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Hanlan has the first position at the in- side, next him being Morris, then Elliott, Plaisted, Hosmer, Mcken, Coulter, Luther, and Edward Ross, with Wallace Ross on the extreme outside. Elliott, who when the preliminary question was asked, had the nose of his boat several feet in front, caught the water perhaps a little before Plaisted and Wallace Ross, but all three made a vigorous dash while the word was still sounding. The others got off pretty well together. When well under weigh Elliott was seen to have already lost the position his alertness had given him, and Wallace Ross, who was stripped to the buff, was forging ahead. It was manifest thus early that the race was to be a clipper, and that Wallace was determined to make a game struggle for victory. Hanlan, who had got off rather badly, was first distinguishable in the fifth position, pulling thirty-three to the minute. Morris, who at no time in the race threatened the position of the leaders,

was sixth, Hosmer being fourth, and, for the nonce, Elliott third. At two hundred yards the champion was still fifth, Ross pulling a forty stroke vigorously and determinedly, was in the van, with Plaisted lapping second, Hosmer third, doing thirty-seven, and Luther fourth. Approaching the quarter Luther dropped back, and Hanlan showed signs of going ahead. He captured Luther, and then nearing the half in front of the gas works, overhauled Hosmer and lapped Plaisted at the half, putting in 34 strokes to the minute, Plaisted and Hosmer were still lapping each other, while Wallace Ross with long swinging action, a vast improvement on his style last fall, was keeping well ahead. At the three-quarters the positions were unchanged, but it was evident that Hosmer was not going to die out, as most people imagined he would, judging from his performances in practice, and his rapid energetic motion. He clung to Hanlan and Plaisted with a tenacity which indicated that he would prove a hard customer for the latter to dispose of. Re-

tween the three-quarters and the half, pulling thirty-two, Hanlan collared Plaisted and challenged Ross, at the same time Hosmer closed on his Boston confrere. Between the leaders and the second and third magnificent races now ensued for the supremacy, and Mcken and Luther, fifth and sixth, were equally determinedly disputing their right to their places. Pat staggered away, and before reaching the turning buoy had taken fifth place from the Toronto man, who, nothing daunted, kept up the struggle. At the mile and a quarter Ross still led, putting in 32 good strokes to the minute, and at the mile and a half Hanlan, who was palpably taking matters easily, paused for a moment. Meantime Hosmer and Plaisted had been at it hammer and tongs, and the former had given the latter the go-by, taking third position well up with the first and second. Ross and Hanlan were now both rowing at the same rate, namely, 32, and were getting on even terms passing the mile and three-quarters. Hanlan put on a terrific spurt and closed in on Ross with wonder-

ful rapidity. The New Brunswick had been rowing a very wide course, and on nearing the turning buoy found himself opposite to No. 3 instead of No. 10. He consequently had to pass six buoys before reaching his own—the 10th—in doing which he must have lost twelve or fifteen lengths. Hanlan, having lugged the shore a little too much also, had to cross a little to his buoy, at which he rounded in 13.30. He was now rowing with the greatest ease, and, in fact, except for a burst of perhaps a hundred yards or so on entering the last quarter before turning, he had not exerted himself to any great extent during the race, notwithstanding that he had rowed the miles in the rear of the brwney antagonist from St. John. That Ross should have made such a mistake was, of course, very much to be regretted, but he subsequently said that the result would have been the same had he not gone out of the way, and therefore did not feel at all dissatisfied. The others turned their buoys in the following order:—Hosmer, third; Plaisted, fourth; Luther, fifth; Mcken,

sixth; Morris, seventh; Elliott, eighth; and Coulter, ninth; Edward Ross, the tenth man, having dropped out when he had travelled a little over half a mile, finding his brother's boat too heavy and entirely unsuited to him. When fairly on the home stretch, Hosmer challenged Ross, and for a moment looked dangerous, but Ross drew away and gave chase to Hanlan, who, with that wonderful stroke and perfect action peculiar entirely to himself, was driving serenely on his homeward journey at a no faster stroke than 28. Although the New Brunswick caught up some of the distance he lost in turning the buoy, he never entirely recovered it. Hanlan pulled on, dropping to 26, and now and then resting. When he heard the gun fire as he passed the winning buoy he put on a spurt, which was received with enthusiastic cheers, amid which he crossed and turned for his boat-house, where Heasley was on guard waiting for him. Plaisted kept up the pursuit of Hosmer until about a mile from the turn, and then quit, leaving Hosmer to pull