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Champion Rider Will Perform at Moose Jaw Stampede

Moose Jaw, Sask.—"Maple Creek," considered by western cattlemen to be the best crooked-bucking horse in the world, and the animal that gave Emory Lashman, the world's champion bucking horse rider, the hardest ride of his career at the Glenora, Alta., Stampede last year, has been secured to test the skill of the cowboys who will ride at the big Stampede here July 11th to 14th.

"Maple Creek" is a three-year-old, and is owned by Ad. P. Day, of Medicine Hat. Originally he was the pet crooked horse of an Alberta rancher's daughter. One winter she left him in the stable on an oat diet, and the first time she mounted him for a spring ride he bucked her over the fence into the ditch. The rancher couldn't under-

stand this, as he was always a gentle horse, and he mounted "Maple Creek," and was likewise precipitated over the fence. Three of the young woman's cowboy admirers then sought to conquer the beast, and were themselves conquered, so that he was given up as an incorrigible outlaw, no longer fit for riding. It was then that Day learned of him and purchased him for the Glenora Stampede, and his reputation has been growing rapidly ever since.

This famous horse, and a dozen of others of great reputation as buckers, will be here for the Stampede, and there are many who are wagering that more than one cowboy will wish "Maple Creek" and his kind had never been heard of before the four days of the Stampede have elapsed.

TRAP SHOOTING

The following article on trap shooting by Chief Bender was published in this week's Sportsman's Review:

I can't see why every man should not be a trap shooting "bug." Certainly I must confess that the microbe "has got me." And there is a logical reason why.

Without a doubt the love for trap shooting and hunting is inherent with every man who lays claim to the throbs of red blood in his veins. The "ever" is just naturally bred in the bones. It may lay dormant for a while, but sooner or later it's bound to assert itself.

What man is there who cannot look back over the years and recall an irresistible youthful desire to own a real gun? What man is there who hasn't heard the call of the big outdoors? And surely what man is there who could play the role of spectator at a real trap shooting competition without experiencing a desire to take a crack at the flying clays himself and show the other fellow how to smash 'em? The old adage that a man is only a grown-up boy still holds good. The last vestiges of youth are bound to crop up. If you doubt it just visit the nearest gun club some day.

Personally, I like all outdoor sports. The bond between baseball and myself is practically unbreakable. Golf, too, comes in for its share of attention. But trap shooting is my hobby. There's something irresistible about the whirling, swerving, elusive clays that fairly challenge one's skill. And there's no lapse to the proposition. It not only interests, but grows on one.

I have been banging away at the clay targets for more than thirteen years, and even today every new competition—every new trial at the trap—sends me to the score with increased desire and ambition to outdo all previous efforts. And, as a matter of fact, lately I have done my best work. For the last few weeks I have been exceptionally favored, and right here let me confess a pride in having "gotten my hundred straight."

From the standpoint of clean, wholesome, invigorating sport—surely trap shooting is worthy of every man's attention. And it is surprising to note the number of women who are daily indulging in it. Also it is remarkable to hear of the many "crack" shots to be found among the women. One seldom picks up the trapshooting news today without finding surprising records made by some woman novice. This in itself is ample evidence of the wholesome character of the pastime. In fact, if one wished he could undoubtedly consume many pages on the merits and virtues—the educational and tendency toward physical and mental development of the sport at large. It's a big, invigorating recreation that is growing greater every day. If you have any doubts on the subject visit some gun club on the day of a shoot. Incidentally, see if you, too, don't get the "fever."

NORWEGIAN GIRL STILL CHAMPION

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the national tennis champion, successfully defended her title by defeating Mrs. Edward Raymond of New York in the national tourney on the courts of the Philadelphia Cricket Club. Apparently Miss Molla will have the opportunity of defending her title for a good many years to come. There appears to be no one produced thus far whose skill seems to match that of the Norwegian girl.

In the events of the season to date Miss Bjurstedt's victories have been decidedly won. Only once has she been put to a three-set match, this by Mrs. Edward Raymond in one of the rounds of the metropolitan championships at Forest Hills.

Last winter Mrs. Bundy (the former Miss May Sutton, champion of the world) defeated the Norwegian girl in two out of three matches out in California. This is her only defeat since coming to this country the latter part of 1914. However, Mrs. Bundy is not participating in this year's tournament. Neither is their other leading Western player, Miss Mary Browne, three times national champion.

Everything now seems to point to Miss Bjurstedt's scoring a hollow victory in this season's competition. And meanwhile the Norwegian is growing better and stronger, and the future will find it more of a task than ever to bring about her downfall.

CANOE REGATTA WILL BE HELD ON JULY 29

At a meeting of the Western Division of the Canadian Canoe Association at the Toronto Canoe Club, it was decided to hold the regatta here on Saturday, July 29th. The idea is to encourage the new and younger members of the canoe clubs, as ninety per cent. of the older members have enlisted.

The crews of paddlers who have won in the senior or intermediate races must be composed of at least 50 per cent. of novice or junior men. This,

MILK MAY FORM MAIN DIET FOR STARS

San Francisco—Will milk in the future become one of the athletic trainer's principal aids in turning out lusty performers in the various branches of sport?

According to press dispatches, the Pasteur Institute of Paris has just made the declaration that one of the most powerful stimulants known is milk. It has been in use for months now as the stimulant for the French soldiers in the trenches, and its effect on them is said to amply justify the statement made by the famous institute in regard to it.

Milk has been used liberally to stimulate the French soldier before they go into battle, and its effects have been such that the French government has urged the sale of milk in preference to other soft drinks, behind the trenches when the soldiers go off duty for their spells of rest and recreation.

Whether or not this information will induce the men in charge of the physical upbuilding of the athlete to try its effect on men in training remains to be seen. While milk has, for many years, been an incidental on the training table menu, it cannot be said that it has been regarded in the past as a beverage with any particular "punch" to it.

However, the engineer of a train of thought should stop to think occasionally.

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