

C-hawa	May 24
Clinton	May 23 to 24
Eastwell	May 24 to 25
Exeter	July 1 to 2

ICE MEETINGS.

Bob Ewart	March 7 to 8
Barrie	March 14 to 15
Lepine Park, Montreal	March —

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Barrie	March 18
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AMERICAN.

RUNNING MEETINGS.

Nashville, Tenn	April 30 to May 4
Baltimore, Md	May 21 to 24
Louisville, Ky	May 21 to 27
Cincinnati, Ohio	May 31 to June 5
St Louis, Mo	June 4 to 8
Columbus, Ohio	June 12 to 15
Baltimore, Md. (Fall)	Oct 23 to 26

TROTTING

Coldwater, Mich	May 15 to 17
Hilldale, Mich	May 22 to 24
Freeport, Ill	May 28 to 31
Hudson, Mich	May 29 to 31
Prophetstown, Ill	June 4 to 7
Milwaukee, Wis.	June 4 to 7
Adrian, Mich	June 4 to 7
Kalamazoo, Mich	June 11 to 17
Grand Rapids, Mich	June 18 to 21
Akron, Ohio	June 19 to 21
Jackson, Mich	June 25 to 28
Sodus, N. Y	June 26 to 28
Batavia, N. Y	July 2 to 4
Cincinnati, Ohio	July 2 to 5
Detroit, Mich	July 2 to 5
East Aurora, N.Y	July 3 to 4
Clyde, N. Y	July 3 to 5
Irons, N.Y	July 3 to 5
Warren, Ohio	July 3 to 5
East Saginaw, Mich	July 9 to 12
Columbus, Ohio	July 9 to 12
Toledo, Ohio	July 16 to 19
Cleveland, Ohio	July 23 to 26
Buffalo, N. Y	July 30 to Aug 2
Freeport, Ill	July 30 to Aug 2
Rochester, N. Y	Aug 6 to 9
Prophetstown, Ill	Aug 6 to 9
Utica, N. Y	Aug 13 to 16
Springfield, Mass	Aug 20 to 23
Earlville, Ill	Aug 20 to 23

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN.

HANLAN THEN—HANLAN NOW.

There are times when there can be no doubt that a man is justified in changing his opinion on some subject on which he has given expression to his ideas. More extended information or a clearing away of some misty hallucination by which he may have been shrouded would be deemed a sufficient cause for getting on the other side of the fence. But when a change mysteriously takes place from some positively stated decision, especially when no cause presents itself and no explanation is given, the motive that prompted it is liable to be looked upon with suspicion. A case in point presents itself in the New York Sportsman of last week, to which our attention has been directed.

It will be remembered by our readers that late in November, 1877, we copied quite a long article from the Sportsman, in which it was established to the satisfaction of that journal that Ed. Hanlan was the champion oarsman of the world. It carefully analyzed the claims of the different men, and in its own words came to the conclusion, "Our verdict must be, and ever shall be, that Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, Canada, is the champion, not only of America, but of the world, and will remain so until defeated." Since this declaration was made Hanlan has engaged in no match by which he could have suffered any loss to his claim to the championship as expressed by the Sportsman. Hanlan acknowledged the compliment paid in the article quoted to the Sportsman, and his communication to that effect was published in its columns. The declaration of Hanlan's right to the championship of America and the world was positive enough in the Sportsman to satisfy the most enthusiastic of that oarsman's admirers, and editorially we congratulated Hanlan on having such an able advocate to place him in the position of champion of the world. To lose the title he must be defeated. Nothing more definite could be asked for. A sporting man would have felt justified in wagering dollars to cents that Hanlan was champion of America, on the Sportsman's authority. The words were as plain as could be written. There could be no doubt of their meaning. The Sportsman, in the article to which we have reference, further claimed that the title of American champion "belongs really, and will belong, until he is defeated, to Hanlan, he having won it at the Centennial Regatta,

as he held that title since the death of George Brown. The championship has always been rowed for over a five-mile course, and no one has ever disputed till now that this was the requisite distance for a championship race. Morris was defeated at Philadelphia, but the conditions were altogether different from the championship event, and denies the authority of the Centennial Commissioners to bestow that title; besides, the title has always been decided by a match race. On these differences of opinion a wager was made, and you are appealed to. Answer.—B wins this bet. No man can get the championship save by a match at the championship distance, or by a forfeit of the championship to a challenge. This is the rule in all sorts of sports all over the world. A racehorse in England holds the Whip, and is champion. Now, you cannot take the Whip and the title from him by beating him at three miles. It must be over the Beacon Course at Newmarket, which is more than four miles, weights 140 lbs., 200 sovereigns each. The case you have put is precisely analogous. So with the championship of England when "The Ring" was really in existence. You could not get the championship except by a challenge, and fight under the championship rules, or by a refusal of the champion to accept such a challenge. Thus, Young Dutch Sam offered to fight the champion, Jim Ward, if he would restrict himself to certain weight. Ward refused to do this, and thereupon some of Young Dutch Sam's friends brought proceedings in the nature of a *quo warranto* to make him show by what warrant he held the title and dignity of champion. The cause came on for hearing in Tom Spring's parlor before their Hons. Old Tom Gibb, Tom Spring, Peter Crawley, Jack Lanigan, and Jack Randall. After arguments *pro* and *con*, the learned judges dismissed the writ with costs. The venerable Chief Baron Cribb delivered the judgment of the Court. All the judges concurred, and Baron Crawley declared that, besides paying all the costs, "them as brought the suit ought to have their heads punched."

BILLIARD LEGISLATION.

In our issue of February 22nd, an article appeared showing how the municipal council of the town of Peterborough discriminated in their billiard licenses between hotels and independent rooms. The hotel billiard room, under the by-law passed at that time, was compelled to close on Saturday nights at 7 o'clock, while no restriction was placed on the independent rooms, if any such existed, or should exist. Upon second thought, whether caused by reading our article or not, at a subsequent meeting of the council the by-law to regulate billiard rooms was amended so that the rooms could be kept open until 10 o'clock on Saturday nights. Councillor Rutherford, of the Peterborough local legislators, strongly opposed the amendment, and claimed the 7 o'clock clause was one of the best ones in the License By-laws. To maintain his position he said, "the rooms were closed at that hour in Toronto, and thought no objection could be raised to it here. He believed it a restriction in favor of public morality, and hoped the council would sustain it." It would be the more charitable view to suppose that Councillor Rutherford was speaking on a subject of which he had no knowledge. Had that gentleman been in Toronto on any Saturday night, he would have plainly seen his error. But as he appeals on the high grounds of morality, he should not have descended to such a questionable statement to maintain his position. He probably assumed that the end justified the means. If this is the style in which the moral portion of the community seek to gain their ends, well may we be spared their good offices. If it requires unblushing mendacity, wilful misrep-

it will of course prevent the match being made:

GREENPOINT, L. I., Feb. 19, 1878.—In reply to the challenge of Colonel H. S. Russell on behalf of Smuggler, I would state that I will match Rarus to trot the proposed series of races against Smuggler on any track. Col. Russell may name, from Chicago to Springfield, Mass., for any amount of money he may name, any description of race he may see fit to trot, the winner to take all the gate money. I am perfectly willing that Colonel Russell shall fix the amount to be trotted for, select any track he pleases, over which to trot the races, and also choose his own stakeholder. All I want is to name the days on which the races shall be trotted. I am, yours respectfully,

R. B. CONKLING.

Col. Russell declines Mr. Chas. S. Green's counter-challenge to match a horse against Smuggler. His reasons may be gathered from the following comment of the Boston Herald:

Evidently the great horseman of Babylon, L. I., Mr. Charles S. Green, thought to steal a march on the owner of Smuggler when his challenge to "name at the post" a competitor for the Boston stallion was issued. Col. Russell very wisely declines Mr. Green's proposition, for the reason that it secures to him an unfair advantage in giving the Babylon gentleman the pick of all the horses in the country, not excepting the retired (?) Goldsmith Maid, and enabling him also, at the last moment, to select another trotter if his original selection should break down or prove out of condition. Colonel Russell's reply is manly, and his asserted intention to trot Smuggler against Lula, if the challenge to Rarus is not accepted, indicates his great confidence in the son of Blanco, and gives ground for reasonable suspicion that much more is expected of Smuggler this year than ever before.

Sporting Gossip.

The speedy Bill Bruce, by Enquirer, out of Aurora Raby, is wintering at Almonte, Mich., in the stable of Mr. Wm. Armstrong. It is thought his "leg" will be sound enough to stand work the coming season. Bruce, previous to the accident which let him up, promised to be one of the fastest horses in America. It is likely he will be handled by Charley Boyle in the approaching campaign.

It is said, on the authority of the Boston Globe, that the late Pope Pius IX was an expert billiard player. If the Globe is no better authority on billiards than it is on some other lines of sport, aquatics especially, not much reliance can be placed in the above billiard paragraph. The Globe was responsible for the bogus Trickett challenge and acceptance.

Last week a race took place on the ice at Courtright between horses owned by Messrs. Brooke and McGregor, for \$50. Mr. McGregor's horse won. It is expected more races will follow. So saith a correspondent.

Under the heading of "Aquatics" the Montreal papers give an account of the race telegraphed from San Francisco between Mollie McCarthy and Jake. The jocks must have been dry land sailors. So much ignorance with so many free schools is lamentable.

We had a call on Monday last from ex-Ald. Nowlan, of Hamilton, the owner of the speedy trotting gelding St. Patrick. He reports the Milesian looking better than ever, and moving like a steam engine. Mr. N.

participating in this vicinity, and they have sixteen ready for shipment, cost of which will average \$400. We, in company with many more, would like to see sixteen horses bought in this vicinity that would average any such price.

In the two-mile heat race at Sacramento, Cal., on Friday last, between Mollie McCarthy, 5 years, 111 lbs., and Jake, 5 years, 100 lbs., for \$2,750, the mare won easily in two straight heats—3:45, 3:38. Mollie by Monday, dam Hennie Farrow, and the Pacific slope is thought to be invincible. She will be brought East in the Spring to measure her speed with Parole, Ten Bree, Ochiltree, and the other cracks.

Last week Mr. Archibald Macdonald, Burford, Ont., lost a promising gelding to death. He was valued at \$300.

The New York World, in speaking of prospects of the coming season in that section, says:—"For those interested in horses, both thoroughbreds and trotters, much will depend on the action of the Legislatures of this State and New Jersey. If pools can be sold on the several tracks, there will be no lack of horses to contend at the Jerome June meeting, and later at Monmouth Park and Saratoga. But should there be no change, and the present obstacles to pool-selling remain, general exodus of owners with their stable towards the West may be looked for early in May. The inducements to go West were certainly never as brilliant as they are for the coming season."

The trip to the Old Country appears to have acted very favourably on Mr. Harry Giddings, of this city. He won a couple such races there, and gives a very interesting account of how they manage trotting events in that country. With the system of standing starts and handicaps to distance, he says it is altogether different from this section. Speculation is very brisk on trotting events, and a man with the right kind of a horse (he must be a good one) can make a barrel full of money.

On Wednesday of last week a M. Brassau, of St. Herbert, lost two fine horses worth \$600, in crossing to Montreal from St. Lambert in a hole where ice had been taken out.

Mr. Hetherington, of Guelph, the owner of the trotting stallion St. Joe, by Blackwood, informs us the horse has wintered very finely, and is looking and feeling first rate. He moves like a trotter more and more every day.

We have barely time this week to draw attention to the announcement of the great horse sales by Mr. J. Grand, at Toronto, Hamilton and London, which will be found in another column of to-day's paper. Judging by last year's sale in this city, the coming series should be very successful.

SMUGGLER.—It is informally stated that the trotting stallion Smuggler fell lame soon after his trainer commenced to work him, preparatory to his Spring campaign on the California courses. Rumor has it that Judge Fullerton and Smuggler were to trot a series of match races in the Spring over the California courses. Smuggler and Rarus, it was thought, would come together at a later period. If, therefore, the new Smuggler's lameness proves to be well founded, all these brilliant calculations will be knocked to the head. These rumors reach us through private advices, and have not as yet been corroborated by the California press.