

mean F Kenner, Jim Bell, Barnaby Rudge, and Alarms ran unplaced.

Time—1:59½.  
First Day—Consolation Purse \$250, for horses had run and not won during the meeting, to be first, 50 to second; one mile.  
Mrs & Stokes' b f Little Sis, 3 yrs, by Johnson, dam by imp Yorkshire, 87 lbs.. 1  
Brown & Co's b f Belle Isle, 3 yrs, by Bon-  
b Scotland, dam by Asteroid, 87 lbs.... 2  
Day & Co's b f Belle Barkley, 4 yrs, by  
Boston, dam Capitola, 101 lbs..... 3  
Mount and Miss Tilton ran unplaced.

Time—1:48½.  
Second Day—Purse \$800, for all ages; \$850 to 180 to second; four-mile heats.  
Whitcomb's ch h St Martin, 5 yrs, by  
Boston, dam Tokay, 110 lbs..... 1  
Whitcomb's ch c Tempin, 4 yrs, by Pil-  
ton, dam by Lunatic, 104 lbs..... 2  
Time—8:18½, 8:40.

## Hedestrianism.

### Mrs. VON HILLERN WALKS 150 MILES IN 50 HOURS.

Philadelphia, Pa., on Dec. 18, Miss Von Hillern completed her task of walking 150 miles in fifty consecutive hours. In this feat she has exhibited judgment in timing her work so that she was neither too rapid nor at any time so slow as to cause any appreciable loss of time. Through this last effort has added miles upon her previous record, never before she has accomplished it with great ease. Beginning on Tuesday evening at ten o'clock, she concluded her task at ten o'clock to eleven o'clock this evening. The pace has been large and highly reliable, very many of our leading citizens and their ladies taking a deep interest in the race as it progressed through its various stages and evincing much anxiety at the encouraging by their plaudits at the close of every mile. The close was welcomed with wild enthusiasm, the assemblage overflowing into the spirit of the contest. The 44th mile was made in 14m. 48s., the 50th mile in 15m. 7s., 147th mile in 15m. 40s. and the 150th and last mile in 14m. 8s. Her walking time, 30h. 5m. Medical examination, at every rest, indicated the pulse ranging from 96 to 104, and the temperature of the body at no time not exceeding 97. There were notable facts and caused much interest to the medical faculty, who watched her physical condition.

### SPRINTS.

Adams and Kendrick ran a 100-yard race on the 10th. It was pronounced a dead heat, time 10½. What we want to see is how they could make anything out of running a dead heat.

Beggs (Brown), of Trenton, N. J., and Thomas, of Newark, N. J., at 100 on Christmas, 100 yds., for \$100. Beggs has 5 yds. start.

New York Sportsman of last week Adams and T. Keppel ran a 440-yard race at Springfield, Ill., on the 11th. The contest was run in heats, best two of three. The first heat was won by Adams by a foot in 50½. The second heat was won by Keppel by a foot in 50½. The third heat was won by Adams by a yard. Time, 54½. The first heat was captured by Keppel by a yard over a yard behind him. Time, 54½. There must be something wrong with the time of this race. The clocking in the city, the track short, or else these sprinters are about the best in the world. We must be excused from taking part without an immense amount of

shooting tournament to take place is contemplated in Whitty.

may choose, and place the money in any responsible man's hands, and will wrestle him in any town or city in the United States or Canada.  
Yours, etc.,  
JOHN O'NEIL, Montreal, Canada.

### COX TALKS TO O'NEIL.

FAIRFIELD, Vt., Dec. 18, 1877.

Mr. O'Neil, of Montreal, P.Q., challenges Mr. Owens to wrestle collar-and-elbow for \$500, in any city or place, within thirty days. Now Mr. Owens has a sprained ankle and is unable to meet Mr. O'Neil in a collar-and-elbow contest; but seeing he is so fast to wrestle, I will cover his \$500, and will meet him any time he may choose, or will wrestle him for \$250 a side, in St. Albans or Burlington, Vt., and will meet him any time in St. Albans to make money.  
Yours, respectfully,  
EDWARD COX.

## Curling.

### MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BRANCH OF ROYAL CALEDONIAN CLUB.

A meeting of the Canadian branch of the Royal Caledonian Club was held in Montreal on Monday, 11th inst. Six district medals were offered for the following competitions:—Quebec vs. Thistle of Montreal, Ottawa vs. Caledonia, Montreal; Belleville vs. Kingston, Three Rivers vs. Vice Regal, Ottawa; Renfrew vs. Perth, and Arnprior vs. Mississippi, Almonte. A resolution was carried tendering the silver challenge tankard, which was on exhibition at the Centennial, to the Ontario branch as a permanent challenge trophy, subject to the original rules. There was curling in the Thistle rink on Monday.

### MAY BIRD—MR. BONNER'S STABLE AHEAD AT ALL DISTANCES TO ROAD WAGON.

The black mare May Bird, by George Wilkes, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, has become a member of Mr. Robert Bonner's celebrated stable. She has been on the turf for a number of years, and justly has been regarded as one of the gamiest animals that ever trotted down the octolateral line. She has not always gone to the front when she was able to get there, nevertheless she has won some of the hardest-contested races ever witnessed in the country. Her record of 2:21 in harness, 2:19½ to saddle, is not the full measure of her speed. Weight does not anchor her. On Saturday, Nov. 15, at a season of the year when fast time is out of the question in the cold climate of the New England States, she won a wagon race at Mystic Park, Boston, and made a record of 2:24½. Yesterday a gentleman said to us: "It is rumored that Mr. Bonner has purchased May Bird as a mate for Music, with the view of making a double team which will eclipse the 2:23 performance of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt's team, Small Hopes and Lady Mac, at Fleetwood Park." We replied at the time that we knew nothing of the sale of May Bird, but felt satisfied from what we had seen with our own eyes that it was not necessary for Mr. Bonner to purchase Mr. Walker's mare to make a team which would pull a road wagon in 2:23; that he could, with John Taylor, Music, Malsey, Astoria, Wellesley Boy, Eric, Pocahontas and Grafton at his command, make several teams which would go from wire to wire in time better than that recorded by Small Hopes and Lady Mac. At a later hour we met Mr. Bonner, and on inquiry learned from him that he had purchased May Bird for \$9,500, but not for the purpose of entering into rivalry with Mr. Vanderbilt. His motive was the same which recently induced him to add Centennial, Keen Jim, Lucy Caylor and others to his collection. He explained that his contest had been with the late Commodore, and that he did not propose to keep up the struggle himself now that the Commodore was in his grave. Whatever rivalry existed must be carried on by the second generation. The inference we drew from his remarks

looked ahead for the first time in their lives and Mr. Alley Bonner drove them a full mile to road wagon on a ½ track in 2:23, which is a much better performance than a mile in the same time on a mile track. After this John Taylor was laid up with a shoe boil, from which he is now fully recovered. This brief statement of facts should be sufficient to convince everybody that it was not necessary for Mr. Robert Bonner to purchase May Bird in order to beat the great double-team performance of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt. The struggle, next year, for the wagon-team supremacy, will be watched with no little interest by the people of New York and elsewhere. In this connection it may be interesting to state that it is universally conceded that Mr. Robert Bonner, himself, has made the fastest time to road wagon, at all distances, from a quarter of a mile up to two miles, ever made by any gentleman, namely: Startle, a quarter of a mile, to road wagon, in 32½ seconds; Dexter, a half-mile, to road wagon, in 1:06½; Dexter, a mile, to road wagon, in 2:21½; and Lady Palmer and Flatbush Maid, two miles, to road wagon, in 5:01½. Not one of these achievements, as the annals of the track plainly show, has ever been equaled. By way of conclusion we add that it is Mr. Bonner's opinion that two horses can be harnessed together to beat 2:18.—Turf.

### "BUCKET SHOPS."

(From the New York Evening Post, Dec. 11th.)  
The term "bucket shop" is used in Wall Street to describe a "blackboard exchange." "Blackboard exchanges" are of recent origin, having sprung into being since the Stock Exchange advance brokers' commissions, and since the numerous class which formerly speculated in stocks has become so impoverished as to buy or sell as much as one hundred shares of stock with difficulty. A "blackboard exchange" is a concern where a firm or individual opens an office and receives orders to buy or sell any amount of any stock dealt in at the Stock Exchange; in some as small an amount as one share can be bought or sold; in others five shares is the lowest amount dealt in. The proprietors of the "bucket shop" sell all the stocks ordered/bought and buy all the stocks ordered sold—at least, this is the theory; in reality,

NO STOCK IS BOUGHT OR SOLD.

The profits made by the "bucket shops" lie in the fact that in a large majority of cases speculators are wrong, and therefore the "bucket shop" wins in say eight cases out of ten. The bets (or purchases and sales) are made by customers as the prices come out on the telegraph tape; they are then immediately chalked on the blackboard and customers made their bets. Hence it will be seen that the telegraph tape reports are important in the business.

To break up the business the Stock Exchange have adopted the system of mixing up the quotations as they go over the tape—that is, to take quotations for ten minutes, reverse them and send them out in a bunch. There are twenty-six "bucket shops" and a thousand members of the Stock Exchange, who have, say, five hundred telegraph instruments in their offices; these latter are all disturbed by the course taken by the Stock Exchange to kill the "bucket shops," and brokers say that the course adopted by the Stock Exchange Committee in this matter is not different from what it would be for a man in his night-clothes to stand out on the ice in a December night for the purpose of freezing to death a dog of which he wished to be freed.

It is considered unfortunate by the members of the Stock Exchange who reflect that such prominence should have been given to the subject by the Stock Exchange, as it brings before the people the fact that

### STOCK EXCHANGE SPECULATION

is so unsafe for outsiders that it is perfectly safe for any one to take whatever bets the public choose to make on the prices of stocks—and not only safe but profitable for those who act in exactly the reverse way to the public. The reason that the concerns are called "bucket shops" is that for a small sum of money a person can go through all the stages of intoxication which follow speculation, while at the Stock Exchange a fortune may be necessary to get the same experience. At the real "bucket shops" in the old Five Points enough liquor could be got for

divided in columns a few inches wide, at the head of each column is the name of some stock and the quotations are marked beneath as they come from the stock indicator and are shouted out by a watchful clerk. Cigars are handed around by one of the establishment's boys, and the room is full of smoke. Three young men patrol from one end of the line of chairs to the other, and take down on a slip of paper the orders to buy or sell. The persons who occupy the chairs are broken down operators, merchants' clerks and boys. The calling of quotations, the orders to sell or buy and the Stock Exchange jargon of nearly a hundred excited men make a noise which renders the greater part of the transactions which take place unintelligible to a stranger.

To give an idea of the working of this "bucket shop" a description of the following transaction may be useful: "Next to the reporter of the Evening Post sat a young man, apparently not more than twenty years old, fashionably dressed and evidently at home. When Lake Shore stock was marked on the board at 59 1-8 he gave an order to buy five shares and handed one of the walkers five dollars, for which he received a sort of receipt for his shares, which cost him 59 1-8. When the stock was next quoted on the board it was at 59 1-2; he had an opportunity to close the transaction and make exactly sixty-two cents, which he did, apparently satisfied with the result of his speculation. The greater number of speculators are not so lucky.

## Billiards.

### "TRICKS THAT ARE VAIN."

In reply to an article under this caption that appeared in the New York Turf, Field and Farm severely criticising the actions of some leading billiard experts, notably Sexton and C. Dion, and which was reproduced in our columns, the following letters have appeared from Dion, Daly and Slosson:  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1877.

EDITORS TURF, FIELD AND FARM.—In your last issue, under an article headed "Wood-Gatherers," my name is connected with what the writer of it calls "a skin arrangement." How he can connect me with challenges and counter-challenges between Sexton and C. Dion, I cannot see—except, in his wrongful construction of their challenges, he wishes to falsify me to the public, and thus gratify some imaginary personal spleen. I wish to state, however, that I am going South, partly for health and partly for pleasure, and intend also giving exhibitions on the way; and should a tournament be given in any of the cities I may chance to visit, I will not consider it criminal, but be happy, to be one of the contestants.  
I am, respectfully,  
MAURICE DALY.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 12, 1877.

EDITORS TURF, FIELD AND FARM.—In your last issue, in an article headed "Wood-Gathering," the writer attempts to make my answer to Sexton's card appear as a conspiracy with him and others to go to New Orleans and indulge in disgraceful proceedings. I wish to correct the false impression that the writer of the article labors under, and that I never had any such intentions. The odds Mr. Sexton offered were great enough to warrant me in going any distance for him, and as it had been my intention to visit most of the Southern cities this winter, to avoid the cold weather, it would have put me to very little inconvenience meeting him in any of them, had he accepted. I am now on my way South, giving exhibitions, and may meet Mr. Sexton; and, if I should, am willing to make good my offer for any amount he may choose. Hoping you will publish this in correction of that article, you will right and oblige.

Yours respectfully,  
CYRILLE DION.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 5, 1877.

EDITOR NEW YORK CLIPPER.—DEAR SIR,—The last issue of a New York journal pub-

lished in this city, assisted by his pupil, gave three interesting exhibitions of fancy cue and finger shots in this city on Friday and Saturday last. On Friday afternoon a private exhibition was given at Albert Hall to a number of ladies and gentlemen who were present on the invitation of Mr. Samuel May. In the evening at the same place the doors were open to the public, and on Saturday evening Mons. Izar displayed his skill at the Revue House Rooms. The programme of the several exhibitions were about the same, and consisted of a three-ball game between the professor and his pupil, remarkable finger shots accomplished by taking the ball between the thumb and finger, and fancy caroms and movements with the cue. Mons. Izar proved himself to be a wonderful finger player, and showed he could handle the cue to some advantage as well. All the games were played on tables manufactured by Mr. Sam May, and, though his interpreter, M. Izar complimented the maker on the excellence of the table, and described them as equal if not superior to the best he had ever used.

### THE MONTREAL TOURNAMENT.

We have simply the telegraphic reports of the playing at Brand's Tournament, Montreal, which we give below:—

First Day, Monday, Dec. 17.—At the billiard tournament this evening W. Jakes defeated S. Jakes by 360 to 284; winner's average, 5.22. Burleigh, Hamilton, defeated Bennett, Toronto, by 375 to 261; winner's average, 4.47.

Dec. 18.—Burleigh, of Hamilton, beat Frank Dion, Montreal, by 375 to 254. Burleigh made a run of 85. Sam Jakes, Cobourg, beat Donohoe, Montreal, by 300 to 288. W. Jakes, Cobourg, beat S. Watson, St. Albans, by 350 to 342. Watson made 47 and Jakes 85. Capron, of Brantford, beat Donohoe, Montreal, by 300 to 261.

### SCRATCHES.

Mons. Izar was at Hamilton on Wednesday, and will be at St. Catherine's to-night, 21st.

Mr. James Maginn, of the Royal Opera Billiard Parlor here, had his capital account increased by the proverbial \$1,000 on the 14th inst. It was a boy.

John Hickey, who will be remembered as being in Hamilton and Toronto about a year ago, is now superintendent of the Passamaquoddy House billiard room, Bath, Me. He is said to be playing excellent billiards, and contemplates a visit to New York shortly.

Monsieur Adrain Izar, the billiardist, was originally a compositor in the *Moniteur* office, Paris, France, has been in prison seven times for breach of the French press laws, and has been fined at different times to the amount of 4,766 francs.

### PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—

At an adjourned meeting at Woodstock, of the Committee appointed for the purpose of organizing a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, the following officers were appointed:—Rev. Archdeacon Sweetman, President; W. R. Parker and Dr. Turquan, Vice-Presidents; Allan Casels Consulting Counsel; Executive Committee—The Rev. W. T. McMullen, Mrs. de Blaquiere, Mrs. Gordon, T. Oliver M. P., H. J. Whittaker, Miss Hall, T. H. Parker, G. Playter, T. Scott, Mrs. Cottle, John Winto, Miss Lora Parker, Walter Arnold, F. Macqueen, and Miss Flossy Cottle. Miss Mens Cottle, Secretary and Treasurer.

DEATH OF HERR DRIESBACH.—Herr Driesbach, the lion-tamer, whose performances thrilled menagerie goers years ago, died at Wooster, O., on the 5th inst.