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## Gentlemen's

### Distance Run in England.

Five-mile matches of late have been rather common in the old country, but the late match between George Hazael and James McLeavy, took place at the Shawfield Recreation Grounds, Scotland, on the 1st inst., amply amends for any shortcomings in that direction. McLeavy was conceded a start of ten yards, and so well did he run, that it was until they had entered the last half mile the cookney was enabled to pull up the horse he had given, and then he only won by a few yards. Below we append a table of the time made by each of the contestants:

Hazel. McLeavy.		Hazel. McLeavy.	
M. S.	M. S.	Mile. M. S.	M. S.
5 9	4 32	6... 82 25	81 43
10 32	9 51	7... 88 4	87 19
15 58	15 15	8... 43 46	42 5
21 20	20 37	9... 49 30	50 0
26 52	25 12	10... 54 32	54 35

### Mathieson Beats McColl.

A few weeks ago it was stated in these columns that McColl, of Galt, Ont., was offered to run a man named Mathieson, of Minn., 100 yards, for \$2,000. The match took place as announced, and Mathieson proved to be the winner, owing to an accident which happened to one of McColl's horses. When they had gone about sixty yards the whole side of the shoe burst out. Withstanding this great disadvantage, the Canadian kept close to his man, and was beaten out a short distance. Just as he crossed the score the worthless shoe dropped from McColl's foot. There was very little betting on the sprint, and it is thought \$10,000 changed hands on the result. McColl was so confident in his own ability that he invested every cent he had on it. Kanuck champion was backed by Mr. E. Kneeb, the owner of the trotting horse Dakota Maid, and it is stated the race cost him \$2,500. A proposal for a fresh horse was rejected by Mathieson. McColl went to Leavenworth, Kansas.

### Sprints.

A. A. Kendrick and W. H. Adsetts, at the Centennial Baseball Ground, Philadelphia, Dec. 11, ran off their dead heat of the preceding at 100 yards. Another race resulted in the veteran Kendrick's being himself a winner by a yard in about the same time.

The St. John (N. B.) Snowshoe Club was organized last week by the election of the following officers for one year: President,

## Checkers.

### Checker Match in Ottawa.

The return match between sides representing Upper Town and Lower Town was played last week. The result was a tie, each side having 81 games to their credit, with 27 drawn games, making a total of 189 in all. Mr. C. Parsons umpired. The following were the players, with games won by each:

W Chalmers	4	G Ambridge	3	1
Tannie	4	Abernethy	4	2
Clarke	0	P Beaupre	6	1
D Smilie	2	E Cazette	7	4
J Mathews	7	P Chenet	3	2
J Ross	0	Goupille	16	1
J Ross	12	N Germain	9	4
J Edmondson	7	G Hornsby	7	1
W Jamieson	5	R Hastie	2	2
C S Scott	6	A Housy	6	1
J Ritchie	2	Ingram	4	1
T Borbridge	3	Laroque	4	2
J R Mills	3	Laroque	4	2
McTavish	13	J M Taylor	1	1
Geo Clark	4	M J Whalen	7	2
D Farquhar	8	W Aumond	3	1
W Stewart	1	P Theriault	2	0
	81		81	27

Ferguson, the Perth county draught champion says that he will play McKenzie at Listowell, on New Year's day, and that he hopes—"that the champion will not be the cause of any disappointment, by his nonappearance at the time and place spoken of."

## Base Ball.

### London.

At the annual meeting of the Atlantic base ball club, London, held in the City Hotel last week, the following officers were elected for 1878:—Hon. President, Lieut-Col. Walker; President, H. C. Smith; Vice-President, C. G. Moorhead; Secretary and Treasurer, John Kirkpatrick; Managing Committee, Messrs. W. Reid, Ross and Moorhead. The report showed the club to be in a sound condition financially. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers were responded to by Messrs. H. C. Smyth, Ross, Moorhead and McDonald.

### High Gambling in London.

London Letter to New York Times.

Gambling is a vice which thrives and grows in spite of the police regulations, legal prosecutions, and daily illustrations of its perils and miseries. A year or two ago hardly a week passed over without its club card scandal. An

## Fur, Fin and Feather.

### Shooting at Pt. Sarnia.

A couple of shoots, between sides, took place on the race course at Pt. Sarnia on the 12th. The following is the score:—

FIRST MATCH.

D Beaton	0110011	4	G Smith	1000000	1
R Judge	0100110	3	G Dixon	1111111	7
J Remmer	0000010	1	J Sibson	1101101	5
H Johnson	1000001	2	F Baker	1001100	3
R Kenny	1010000	2	J Dandy	1010101	3
		12			19

SECOND MATCH.

G Dixon	11	2	J Sibson	11	2
R Judge	11	2	G Smith	00	0
F W Baker	11	2	D Beaton	10	1
R Kenny	11	2	H J Johnson	01	1
		8			4

### Wild Geese and Quails.

Few people are aware of the damage done by wild geese on the wheat fields in California. They come in myriads and pull up the young wheat by the roots, and eat it roots and all. We see it stated in the San Francisco Bulletin, that on one ranch alone 6,000 geese have been killed this season, and in the county of Colusa alone last season the damage done by the web-footed fowl was estimated at \$200,000. A whole family was lately poisoned by eating corn soaked in strychnine. The California varieties of geese are the Canada, snow and laughing geese. Quails also have become so plentiful in many places on the Pacific coast that they are poisoned by thousands, as they destroy the grape crop. But a greater nuisance are the ground squirrels, which are nearly as bad as the grasshoppers this side of "the divide."

—Cheyenne Weekly Leader.

### Small Shot.

Mr. T. H. Smallman and Mr. McCrae, of London, Canada, have returned from a shooting trip in Ohio, where they made a bag of 47 braces of quails over Mr. Smallman's first prize Gordon and Mr. McCrae's dog.

Something considerably over 150,000 dogs have passed through the Battersea Home, near London, since it was first established, and not one single case of rabies has ever been detected.

Among the dogs killed by the police in Paris, this season, was the greyhound sold by Lord Salisbury to a Parisian for \$2,000. Fifteen days after the sale this greyhound was bitten by another dog, supposed to be mad, and the authorities refused to spare him.

## The Ring.

### A Glove Fight in Quebec.

CARNEY POLISHES OF LABOSSIERE.

A glove fight growing out of a challenge issued by Joe Labossiere, to box any man in Canada for from \$100 to \$500 a side, took place at the Music Hall, Quebec, on the 18th inst. The challenge of the *Perlez-vous* was accepted by a well known sporting Colonel of the ancient capital, who agreed to name a man that was willing to meet the Frenchman. He named Ambrose Carney, a strapping artilleryman of Battery B. Joseph Labossiere stands 6 ft. 1½ in. high and will weigh in the neighborhood of 210 or 215 lbs. He was defeated in a glove fight by Prof. Wm. Miller, the Gracoe Romau wrestler, who gave an exhibition some time ago in the Royal Opera House in Toronto, in conjunction with Prof. Bauer. The mill took place between Miller and Labossiere in the Theatre Royal, Montreal, on January 4, 1877, and seven rounds were fought in thirty-five minutes, when the lilly was obliged to acknowledge the supremacy of the rose. Ambrose Carney, as stated above, is a soldier, stands 6 ft. 3½ in., and weighs about 200 lbs. in condition. He has had the benefit of a couple of months schooling from Prof. Woods, before which he knew nothing of the science of boxing, but in that short time made encouraging progress, and as the result of the battle shows, proved to be quite a good scholar of his master. The betting was about even on the men; Labossiere was fancied by many on account of his greater experience, but the knowing ones, especially the English speaking section, thought they had a good 'un in the person of the soldier, and were willing to back up their opinion liberally. There was quite a large assemblage in the Hall, among which could be seen a fair sprinkling of military, civic, and political dignitaries. Quebec was largely represented, but there were delegations from Three Rivers, Sherbrooke, Ottawa, Montreal and Kingston. The contest was said to be for, beside the stake money, the heavy-weight championship of Canada. Just before the battle an old timer and a popular hotel-keeper, not unknown in Ontario, bet \$150 even up, which assisted in arousing the enthusiasm. Upon "time" being called, the men readily responded, and it was really a difficult matter for an outsider to make a choice for preference when they put up their hands for

THE FIGHT.

First Round.—Labossiere delivered his left heavily on Carney's nose, and the latter

## Brightwood at Earl Park.

LOGANSPORT, IND., 1877.

DEAR SPIRIT: Now that this notorious horse is creating such an excitement throughout the country, it will, perhaps, be interesting to your many readers to learn a little of the *ins de* history of this famous outlaw, that has never yet been published. It was the last day of the Earlville meeting that the writer happened on the track, just before the 2:30 race was rung up. Among the six starters we noticed Foxie V., the Minnesota mare, and Brightwood the scalper; the other four were of lesser note and speed. It must be understood that, from his first appearance at Freeport, up to that hour the pirate had never lowered his colors. True it is that Amboy, Corbin's game and fast stallion, had made a red-hot race at the above place, forcing the bay gelding out in 2:29. It was the expectation of all present that Brightwood would again show to the front at Earl Park. Drifting toward the pool-stand, I was surprised beyond measure to find Foxie V. was away up in the figures, while the bay gelding was down in the dust, bringing nothing. To a man with half an eye the layout was as plain as the noonday sun. A friend approached, and in ten words the thing was confirmed, the story was short, and soon told. Low Ellir, alias "Smith No. 3" (previously No. 4), with his shoulder to the box, was holding the mare with a determination worthy a better better cause. Here and there in the crowd went the tickets on the short side. On the day before one of the gang connected with Brightwood slipped off quietly to Chicago, and in solid phalanx advanced on the pool box at Fox's. A large amount of business was transacted, and it is distinctly understood that a few had the thing too dead, went in head over heels, and, righting up, they realized that the gremlin went off with the bulk of the investments.

To return to the race, Foxie V. won the first two heats, not exactly easy, for George Nelson, who drove Brightwood, would come down within ten lengths of the wire, dexterously twitch him off his feet, losing just enough to make it appear to the judge that he was trying to regain the lost ground, and going for everything that was out. After the second heat the fraud became too brazen, and it was with a good deal of solicitude that I watched the action of the judges.

In a short time Harry Spencer was sent for, and as the horse came out for the third heat, up went the man behind him. He was informed publicly that the judges believed he would drive it out, and that they would protect him in so doing, still, if he did not make an effort, or make any mistakes purposely, he would certainly be expelled. I give the list that men may know about where to find the officers of Earl Park. Never a whit did Ellis move, but piled more shekels upon the mare in the pool-box. The heat was dead between the bay and Foxie V. Business was then opened with Spencer, and a retaining fee of \$250 was tendered him, but he declined to dump it. The straps of the toe-weights had been tampered with, but Spencer was equal to the occasion, and quickly straightened them. It began to be noised about that Brightwood had been given some twenty five to forty miles in the morning, and this evidently is the secret of Ellis staying by the box, he was