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CANADIAN.

Dundas May 24
Hamilton July 1 to 8

AMERICAN.

Milwaukee, Wis. June 2 to 6
Chicago, Ill. July 15 to 19
Cleveland, O. July 22 to 25
Buffalo, N. Y. Aug. 5 to 8
Rochester, N. Y. Aug. 5 to 8
Cleveland, O. Sept. 9 to 12

RUNNING.

Savannah, Ga. Jan. 21 to 25
Charleston, S. C. Feb. 5 to 8

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no doubt I will not be permitted to object to his individual prejudice. By this time he will know who are his friends, and if he wishes to withdraw from the influence of the Club no one has cause to dispute his right. But the public takes so much interest in the champion, that it is sensitive on any point that is liable to affect him in the least, and his business is criticized in a way that an ordinary individual's would escape. No doubt in a short time it will be known if the match is really made, and what the champion's intentions are for the future. In the meantime it is to be hoped nothing will occur to mar his present brilliant prospects.

WHEN DOCTORS DIFFER.

It is well known that on some special questions of record or ruling in racing or athletic matters that our leading sporting papers do not agree. In a few questions affecting cards and base-ball the *Clipper* is totally at variance with its New York contemporaries, while the *Spirit of the Times* and the *Turf, Field and Farm* are in direct opposition on the question of the fastest trotting record. Under these circumstances it is possible for a man to lose or win his wager according to the authority to which the decision of the query is left. These are, as it were, standard points of difference between the authorities; but now and then questions come up for decision at their hands for which it is thought the rules plainly provide. Such an one is presented in the *Spirit* and in the *Turf* of last week. The queries and answers are given below, and it will be seen that both papers quote the authority upon which their decisions are founded. It would naturally be assumed in such a question that no two opinions could exist, but from these extracts it will be seen that on the simplest matters of racing, as in law, a contingency may arise that completely changes the original intention of the wager, and a construction may be placed on the rules, which are supposed to be a guide in such matters, quite foreign to the ideas of either the principals in the matter. In the case quoted below it will be observed one paper claims the bet is a draw, while the other decides the money is lost by the party backing Glenmore.

The Spirit of the Times:—

LEXINGTON, Lexington, Ky.—Without wishing to give you trouble, or to appear either captious or critical at the decision given in your last number, in answer to my communication, signed "Lexington," will you allow me to restate the case, and await a reconsideration and answer, to appear in your next issue, if the enclosed inquiry is deemed worthy of reply. A bet B that Essilah would beat Glenmore in the mile heat race run Oct. 11. King Faro, Essilah, Glenmore, and Col. Hull started. In first heat Glenmore finished first, Essilah second, King Faro third, Col. Hull distanced. The judges declared Glenmore distanced for a foul on the homestretch, and gave the heat to Essilah. In the second heat King Faro distanced Essilah. The race was run under the Nashville rules, which say that a horse distanced in a second heat is better than one distanced in the first, and so on through the race. Glenmore was distanced in the first heat, Essilah in the second; the latter under the rules was the longer liver, and had a place in the first heat, which the former did not by being distanced? *Answer*.—We were aware of the rule you mention, but there is another and troublesome rule in your way. We allude to the last clause of Betting Rule 1, which says: "All bets between particular horses are void, if neither of them is placed in the race." Neither Essilah nor Glenmore were placed in the race you allude to, and neither could have gotten second or third money had there been any, and all bets between them were void under the rule.

Turf, Field and Farm:—

FAYETTE, Lexington, Ky.—A decision has been made by the *Spirit of the Times*, which I am satisfied is wrong. To satisfy the parties give

THE COPLAND CHALLENGE CUP.

A RACE FOR TO-MORROW.

Mr. W. Copland, of this city, a gentleman who has taken the greatest interest in the success and welfare of the Toronto Hunt Club, has recently donated an elegant Challenge Cup to be contested for annually by the members of the Hunt. Its value is in the neighborhood of \$400. We are informed that the principal conditions under which it will be run for are:—That it shall be won by a member three times before it becomes his individual property; to be run for by horses the property of members which have been regularly hunted during the season of the contest; members of the Club to race; weight, 160 lbs., thoroughbred seven pounds extra; foreign bred and horses that have been in professional training for three months barred; over three miles of fair hunting country; entrance free.

The first contest for the trophy will be held at Norway to-morrow afternoon, and the prospects are that the race will prove to be one of the most exciting interest. In addition to this event there will be a sweepstakes of \$25 each over the same track, for which it is likely there will be half-a-dozen starters at least, including Grey Cloud, Passion, Osseo, Excelsior, &c.

Mr. Copland is certainly entitled to the best remembrances of those who take any interest in the noblest of old-country pastimes for his action in donating such a valuable Cup for competition. His encouragement of home-bred horses by the conditions under which this trophy is contested will be considered a step in the right direction. Anything that will tend to increase our domestic supply of the thoroughbred horse will certainly meet with the approval of those who have given the subject any consideration. The example so unselfishly set by Mr. Copland will probably be followed by some of the other wealthy devotees of the Hunt, until it can be reasonably expected that this species of endowment will assume a sufficient magnitude to furnish the material for a first-class cross-country meeting annually.

Sporting Gossip.

It is the intention of the Ottawa Winter Trotting Club to give a three days' meeting for which liberal purses will be offered. The dates will shortly be given.

Speaking of occupations gone, there is no man in all the country now more disconsolate than the professional base ball player.

Jim Henry, a cross-country jock, while riding Zetland at Philadelphia, on Saturday last, was severely injured about the head and shoulders on account of his horse falling.

Mr. Graves, of the Crawford House, Windy, has recently imported a mare from Kentucky that he considers to be very speedy.

The Lexington Press says Mr. John Vance has a work mare that a short time ago gave birth to a horse male, and five days afterwards gave birth to another. They are both living and doing well.

Messrs. Johnson and Hunt, of Gananoque recently purchased from Mr. Jonas Jones of the same place the trotting colt Hurdler. He is said to be a very promising youngster, and his new owners expect to do some fast work with him on the ice this winter.

It is said that Mr. Vanderbilt paid the Maud S sum of \$21,000 for the 2:17½ filly he recently bought in Kentucky.

Mr. Thos. Dustow, of Belmore, has sold his stallion, young England's Glory, to Mr.

dumped from the iron sales on the floor of a room in the Galt House, says it was the most fearful wail of money that human eyes ever beheld.

With most men life is like backgammon, half skill and half luck.

Among the trotting cracks that are wintering at Montreal are Ben Morrill, Camores, Drummer Boy, Farmer Boy and Good-enough. It is proposed to keep them all sharp for any ice work that may present itself this winter.

In the entries to coming events of the Australian turf there are no less than 474 nominations to the Mares Produce Stakes. This speaks volumes for the state of the royal sport in that far-off land.

There is a poem in the November *Atlantic* that starts off by saying: "There came three queens from heaven." Never do you believe it; we'll bet you a thousand dollars one of them was dealt to him, and he pulled the other two out of his boot.

One day last week Mr. J. Grand, of this city, sold from his York street stable an elegant span of carriage horses to Hon. R. C. Moreton, comptroller of the Marquis of Lorne's household, for the use of our new Governor-General. The consideration was \$800.

A San Francisco gambler has been reclaimed. His pious brother got his (the p. b.'s) affianced wife to remonstrate with the sinner, and she prosecuted the missionary enterprise with such zeal that the prodigal turned from the error of his ways, married her and became a preacher.

The town clock at Dundas has been taken down for repairs and cleaning. It is proposed to set it up on the Driving Park, when they will have no excuse for attaching "no time" to the summaries of their races. Time taken by a town clock would be preferable to no time at all.

Mr. Robert Bonner, the New York Ledger man, has recently added the chestnut mare Sadie Bell to his stable. Mr. McConnel, her owner, was at one time offered \$25,000 for her which he refused; and he only received \$2,000 from Mr. Bonner. Sadie Bell was at Woodbine this Fall, and was beaten in a race there by Russian Spy. She has a record of 2:24.

"What straits are the most perilous?" asked the Sunday School superintendent, and a little boy spoke up promptly. "Straight flushes and whisky straights." And the boy was not only right but possessed knowledge in advance of his years.

Mr. Wm. Slack, of Oshawa, is a well-known driver of trotting horses. Most people think he would be likely to hold a Slack rein.

Mr. Traun, of Hensall, has sold his stallion Young Enterprise to Mr. J. Fisher, of Colborne. This horse took third prize at the Western Fair.

In a Richmond, Va., court, where several gamblers were on trial, the judge had them produce a cloth, faro-box and cards and gave a practical exemplification of the sport. He asked the jurors if they understood it, and the foreman answered for them (with a respectful wink) that they did.

No quarter—a twenty-cent piece.

George Battersby, of Simcoe, the owner of the trotting gelding Little Sam, found on the floor of his barn, a few days ago, a purse containing \$100. On inquiry it was proved to be the property of Mr. Bell, of St. George, to whom it was handed over.

A cow in Lalourche gave birth recently to four calves. First four of a kind ever seen

Dr. Coleman, V. S., of Ottawa, has been appointed Veterinary Surgeon to the noble Dragoon Guard's in that city.

Mr. Pat. Davey, the well-known driver, is on a visit to his friends in this city for a short time. He is making his home at Bay City, Mich., where he is surrounded with legions of wolf-wishers.

Mr. Lorillard's Duke of Magenta, who was recently sent to England, is a half-brother of Baron Rothschild, owned by Mr. John T. Hicks, Mitchell, Ont. They are both out of Magenta, by imported Yorkshire; the Duke is by Lexington, and the Baron by Red Eye by Boston.

They are having a troublesome time in Bowmanville over the enforcement of the Dunkin Act. The hotels are all closed up, and a committee is trying to find accommodation for the public. Public meetings are being held and the greatest excitement prevails, while the town is suffering the loss of her business. This is the second time Bowmanville has had just such a fight, and this is likely to end just where the other did, a few years ago, in the hotels having their waw.

There was quite a large attendance at the sale of stallions at Mr. R. Bond's, Sheppard street, on Wednesday last. Matt Cameron was sold to Mr. John Elliott, corner of Church and Shuter streets, for \$410; and Young Erin Chief found a purchaser in Mr. W. Kennedy, the popular liveryman, Queen street west, at \$160.

Mr. Samuel D. Page, the well-known horse buyer, returned from England on Sunday last. His visit to the old country has been a pleasant one.

Correspondence.

FROM OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Sporting Times*:

A short resume of the doings of our race horses may not prove uninteresting to your readers, and I have compiled the following:—

Joe McGann's The Squire has run more races the past season than any other of our local horses. Commencing on the 24th May last, he won a steeplechase over the Mutchmor track, defeating Oak Leaf and Nora. Although starting in several races at Governor, New York, he was unsuccessful as regards the carrying off of any of the principal events. The cigar and bonnet race, however, was won by The Squire at the close of the meeting. From Governor he was taken to Watertown, where the steeplechase was easily secured by him. Beaten by Wagram, at the late Mutchmor Park races, he was taken to Montreal, where both Wagram and Galatea finished in front of him.

Mr. Stewart's Marmion started twice in Ogdensburg, finishing fourth in the steeplechase, and second to Kelso in the two mile hurdle race.

John Fitzsimon's Wagram has won two steeplechase contests, one at our late meeting, Katy P. and Squire being unplaced; and the other at the Blue Bonnet course, Montreal, when he made a dead heat with Galatea, and the money was divided.

Dr. A. O. F. Coleman's Clandeboye commenced the season at Ogdensburg, when in the steeplechase he bolted; but at Governor he was second in both the half and mile heat races.

Sheriff Powell's Stranger, opened his Canadian career, by running second to Diamond, at Ogdensburg, in the one and a half mile heat race, but was more fortunate later at Mutchmor Park, when he turned the tables on Diamond in the mile heat race, defeating Passion, Sarah G. and several others. At Montreal, carrying weight for age, the Stranger was beaten by Diamond, mile heats, in 1:48 and 1:46.

There are several other well-known horses, but they have either been withdrawn from the turf or sold to parties residing in other cities. Count Kilrush may be mentioned among the first class, while Ramadam, a good race horse has been sold to parties in Chicago. Oak Leaf, it is understood, is at St. John, N. B.