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A WORD FOR OURSELVES.

[From the Sporting Times, Dec. 14th, '77.]

The third year of our proprietorship of the SPORTING TIMES is drawing to a close. During the time it has been under our management it has been a regular, and we hope acceptable, visitor to the reader. It has been our practice to issue drafts in September on those who were in default with their subscriptions; but this year, instead, made a call through the columns of the paper requesting all who were indebted to remit the amounts due. With regret, we are obliged to acknowledge the appeal was not responded to with that alacrity which we anticipated would be shown. During this and next week we will issue drafts upon all of our subscribers who are in arrears for subscriptions, that can be reached through Express offices, and we expect they will be promptly paid. There are thousands of dollars due us, and the want of this money seriously impedes our efforts to bring the paper up to our ideal. Those who are indebted for over a year will, we hope, see the necessity of prompt payment. The terms of subscription are in

for to meet the Australian. He has already commenced preliminary training, and will not overlook anything to be in proper fix for the struggles he undertakes.

The making of the Trickett-Courtney match has brought out a piece of secret engineering by which it was endeavored to bring about a meeting between our champion, Hanlan, and the antipodean wonder. The gentlemen in whose hands Hanlan has placed himself, telegraphed an acceptance of Trickett's challenge to Australia, following it up with communications by mail submitting why Hanlan should be the first to meet Trickett, and containing the proposals Hanlan was willing to agree to. So far nothing has been heard in reply.

It will be remembered a few weeks ago our columns contained a proposition to match Courtney against Hanlan, two races, one of three miles and one of five miles, for \$2,500 a side each race. We were instructed by Hanlan to reply to this by stating that his friends had no intention of making any engagements for him until Spring. Yet the next week a challenge was published in our columns from Hanlan to Scharff. What such equivocal management means is as much a mystery to ourselves as it is to the public. It must have been a wide stretch of imagination on the part of those who have Hanlan in hand when they instructed him to inform us in reply to the Courtney def that they had no intention of making any engagements for him until Spring, when they were already in treaty with Trickett for a match, and were not yet aware of how their proposals had been received. And still further to stultify the effect of their reply to Courtney's propositions, they come out the next week and challenge Scharff for a race to take place in June next, after having us publicly state, at Hanlan's own request, that they had no intention of making any engagements until Spring! Does this look like as if Hanlan's present backers are desirous that he should row Courtney. We know Hanlan is willing to row any man living, and we further have reason to believe there would be no lack of funds in Toronto to back him against Courtney, Trickett, or any man in the world; but his hands appear to be tied, and the champion himself must not be held responsible for such a questionable exhibition as has been shown in the Trickett, Courtney, and Scharff affairs. Such diplomacy may be considered "sharp," but it is not the keenness of a true sportsman. Actions like these will tend to bring Hanlan in disrepute, and destroy that confidence which our citizens now repose in him which we know he is deserving of and anxious to maintain. With this digression we return to our subject proper.

From paragraphs in the American papers it would appear that Scharff is willing to row Hanlan in accord with the latter's proposition, and will accept expenses and come to Canada; but so far no official intimation has been received from the Pittsburgher to that effect. Riley who had a walk over in a match with Courtney at Greenwood Lake last summer, is anxious to have a shy at Hanlan the same time and place as the Courtney-Trickett race takes place. Wallace Ross does not despair of yet wearing the honors of the Championship; so, all around,

they met with a terrible storm in which several horses were lost overboard. Mr. L. being particularly anxious to save the saddle horse Star of Denmark, cut him loose and let him care for himself on board of the ship. The result was he landed him without a scratch and sold him for \$1,500, while other horses that had been confined were terribly used up.

Mr. Rossiter, of this city, last week purchased from Mr. John Bowman, near Bradford, the trotting gelding Handsome John. The youngster has no record, but his performances on the ice last winter in the Northern circuit show he was a fast one. He has been shipped to the other side for development. The consideration reported is \$1,000.

Mr. John T. Hicks, of Mitchell, has been elected 1st Vice-President of the Perth Licensed Victuallers Association.

A new Jockey Club on a grand scale is in process of formation in Montreal. A. Allan, Esq., will probably be President, and Mr. C. J. Alloway, V. S., Secretary. It is the intention to give a couple of large meetings each year.

As will be seen by advertisement Mr. Peter Curran intends to dispose of his trotting mare Tempest. She obtained her record over a slow track, and has shown trials much faster.

Mr. Rod. L. Ashbaugh announces he is a candidate for Alderman in No. 7 Ward, Hamilton. If Rod. would be as clever a worker in the Council as he is on the race track, he would be a great man in the city legislature.

It is the opinion of Mr. W. H. Wilson that when both horses are fit, Smuggler can beat Rarus to a stand still. Mr. W. says that he has held a watch on Smuggler a quarter in thirty seconds. This is at the rate of a mile in two minutes.

Mr. Gibson, of Kentville, N.S., has lost his fine three-year-old filly Hail Columbia, by imp. Eclipse, dam Columbia, by imp. Glencoe. The filly died from an acute attack of Lymphangitis, a disease prevailing to some extent in the Lower Provinces.

A Miniature Stock Exchange, similar to the ones in operation in New York, described in the SPORTING TIMES a few weeks ago, has been opened in Montreal. Stocks, grain and provisions are bought and sold on one per cent. margin.

Mr. Geo. Forbes, of Woodstock, Ont., has purchased a two-year-old colt by Smuggler. The youngster is named "Uncle Ben W.," after a popular Boston horseman.

The St. Louis Jockey Club have offered a \$5,000 purse, 2½ miles, free-for-all ages, to be run next May. It is expected Ten Broeck, Mollie McCarthy, Parole, Tom Ochiltree, and probably a few others will be the starters.

A prosecution of some importance by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been instituted at the Clerkenwell Police Court, when Thomas Sizeland, groom to Captain Scott, of Worcester House, Surrey, was charged with "gingering" the horses Leopold and Telegram, which were recently engaged in a race at the Agricultural Hall. The practice having been proved, and its cruelty shown, the defendant was fined £5 and £5 costs.

They have six fair grounds here. I was out to Dr. Herr's farm and saw some beautiful stock, such as three and four-year olds; and then went to Strader's and to Salyer's. I would like to give you a brief description of the stock of these noted breeders, but I am afraid it would take too long. I was out in the country this afternoon about eighteen miles, and the weather was like a nice sunny day. The dust is flying like a summer's day, and the large fields look as green as in the middle of summer. Coming home we stopped at the colored fair grounds, and I never put in an hour of so much fun in my life. The blacks have a fair grounds built for themselves, they cannot mingle with the whites in regard to driving on the track, and they have grounds built separate for themselves. To witness some afternoons' trotting is beyond description. I think I have done very fair. I reckon I will give you a right smart one next time.

Yours respectfully,
 GEORGE.

FROM LESLIEVILLE.

LESLIEVILLE, Dec. 29, 1877.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

Noticing in the SPORTING TIMES that you desired reports of how the horses were getting along in the various localities, I thought in my own rough way I would tell what was doing in this vicinity, thinking that this place should be represented as well as some others in your columns as we have some slick ones here.

Our old friend Mr. Victor Thomas (Uncle Vic), has a stable of four, headed by the chestnut gelding St. Paul, who will be remembered as having forfeited in a match to Black Mack some time ago. St. Paul is a rapid fellow and in Uncle Vic's hands is showing well. The second one is a black charger of unknown pedigree; some people have an idea he is a "catch," but who he will catch is the mystery to all. He was originally a pacer, but after the first day he came into Vic's hands, by some ingenious management, he changed his gait, and he has never since attempted the lateral movement. He is a free goer, and the boys should not shut their visual organs on him. The other two are colts under primary instruction.

Then comes Uncle Jones and the bay gelding Caractacus, well-known to the frequenters of Woodbine where he made his debut, getting a record of 2:34½, but said "no" before the race was finished. Caractacus is a fine-looking trotter, something of the thoroughbred air about him, but in his race failed to go the trip, the reason why being as much of a conundrum to Uncle Jones as anybody else. During the present summer Caractacus has been doing skirmishing duty on the other side, with what results your correspondent is unable to say. He is speedy any part of the track, and no doubt has been materially improved by his foreign tour.

Mr. J. Raymer has a large stable of horses principally gentlemen's drivers. Among them are a couple of green ones, from whom good things are expected.

Mr. Ostrum has a couple of white geldings

running them into the water with dogs, and then shot. 2nd. That when so killed, in the early part of the season, the meat will not keep long, consequently a greater portion of it is scarcely fit to eat, or wasted. 3rd. That this change of time will do away, to a certain extent, with hunting them with dogs as deer do not take the water so readily when the weather is cool. 4th. That still hunters would have a better chance for sport, as the deer would not be so wild, and that there would be more time for hunting when snow is on the ground.

I also think that it would be a good thing if hunting them with dogs was done away with altogether. Yours truly,

JOSEPH SCOTT.

FROM KINGSTON.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times.

Horse news in the city is very scarce; the river is open, ice has not yet formed, consequently horses are having easy times, much to the disgust of their owners. There is some talk of a boat race for to-morrow (New Year's day), but nothing as yet has been decided on.

Mr. Donald Fraser has purchased a fleet creamy racer which he has called Collateral, and across which he is seen daily "witching the world with noble horsemanship." Mr. Fraser was already associated with the turf as the owner of the Kingston race-course, which has been the scene of many a gallant tussle for first place. Under his present ownership Collateral promises to reach a rate of speed not easily discounted by our local steeds. He comes of note-worthy stock.

Broc.

BRILLIANT RUN WITH THE TORONTO HOUNDS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Last week we were compelled to omit our hunting notes, which were handed in too late. The meet on Christmas day was at the covered toll-gate, Dundas street. On account of it being such a disagreeable wet afternoon, there were not so many out as there should have been, but the old sportsmen never fear the weather. After Mr. Mead had collected the Christmas Cup for Old John, the hounds were brought out by our noble master, Mr. Copland; Mr. Thomas assisting him. They then trotted up Bloor St. to High Park, put the hounds on the north side of the park, and away they went at full cry down the green lane over the big brush jumps across on to Mr. Keel's farm, west side of Carlton Park; the scent being very good, the hounds took across to Dundas street, and then doubled back over Mr. Thomson's farm and went straight as the crow flies for Mr. Kennedy's farm. Down the green lane, the turf being good here, Dr. Smith let St. Andrew have his head and away he flew at a rattling pace, the Doctor sending him straight across Bloor street, over the board fence, five and a half feet high, stopping the rest of the hunters pretty sudden; the next over was Mr. Thomas, taking a panel with me; the rest soon followed. They then run across to the Lake Shore road, near McDowell's hotel, the hounds laying well down to their work. It was telling upon Reynard, the hounds kept him rattling along. Reynard doubled back and went over to High Park, down the big ravine. There some of the horsemen had to dismount and lead their horses; others went