness of Mr. Armstrong, showing his encouragement of the sport, a tent was erected containing refreshments for the hunters.—*Com.*

Sporting Gossip.

An Ottawa man who claimed he never saw the horse that could throw him, mounted a frisky rosinater the other day in one of the streets of Lower Town, and in exactly five minutes by the watch went head foremost through a large show window. He says this principle of evolution is hard to understand.

Mr. Dofries, the owner of the speedy little gelding Islander, which was entered in the half mile heat race at Newmarket on Saturday, says he engaged Blaylock, the jockey, to ride the horse in that race. Upon arriving at the track the youthful Harry was conspicuous by his absence, and did not put in an appearance at all, having deliberately disappointed Mr. D. Comment is unnecessary.

It is proposed to give a winter meeting at Ottawa, over Mutchmor Park, at which \$2,000 in premiums will be hung up. A meeting of gentlemen favorable to the project was held at the Union Hotel on Saturday evening.

By order of the Prospect Driving Park Association of Montpelier, Vermont, Mr. D. Nicholson, and bay mare Alice, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., have been suspended for non-payment of entrance money.

At a meeting of the Toronto Butchers' Association held at the Mansion House on Monday evening, Mr. Britton the well-known drover, said, he considered that no class of men contributed as much to the wealth of the Dominion in proportion to their numbers, as the breeders of thoroughbred stock.

The International Hotel at Niagara Falls, closed Saturday. Mr. Fulton reports a very successful season.

We understand Mr. A. Cuthbert, of Cobourg, has been engaged to build a ten-ton standing-keel yacht for Mr. J. S. Wallace. This and the steam launch previously contracted for will keep him busy all winter.

NORTH LINCOLN—This heavy draught stallion has been sold by Mr. Long, of

locked up in the pool box, awaiting the result of the Presidential contest.

John O'Connor has had quite a number of visitors from the Dominion, mostly residents of Guelph and adjacent places, call upon him at his rooms in Union Square, New York, during the past three months, those who played billiards thinking it quite a treat to be allowed to play after 10 p.m., the by-laws of Guelph taboos the game after the hour named, and not allowing it after 7 p.m. on Saturday nights. John, by the way, is doing an excellent business.

A NEW PAPER.

Last week we received the first number of *The Observer*, a paper published in this city in the interests of the Licensed Victuallers and opposed to the Prohibition movement. It is a forty column eight page paper, same size as *THE SPORTING TIMES*, and presents rather a good appearance. There is lots of room for a paper of this nature in Canada and it is the interests of the trade to give the new venture their support. It is printed by the Toronto Publishing Company, and the subscription price is \$4 per year.

Athletic.

GRÆCO-ROMAN WRESTLING.

BAUER VS. HEYGSTER.

If there were any doubts as to the great interest which the citizens of Toronto take in athletic sports, they would have been readily dispelled by taking a peep into the Royal Opera House on Saturday evening last during the progress of the wrestling match between Mons. Bauer and Herr Heygster. The seating capacity was pretty well tried, the gallery and second tier being crowded, while the orchestra chairs and balcony seats contained an army of Corinthians. The match was the result of a challenge from the Teuton to the Gaul as mentioned last week. Shortly after eight o'clock the curtain was rolled up, and Mr. Roger Lambie, the well-known amateur pedestrian and sculler, who had been selected as referee, advanced to the front and introduced the principals and their umpires. Mr. A. D. Stewart looked after Bauer, and Mr. Noble Ray after Heygster. The Frenchman was the first to make his bow, and was received with great shouts of welcome, which must have been very flattering; the German followed and had a good reception. Bauer's appearance was described last week, and does not require repeating. Heygster looked to be about 5 ft. 8 in. in height, about the same dimension around the abdomen, and would weigh probably 300 lbs, and was about as curious a specimen of an athlete, physically considered, as one would be likely to meet anywhere. Notwithstanding his tremendous avoirdupois and apparent want of condition, he was quite active on his feet, and displayed considerable knowledge of the science required in this style of wrestling. So long as he was able to stand up he made a good show with his more lithe opponent, but once off his feet and the game was up, the absence of elasticity would not permit him to rise or use the peculiar tactics in which Bauer is such an adept when he is on the floor. Three falls out of five constituted the match, and they fell comparatively easy to the Alsatian, Heygster at no time having a ghost of a chance of winning. The time of the several bouts was 8, 6, and 7½ minutes respectively. During the progress of the match Bauer once or twice showed the tremendous strength he possesses in his neck. Being thrown or going down for *finesse*, he formed his body into an arch, resting on his heels and head, and the utmost efforts of his ponderous opponent, aided by his weight thrown on the Frenchman's chest and stomach, were unable to straighten the body or bring the shoulders to the carpet. As a match the display was much inferior to that of Miller and Bauer. Tremendous cheering greeted the victor, who has made a legion of friends in this city. Heygster was not forgotten, and was called out, when he bowed his thanks to the audience for the compliment. Notwithstanding the short time the exhibition lasted, everyone