

Billiards.

SEXTON BEATS C. DION.

The eighth billiard contest for the Delaney gold medal, the championship of America and \$1,000, occurred on Tuesday of last week, at Tammany Hall, New York, between William Sexton, the present champion, and Cyrille Dion. The place was well arranged for such an affair. The 6x10 table, with patent wire cushions, stood in the centre of the great hall under brilliant gas jets, and the chairs for the audience stood in rows one above the other on platforms on each of the four sides of the table. There was ample space for the players, umpires, marker, and press between the players and the front rows of the spectators.

It is certainly true that no billiard match was ever witnessed in this city with so select an audience as that which assembled in Tammany Hall last night. On the stage, which was taste fully draped with the national colors, sat some dozens of ladies in elegant costumes, and through the audience, especially in the front rows, were many more, not even in the gallery, which was packed, was to be seen a poorly dressed person. The best known billiardists in the city were present too. There were Rudolph, Garner, Daly, Strauss, Slosson and others. Besides these were seen the faces of men who are well known on 'Change and in the highest social circles in Gotham. It is safe to assume from their presence and that of so many ladies that billiards are understood and liked by a large class of the gentler sex. The decorum of such an assemblage was all that might have been expected of such people. Applause, it was observed, was bestowed intelligently and in a well-bred manner, and although clapping of hands was loud and frequent, there never was a stamp of the foot or an exclamation heard. At the opening the seats were nearly all occupied, but the aisles and lobbies filled up after the theatres closed. From this it will be seen that the game was a long one. Six hundred points were played and half of them were not scored before half-past ten o'clock. The umpires were Mr. G. F. Slosson for Mr. Sexton; Jacob Schaeffer for Mr. C. Dion. Mr. G. B. Hubbell, of Hartford, Conn., was chosen referee and Mr. Willmarth was marker.

At half-past eight the game began, Cyrille Dion getting the lead. He only scored 3, and was followed by Mr. Sexton with a little 3 also. Dion's second inning was of little account; it earned him nothing, while that of his adversary marked him up 2. Dion's third did not help him much; but Sexton was more fortunate. He got the balls together on the cushion and made a run of 42. This good fortune of his antagonist aroused Dion, who also made a short run of 19. He was less successful, however, in the three following innings, in which he earned absolutely nothing, while Sexton scored 4, 5 and 1. He, too, played poorly in the next two innings, but in his ninth he counted 39, making his total up to this point in the game 117 to Dion's 38.

The performance of both players from this until the fifteenth inning was not startlingly brilliant, Sexton's highest thus far being only 16. He had two cyphers. Dion in the fifteenth inning scored 31, making his complete record 100 that of his opponent being 145. In his last run Dion made some splendid shots, which won the approval of the spectators, as did also Sexton in his twelfth inning by a magnificent angle shot. Perhaps some of the most brilliant players during the match was shown by Sexton in his nineteenth inning, in which he scored only 8, but they were shots such as an expert billiard player alone could have made. In his twenty-second inning Dion led off with 45 shots, which for skill were not surpassed last night by either himself or Sexton, but do what he would Dion could not get the balls together, and when he closed his score was within one of that of his adversary. They stood Dion 161, Sexton 162.

Now the contestants may be said to have varied to their work, and Sexton, in the twenty-third inning, got the ball together, and, before they parted, ran 49. His next three shots were beauties two masses and one "follow," which might be classed as an astonishing one. It was now a quarter to ten o'clock, and Dion had scored 106 points, Sexton 233, and for three-quarters of an hour the men played with varying luck and trifling scores six innings each. In the next, his thirtieth inning, Sexton ran 97, and sat down amid the plaudits of his admirers with a total record of 371 to Dion's 225. At the thirty-third inning Sexton reached his 400, while Dion's string only told 235. But now his star was in the ascendant and he, after Sexton retired, went to the table, and getting the balls together, ran 105, when he missed an easy shot and had to give way to Sexton. This gentleman, however had very bad luck during the next seven innings, while Dion was more fortunate, and gradually lessened the breach between his and his antagonist's score materially. At eleven o'clock they stood—Dion 374, Sexton

AWARDED

—1877—

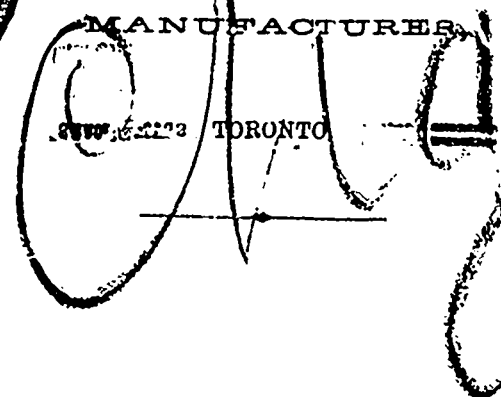
AUSTRALIA



J. L. RAWBONE

GUN, RIFLE, AND

Breech-Loading Gun Implement



FACTORY.

Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A.

123 YONGE ST.

Toronto, - - - Ont.

Send for my new Price List, which will be mailed free upon request. Before putting away your Gun for the Season have it well cleaned, nothing will injure it more than

Only first-class English Workmen employed. Skate Price List on Application.

325-dt

DEATH OF THORN.

This celebrated English racer is dead. Some weeks since we announced that he had broken a leg. A veterinary surgeon was called in, set the limb, and the great horse was placed in slings. He at first seemed to improve, but very soon it was discovered that the hoped for improvement in his condition was a delusion, and his case became hopeless. To relieve him of the pain he constantly suffered, Mr. R. N. Batt, his owner, had him destroyed. Having carried the colors of his owner with distinguished success for six years, running sixty races, and very often with the top weight, he was retired, having made his last appearance at the last Doncaster Meeting, and was sent to Middleham Moor, to enter the stud the coming season, where he was turned into a paddock, and while romping over the grass slipped and broke his leg. Thus passed away the best son of King of Trumps and Lady Alice Hawthorn, in his seventh year. No horse of his time made more reputation as a weight carrier, unless, indeed, Thunder is his superior. Their struggle for the Alexandra Plate, at Doncaster, in 1874, with only 1 lb. difference in favor of Thorn, was regarded at the time as one of the very best races ever run. Thunder, with 125 lbs. up, against 124 on Thorn, won the Plate by barely a head. The following year he captured the Arcot Plate, with 140 lbs. up, giving so good a horse as Tartine 31 lbs. In the death of Thorn Mr. Batt and the English turf have sustained a serious loss.

SENATOR MORRISSEY'S DEPARTURE.

Senator John Morrissey sailed on the San Jacinto for Savannah from New York on the 14th, afterwards to seek relaxation and recuperation in a milder climate. About midday he appeared in some of his downtown haunts, where he was greeted by many friends, but before two o'clock he went on board the steamer, at pier 16 East River. A reporter of the Herald called upon the Senator on the ship and found him sitting forward, pleasantly chatting with a few friends. In response to the reporter's inquiries Mr. Morrissey said:—"I am going to Savannah, perhaps farther, for the benefit of my health—in fact my physician insists upon the journey. I am getting along so well toward my recovery that he does not want me to take the risk of a relapse from the early storms. From Savannah

A HORSE THAT BREATHES THROUGH ITS NECK.

Edging around in front of the animal the reporter saw that sure enough a tube had been inserted in the windpipe between the head and shoulders, through the opening of which the horse was inhaling and exhaling oxygen with all the force and capacity of a blacksmith's bellows. A little inquiry elicited the facts from Mr. Woodlin. The horse (a fine large black) had formerly been used as a 'bus horse for the Bellows House in Rock Island. Some two months ago the animal had a violent attack of epizootic—so severe indeed, that the larynx, or opening of the windpipe, had been swollen shut, and the horse seemed likely to die of suffocation. He was taken to Matt Fisher's stables in Davenport, where a veterinary surgeon cut the windpipe as described and inserted a syphon-shaped silver tube about six inches in length, through which the animal obtained his allowance of air. The tube has a tin facing, to which the straps are attached which keep it in place. The horse does not suffer the least inconvenience from the arrangement, and is as full of life as ever. It will be seen that by this mode of treatment all strain is removed from the obstructed larynx, leaving it in the best possible shape for doctoring. As soon as the swelling subsides and the natural passage is again open, the tube will be removed, the hole sewed up, and the horse is himself again. As we have said, the horse was used at the Bellows House before his sickness, but when Mr. Jarvis, the present proprietor, took charge, he shipped the animal down to his Island Farm, in exchange for one that was sound, which accounts for the presence of the horse on our streets, and consequently for this item.—Muscatine (Io.) Tribune.



HALL'S PATENT Anti-contraction Horse Boot.

PREVENTS AND CURES CONTRACTION OF THE HOOF.

With this boot any stable can be provided with a pasture, so far as the feet are concerned, and one too that may be used any season of the year. Send for descriptive circular to LUGGERS & BARNETT, Saddlers, &c 115 Yonge St. Toronto.



A. WHITE! SHIRT MANUFACTURER

Maker of Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, and Men's Neck-Wear, Silk Umbrellas, Gloves, Valises, &c.

65 KING ST. WEST. TORONTO

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY

AND

WHITE STAR LINE!

New Train for Buffalo Direct. REDUCTION IN RATES

One hour faster and 24

CABIN PARTS.

FOR SALE.