

BASE BALL.

BLONDE vs. BRUNETTE.

A BASE BALL SENSATION

The first game of base ball ever played in public for gate money between feminine ball-players took place at Springfield, Ill., Sept. 11. The party who composed this "latest sensation" in the base ball arena include a selected troupe of girls of reputable character who have shown some degree of aptitude in ball-playing, and the arrangements are such as to include special bats and balls for the game they play, and a special field to play on, inasmuch as the ball is lighter, the bat smaller, and the field is reduced in size, the bases being located on a diamond-shaped field, the sides of which are but fifty instead of ninety feet from base to base. The troupe contains some pretty fair players, but as a general thing the attraction is the novelty of seeing eighteen girls, prettily attired in gymnastic dress playing in a game of base ball. In the game at Springfield, the Blondes won, as the appended score shows: but at Decatur the Brunettes won by 41 to 21, only six innings being played:

| BLONDE. | R | B | E |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|
| Eva Sheppard, 2b..... | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Emma Stackling, r f..... | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| Jane Wynn, p..... | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Mary Foster, 1b..... | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Estella Brown, c..... | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Eliza Sheppard, 3b..... | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Catherine Timely, lb..... | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Nettie Glidden, c f..... | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| Lydia Lambeth, s..... | 5 | 3 | 4 |

Totals.....42 11 85

| BRUNETTE | R | B | E |
|--------------------------|---|----|---|
| Anno Wilson, c..... | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Josie Spencer, r f..... | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Mary Young, s..... | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Louisa Chafner, c f..... | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Maud Levi, 3b..... | 6 | 1 | 8 |
| Charlotte Clark, 2b..... | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Ellen Bergen, lb..... | 8 | 0 | 2 |
| Mary Braden, p..... | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Amy Bell, absent..... | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Blonde..... | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| Brunette..... | 4 | 6 | 9 |

First base by errors—Blonde, 18; Brunette, 9. Runs earned—Blonde, 8; Brunette, 1. Umpire, Mr. Stevenson. Time, 2h. 45m.

PEDESTRIANISM.

A CRACKING RACE.

J. Pickney, of Lofthouse, gave J. Catterick, Eng., seven yards start in a 150 and a betting, for £40, at Scotch Corner, near Catterick, Yorkshire, on Aug. 28. Pickney is but 22 years old, 5ft. 7in. high, and weighed 157 lbs. Thompson is 27 years old, over 6 feet high, and scaled at 177½ lbs. Bell's Life says of the race: "At 20 minutes past 4 the men got on their marks, but Pickney got one foot over and had to be put back three yards, according to a stipulation in the articles, so that his opponent was made a hot favorite, as there was ten yards in his favor. After a good start, in which Pickney got the quicker off, he began to gain gradually upon Thompson, and, coming like a steam-engine, in the last 20 yards in a manner that reminded us of George Seward and Mole, made a dead heat on the tape. As they mutually agreed to run it off at once, they again came together in ten minutes' time, a lot of money being put on in the meantime, Thompson starting at 6 to 4 on. After toeing their marks they were off again to a splendid start, Pickney again the quicker, and, running as straight as a bolt, won on the post at the last stride, Thompson running with great gameness. After passing through the tape, an injudicious friend of the winner endeavored to catch him, but threw him down and cut his knee badly. The race is remarkable, as we are informed, though we cannot vouch for it, that the distance was run each time a shade under fifteen seconds."

HORSE NOTES.

ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A FLUCKY DRED.—At Kingston, N. Y., while Effie Dean was being exercised by Alden Goldsmith, in company with several trotters, one of Effie's reins broke, and her driver toppled backwards, but recovering himself, did not fall out of the sulky. The mare broke into a wild run. While she was going at this furious rate, Goldsmith crawled over her back until, by reaching forward, he could get hold of the snaffle of the bit, and then, lying upon her neck, he brought her up with a sudden pull that carried her almost perpendicular in the air. He was heartily applauded by all who witnessed the daring deed.

A RACE BETWEEN A MAN AND A HORSE.

match any five horses in the United States, the horses to be two, three, four, and five years old, to be trained at one stable the present season, for \$500 each. Or they will match three two-year-olds for \$500 each, the match to take place over the Lexington course, at the coming fall meeting, and to be governed by the rules of the National Association.

DEATH OF GAZELLE.—Gen. Harding's broodmare Gazelle, by imp. Albion out of Delta, by imp. Priam, who has been a splendid racer, and winner at all distances, was found dead in her paddock on Sept. 8. She was twenty years old.

THE TROTTER MAKE NEREA.

The California Spirit of the Times, in copying the report of the race won by Nerea at Rochester, gives the following account of the mare:—"She was bred by Mr. Batcher, of Sacramento, was purchased of him by Mr. Malone of the Fashion Stables, San Francisco, who now owns her, and was sent East by Mr. Malone when Dobson Goldsmith Maid home in the fall of 1878. She is by John Nelson, her dam by Gen. Taylor. John Nelson was got by imported Trustee, his dam by Abdallah, and Gen. Taylor was by the Morse Horse, his dam the Hambletonian mare Flora, according to an advertisement in the California Spirit of the Times of 1864. Nelson is also the sire of Aurora, which gave promise of being as fast as anybody's horse, until she was crippled, and several others of more than ordinary promise. The old horse does not appear to feel the weight of twenty-four years, and is as brisk and lively as a four-year old, with little to denote that he is otherwise than in the full prime of years. Gen. Taylor must be as old, perhaps older, for in the last two years he shows the effects of age and hard service. He has not only been successful as a getter of trotters, but his sons and daughters have inherited the capacity to 'throw' trotters. Sweet Briar is by Eugene Casserly, a son, the dam of Lady Blanchard is a daughter. May Howard is by Paddy McGee (formerly Captain Hanford) a son of Gen. Taylor, and so the list might be extended with California celebrities which owe to these two horses their origin. Another theory is proven by the success of Nerea, which is the necessity for the horses which are taken from here being allowed to acclimate before they are called upon for extra exertion. The change is so great from the even temperature of this coast to the fierce extremes of the East the system requires time to accustom itself to the changes. Nerea is only seven years old.

THE NEW YORK HOTELS.

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The Grand Central is about \$80,000 without stores. It is very well conducted, and its proprietor, Mr. Powers, who commenced life at the lowest round of the ladder, is now a millionaire. It accommodates 600.

ALL SORTS.

A maternal gobbler has turned up in the town of Paris. He set on a nest of eggs, hatched out ten pullets, and walks proudly around with them. The other turkeys don't like it.

CARDS.—The old game of euchre has been superseded in Ottawa. *Vingt-et-un* is now the favorite. This latter requires a lot of small change—church warden's play it.

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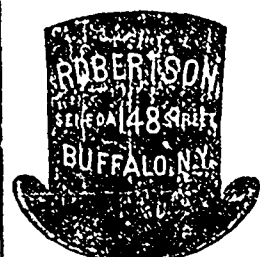
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