

1, who seemed to have rallied. Douglas cannot be said to have been in prime condition, being short of work, consequently deserves special mention for the exhibition he made. Then in shape he will be found quite busy in his class.

Gibson's Douglas..... 2 1 1  
Hoover's Starlight..... 1 2 4  
Bradburn's Lady H..... 4 4 2  
Bushel's Johnny Gordon..... 8 8 4

Owing to darkness the free for all was postponed till the following day, when the following met to the score: Lottie, Spotted Colt, and Johnny Gordon. Gordon appeared to be quite a fervent horse to the previous day, as he won in right heats. Below find summary.

Contractor's purse; \$35; Free for all. \$20, 25.

Bushel's Johnny Gordon..... 1 1 1  
Jenkinson's Lottie..... 2 2 2  
Upper's Spotted Colt..... 3 8 8

This concluded the programme, and I trust on some future occasion to forward you a result more worthy of space in the valuable columns of your favorite sheet.—GARFIELD.

#### TROTTING AT OTTAWA.

The inaugural meeting of the Ottawa Trotting Club's new ice track, on the St. Louis dam, held on Saturday afternoon. The track, which is a half mile long, is surrounded by a high ice, which in some places is 100 feet from the ice, and in others only half that distance, giving the track a somewhat irregular appearance. Judges' stand is just opposite the entrance to the western side of the course. The spot is easily accessible, several good roads leading to it. It is about 15 minutes drive from the city, which is a vast improvement over the long drive to Amy's lake, where the Clubs' meetings have in past been held. A reporter's stand, and also a for the accommodation of spectators, are to be erected, which will complete all the improvements necessary to make it a first class trotting race.

The announcement of a race for local horses Saturday afternoon drew a large crowd, who did not cause, although the field of starters was small, to cavil at the sport the contest afforded. Owing to the limited amount of work which has been given the trotters this winter, it was deemed wise by several owners to start them in this season, and consequently there were only three tries—W. H. Baldwin's bay mare American girl, A. Leveque's chestnut mare Clara, and W. Brown's brown mare Kate Douglas. Mrs. Robt. Young and A. Renaud acted as judges, and Capt. McCaffrey officiated as starter. The following is the summary:

OTTAWA, Ont, Jan 18, 1879.—\$50. Ice trotting. 3 heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs. Winner to receive \$10 of gate money.

W Brown, br m Kate Douglas..... 1 1 1  
H Baldwin, b m American Girl..... 3 2 2  
Leveque, ch m Clara..... 2 dr

Time—2:52, 2:57, 2:52.

#### TROTTING AT ST. CATHARINES.

A straight-away trot for one mile took place on ice below Look No. 2 on the Welland Canal, the 16th, for \$40, between Mr. D. S. Booth's orange Blossom and Mr. H. Julien's Lady Ben. The Lady was too speedy for Orange Blossom in this race, as the following summary shows:—

St. CATHARINES, Ont, Jan 16.—\$40; Match; Trotting. Dash of one mile, to sleighs.

Julien's Lady Ben..... 1  
S Booth's Orange Blossom..... 2

No time.

#### TROTTING AT COBOURG.

A match trot for \$40 took place at Cobourg on 18th on Poe's pond between a couple of horses from Port Hope and Port Britain.

Cobourg, Ont, Jan 18.—\$40. Match.

Hunt, Port Hope, grey gelding..... 1 1 1  
Barker, Port Britain, gelding..... 2 2 2

No time.

#### TROTTING AT BENFREW.

BENFREW, Ont, Jan 18, 1879.—\$15. Ice trotting. Mile heats, to sleighs.

Conway's Buffalo..... 1 1  
Dunlap's Medley..... 0 0  
McMahon's mare..... 0 0

No time.

A despatch from Pittsburg, Penn., of Jan. 17, says "for some time a prize fight has been on the tapis here between Professor Clarke, of Cleveland, and one George Baker, a Canadian. The spectators were limited to the backers of the men, their seconds and a dozen sports who had got wind of the set-to. The parties left Pittsburg yesterday evening, and early this morning pitched a ring near the town of Saltsburg, 22 miles from that city. The fight was to have been for a purse of \$500, but the last deposit of \$150 a side had not been put up, and a wrangle took place; but it was finally agreed to battle for the money previously deposited. Charles McCoy had charge of Clarke, and Tim Sullivan of Baker. A sport named Stout was made referee. The ground was icy, but the snow having been cleared away, straw from a neighboring barn was strewn about for the spectators. The first round was a short one, both men showing more skill than had been expected of them. Clarke led off and forced the fighting, but Baker was wary, and, after an exchange, went down without a mark. In the second round Clarke got in his left hand on Baker's month, claiming first blood, which was allowed. The third round proved Clarke's superiority as a sparrer. The round ended, as before, in Clarke's favor. The fourth round was Baker's, who changed his tactics, and at the call of time worked in for a fall, throwing Clarke heavily. The Cleveland man was more cautious at the next call, and some fine sparring ensued, but a heavy blow with his right hand was handsomely stopped by Baker, who got in a couple of stingers, which, for the first time, drew blood on Clarke. The round ended with a fall in Clarke's corner, with Baker on top. The succeeding ten rounds were fought cautiously by both men, Baker getting much the worse of the punishment. The sixteenth round was quickly and sharply fought, both men being eager to inflict punishment. At its close Baker went down under a terrific blow from Clarke, which caught him over the right eye. This was the first knock-down. Both men were exhausted and slow to answer the call of the referee. A light touch on Baker's sore eye was answered with a thump on his adversary's ribs, to which Baker had for some time directed attention, and this was followed up with a tap on the chin, and the round ended with Clarke going down in his own corner. For several rounds after this Baker tried to force the fighting, but only exhausted himself without doing much damage. During the 26th round Clarke got in blow after blow, several of them landing on Baker's sore spot. His eye being completely closed, it was evident that the fight was Clarke's, although Baker was still game and came up promptly. Clarke from this time on forced all the fighting, and twice forced the Canadian across the ropes in his own corner. In the 31st round a claim of foul was made, Clarke striking his opponent as he fell to his knees, but it was not allowed. From that to the close the Cleveland had it all his own way, Baker coming up on the call only to be knocked down. At the call of time for the 37th round, Baker was unable to answer, and the Cleveland was declared the winner. The time of the battle was 1h. 17m. The victor came to Pittsburg and went at once to the South Side. He is comparatively unhurt. Baker was brought into the city later, and is attended by a physician. The fight grew out of jealousy between the men, both of whom are professors of the manly art, and have been giving lessons in the Smoky city. A false rumor was current that Baker was the "unknown" matched against Clarke of New York, and that the fight was this expected event. It was stubborn enough to give color to the mistake.

#### OTTAWA IRVINE TO THE FRONT.

A correspondent informs us of rather a smart trick lately played by Geo. Irvine, the Ottawa ped., on some sports at Markham. It appears Irvine had won a race there, and talked loudly of his abilities to beat anybody. A few of the knowing ones of the town communicated with a well-known sprint runner

AN OARSMAN TRIES PEDESTRIANISM.—At Portland, Me., recently, F. A. Plaisted, the well-known professional sculler, walked 50 miles against S. Chapman, and is announced to have won in fabulous time.

OLD 'UNS.—A walking race of ten miles has been arranged between Mr. Wright, of Petersville, a well known temperance advocate, and Mr. Underwood, late Sergeant-Major of the 73rd Battalion. The first named is 55 and the latter 60 years of age.

CRICKET.—The Listowell club has organized for next season, leased grounds, and elected the following officers:—R Ferguson, President; L Bolton, Vice-President; J Devlin, Sec.-Treasurer; Committee, R Hay, H Steel, R G Wright and Charles Shields.

SPRINTING.—A foot race, 75 yards, came off on Saturday afternoon on the Don river, Toronto, between Corney Burns and Latham for \$50 a side. The race was very close and exciting, Latham winning by two feet. Burns was sorely out of condition.

OF COURSE.—The mighty Macs are accused of hippodroming in their recent Chicago wrestling match. McLaughlin says it is a lie, and that he will wrestle the liar. McMahon says it is a gambler's kick, and that he can throw the kicker. McLaughlin challenges again for \$2,000 a side, four weeks from date, \$500 up as a forfeit.

POSTPONED.—King and Clark, the pugilists who were to have fought in Canada last Tuesday, have, through the action of the Philadelphia police, been compelled to postpone their fun for a little while. They, along with Arthur Chambers, have been placed under \$2,000 bonds each to appear on a charge of conspiring for a prize fight. It was expected they would have a hearing on Wednesday. King thinks the fight will have to be postponed for a couple of weeks at least, while the opinion of New York sports is that the whole thing will end in a fizzle.

LACROSSE.—At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Catharines Athletic Lacrosse Club, held recently, the following officers were elected for 1879: President, Geo C Carlisle; 1st Vice-President, James Mitchell; Capt H H McKay; Secretary, Henry O'Laughlan; Treasurer, Neil McGregor. Committee of Management: Geo O Carlisle, James Mitchell, Wm James, Henry O'Laughlan.

SNOW SHOKING.—At a meeting held at the North American Hotel, on Tuesday evening last, the Cobourg Snow Shoe Club was reorganized and the following officers were appointed:—President, Mayor Guillet; Vice-President, Dr Burnet; Secretary, Herbert Boggs; Treasurer, W H Shoenberger; Committee, Messrs J Sutherland, G Traveley, W A Dixon, C H Wallace and J E Kennedy.

### To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

F. J. C., Sault Ste Marie.—The Farmers' Veterinary Adviser would probably answer as well as any. It is published by Mr. A. H. Hoyey, Toronto.

They are making an ice track at Bay City, Mich., and intend holding two days' races there, which will be quite a novelty in that section.

"Enny man who can swap horses, or ketch fish, and not lie about it, is just about as pias as men ever git to be in this world."

### Aquatic.

#### COURTNEY'S POSITION IN REGARD TO HANLAN.

Some of the journals of America are resorting to what appears to us to be very small business in their endeavors to bring Charley Courtney and Edward Hanlan together in another sculling encounter, and no one can but admire the stolidity and indifference with which the Union Springs carpenter has carried himself all through the controversy that has been waged over the Lachine struggle. Some scribes have upbraided him, others have tried to cajole him, but to all he has been silent, and it seems as though his assertion that he would never row Hanlan again would be adhered to. He had, no doubt, carefully weighed his words when he stated that if he was to make another match with the Canadian, the public would regard it as the cut and dried sequel of the Montreal meeting, and if he should happen to win, some would be uncharitable enough to assert that it was but turn and turn about. The latest thing we have in connection with these two men is that the most advisable course for Courtney to pursue is to challenge Hanlan, because as the latter is on the point of departing for Europe he would be compelled to either accept the defiance or forfeit his title of the championship of America. Such a mode of procedure would be reckoned smart in a \$100 match, but it would have a very different appearance when it came from the representative sculler of the United States. It would bear the stamp of cowardice, and we know that is the last badge Charley Courtney is looking for. If we were called upon for a piece of advice from the carping critics of the American press, we should say let these men arrange their match in their own way, and drop the beseeching tone which is so closely allied to Courtney's name and that of some of our contemporaries. We have a firm belief that these men will come together again if they are left to themselves; but if a lot of meddling dunces essay to make their match, it is a hundred to one that they never settle the question as to whether the encounter at Lachine was or was not a fair and square contest.—N. Y. Sportsman.

#### THE HANLAN CLUB.

(Correspondence N. Y. Herald.)

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—A peace has been patched up between the members of the Hanlan Club, and the public will hear no more of the inwardness of their financial arrangements for the present. Though there was no obligation upon them to furnish an official financial statement, they, from their semi-public character, would have consulted their own good name by doing so, more especially after they furnished one statement which was proved to be inaccurate. Some excitement was created here among those interested in sport by a rumor, which obtained a measure of credence, that Courtney's late backers had quarrelled among themselves, and that one of them had disburdened himself in a New York sporting journal. The chief daily journal of Canada, in making the last announcement for the Hanlan Club, went out of its way to call those who backed Hanlan in his first race with Wallace Ross "crooked gamblers," and to attribute to them the agitation against the present Hanlan Club. As I informed your readers, the reflections on the club came from within the club itself; and I may tell them that many of the backers of Hanlan in the first race are now members of the Hanlan Club. True, a firm of pool sellers were responsible for one portion of the stakes; but pool selling was not then against the law of Canada, and, therefore, could not be either gambling or crooked gambling. I know the members of the first organization, and of the second, or Hanlan Club, personally, and do not think that there is anything to pick and choose between them, either morally, socially, or financially.

Mrs. Charlotte Thompson, supported her own company, commenced a season of one week at the Grand Opera House on Monday. She has already appeared in Jane Eyre and Miss Merton. For her benefit to-night 'The Hunchback. Jane Eyre at the matinee, and East Lynne at the evening performance to-morrow. Next Monday Martinez English Opera Co.

McDowell's Shaugraun Co. did a good business for three nights and one matinee at the Royal Opera House, commencing Monday. They produced The Shaugraun and Rosedale.

Emmerson's California Minstrels commenced an engagement of three nights and one matinee at the Royal Opera House on Thursday. They are one of the strongest combinations on the road. Their press agent, Mr. J. S. Shoppard, contributes not a little in his department to the success of the troupe.

Mrs. Scott Siddons, Shaftesbury Hall, and 81.

#### GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Mechanics Hall—Whitmore & Clark's Minstrels, 27 and 28.

OTTAWA.—Martinez English Opera Co., 20 and 21.

BRUCKVILLE.—Whitmore & Clark's Minstrels, 26th.

KINGSTON.—English Opera, 22nd, for a short season.

HAMILTON.—Mrs. Scott Siddons, Mechanics' Hall, 23rd.

LONDON.—Mrs. Scott Siddons, 29th.—Adelaide Phillips' Concert Co., 24th.

GUELPH.—Macallister, the wizard, 20, 21 and 22.

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