

THE PEOPLE'S PASTIMES.

WHAT IS GOING ON IN SPORTING CIRCLES ALL THE WORLD OVER.

Mr. Robert Harris' Contestants—Toronto and Hamilton Curling—The Slade-Mitchell Fight was Declared Off.

Fred Archer, England's crack jockey, was 77 on Monday last.

In London they are betting \$100 to \$20 that Bubar defeats Rosa.

Wm. Spencer of London says that if Bubar defeats Elliott there will be "hatsful of money to back the former against Rosa."

Woodside and Morgan contemplate a trip from Chicago to San Francisco, 4000 miles, on bicycles, for a wager of \$2000.

There are 2500 yachts owned in the United States, about ten per cent steam.

The Quirk-Warwick race to have taken place to-day on the exhibition grounds, is off, Quirk, who strained his leg recently at Exeter, paying forfeit. Another match will probably be made.

Jim Lennox says next week's trotting at Woodbine park will be great. He has already received a number of entries for each event, and the named race, he thinks, will turn out a score or more.

Regards, foiled 1867 by imp. Australian—Ann Hickey, by imp. Tokairie, died recently at Belle Meade.

His dead was estimated at \$205,750. He first stood at \$25. The service increased from that until it reached \$500. Abdallah, his sire, died of starvation in November, 1854, he having been turned out to die.

In reply to the challenge in yesterday's Mail from James Hurst, Harry Gilmore says he will box in private or on the receipts of the house, the winner to take everything. Harry thinks ten three-minute rounds will afford a sufficient test both of science and endurance.

Toronto v. Hamilton Thistles. An annual match was played yesterday on the Adelaide street rink between the Toronto and Hamilton Thistle curling clubs.

The ice was in splendid condition, and much interest was taken in the contest, which resulted as follows:

TORONTO. HAMILTON THISTLES. Rink No. 1. J. W. Stockwell, C. Baileigh, Rev. C. Campbell, John Smith, Wm. Bayly, skip. 13. G. H. Galt, skip. 21.

Rink No. 2. J. D. Henderson, W. Southam, Capt. Perry, D. Walker, skip. 13. H. Garthwaite, skip. 19.

Rink No. 3. Capt. Hall, J. J. Gagnett, J. J. Gagnett, J. J. Gagnett, skip. 19.

Rink No. 4. D. L. Van Black, C. Kerker, H. Hargrave, W. Hanok, J. B. Hall, skip. 14. J. Kerker, skip. 19.

Total. 21. The Toronto and Buffalo clubs play at the Adelaide street rink on Friday next for the Thompson-Stovill medal. It will be the match of the season. Four rinks a side will be played.

A match was also played yesterday between the Hamilton Caledonians and the Caledonians of this city on the Mutual street rink. The Toronto Caledonians won by 24 points, four rinks being played.

Contest at West Toronto Junction. A contest under the management of Mr. W. Harris and Mr. C. Cockburn, came off yesterday, Jan. 14, at the Toronto Junction Hotel. Mr. Harris, the proprietor, had been busy engaged during the previous week in hunting animals for the occasion, and was amply rewarded for his labors, having trapped several wild foxes and a great number of rabbits and other animals of sport. Notwithstanding the intense inclemency of the weather and the almost impassible condition of the roads an immense crowd had gathered from the city and the surrounding country.

Although advised to come at 10 a.m. the match did not take place till 11 o'clock p.m., owing to Mr. Harris not being able to be at home at the appointed time.

On the arrival of that gentleman it was decided to let all the rabbits and smaller animals loose first so as to have the dogs in good trim for their more nimble antagonists. In accordance with his decision, one after another of these animals was set go, but owing to the depth of the snow the prospect very unfavorable to both the hunter and the hunted. What was intended for the first fox to be brought forth, Mr. Cockburn appeared on the scene with one of the "wildest foxes in America," and ready to be evidently aware it was a "nut up" job, in which it was intended that he should come out second best. As soon as he was let loose he made straight for the nearest bush, and but a short time had elapsed ere he was beyond the reach of vision, and after a fruitless following of his trail the dogs returned without their intended victim. Seeing that the quantity of snow prevented a satisfactory match, Mr. Harris thought it most advisable to keep the remaining animals for some future date, when to what remains, he intends adding a number of others.

Meet of the Hunt Club. It is an exceedingly rare thing for a newspaper to purposely give two insertions to a report of any event, but the intelligent compositor made such a horrible mess of yesterday's account of the hunt club meet that he was invited to reset it, and here is the result of his second attempt:

The first meet of this popular club took place on Saturday at 3 o'clock at the "Guns" in the park, when the members and their friends assembled for a drive, as has been their custom for years past when they have permits. The scene in the park was a very lively one, and at the time appointed by the worthy master of the hounds, thirty sleighs moved off to lead with the graceful pair of thoroughbreds he had in hand. Following the master was Mr. W. H. Batty driving his spanking four-in-hand, and in the sleigh with him he had his honor the lieutenant-governor, his worship the mayor, and two other notable citizens. Mr. Fred. Worts, Mr. W. A. Murray and several other members of the club followed with their tandems. The double horse sleighs were very numerous, among the most conspicuous being Mr. George Toronto, Mr. A. Donaldson and Mr. Taylor, who with their friend, Mr. G. N. Morrison, sat behind Gold Leaf and her stable companion, who looked as well in harness as they have done under the saddle. The single sleighs were even more numerous. Messrs. Myer and Cox taking the lead in this respect. The fog was through the park, reaching to Spadina

READABLE PARAGRAPHS.

An article is going the rounds of the press entitled "The Umbrella in France. That settles it then. For a while we cherished the hope that we might regain possession of that umbrella, but as it has crossed an ocean to evade us, we might as well give it up."

When Miss S. B. Anthony was asked what ticket she would vote if the sixth amendment passes, she was quite decided. "I'll have to wait till I'm old enough."

—Mr. J. R. Cathberton, Toronto, writes: "My wife had a very severe attack of pleurisy and inflammation of the lungs about three years ago, and ever since has been subject to severe colds on the slightest exposure; in fact they were so frequent that her system was quite ruined. She tried several remedies, but without any permanent effect, until she was induced to try Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime. It was an immense blessing to her, and she is now able to take the light winter or not it was when Mitchell and Madden were in Colorado the latter learned that it was intended to import a whole army of New York and Boston toughs, who would visit the fight, and who if things did not go right, were to break down the ropes stop the fight and bulldoze the referee into superintending the job, assisted by his favorite knocker."

"Madden laid his plans at once. First, he made the Slade men agree that if the authorities of Missouri or Kansas interfered, which he was sure they would do, the fight should occur either in Colorado or New Mexico. He knew very well that the fact, he made sure that his man should have an equal show. Among Madden's friends in this section are Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, Doc Holliday and others, who have no equals in the quick and effective handling of the pistol. He went to the authorities and asked them to let the fight be held in Colorado, and they readily assented. If there is anything we are eminently fitted for, said Masterson, in his quiet, unobtrusive way, it is to preserve peace and good order. Ten of us will be sent off as many slugs as they can get together."

The histories of the men who volunteered their assistance will satisfy any one that the assertion made was a true one. Assured of such protection, Madden and Mitchell felt safe, and were anxious that the mill should occur as arranged for.

"And it never occurred. Slade and his backers heard of the arrangement and decided not to come to time. They caused delays and misunderstandings until Mitchell, tiring of the whole affair, went to New York. Slade was caught up on his own game."—Denver Express.

Slippers for Soldiers. From the British Medical Journal. The authorities at the war office have wisely determined still further to lighten the burden to be borne by the British soldier. As one of the results of recent committee work has been to decide that a pair of light canvas water-proof slippers shall henceforth be carried by the soldier in his valise when on active service, instead of the second pair of boots, which have hitherto been included in the soldier's kit, but which will now be carried in the first line of transport. A small supply of boots will accompany each battalion, and the few that may be prematurely worn out. It has been found that troops can keep the field in a rough country, on one pair of boots for two months, and it is believed that the addition of light canvas shoes, to be worn when the boots have been removed, to ease the feet, will answer all requirements. We find that this sensible reform, so long delayed, was suggested many years ago by the late Dr. Parkes, the well-known authority on military and general hygiene. In reference to the possibility of lightening the weight of a soldier's field-kit, he wrote: "The boots are the heaviest individual articles in the kit, and possibly, if made of both officers and men, it is a point of divergence of opinion about the utility of the spare boots in the pack. It is a point which is very desirable some good authority should express an opinion."

Robespierre's Bones. From the St. James' Gazette. M. Henri Rochefort's paper, the Lanterne, has shocked and horrified the legitimists by stating that the exhumed remains in the Rue d'Anjou, which it is proposed to demolish, contains not the bones of Louis XVI, but those of Robespierre! The assertion, however, is not new. In his memoirs Viel Castel states that the autography of Barras had been read by Fouché and Saint-Albin, who found there ample evidence of the truth of this statement. Barras wrote that, after the death of Robespierre, he was present at the opening of the king's grave, when a quantity of quick lime was thrown upon the remains of the unfortunate monarch, and Robespierre was buried on the top of them. Barras added that proof of the truth of his extraordinary assertion could be found in the grave in the shape of the buckles of Robespierre's shoes and collars. The "sea-green" incrustations always were silver shoe-buckles, but had gold buckles on his collars. Stranger things than this have happened, no doubt, and there is a certain amount of mystery surrounding some of the later events of the terror; but the story as it stands, in diplomatic language, "lacks confirmation."

An Infant's Idea of It. "Mamma," asked a little girl, "does the sun go to bed when it sets in the evening?" "I suppose so," absent-mindedly replied the mother.

"What makes everything so red?" Does it blush because it has to go to bed right out where everybody can see it?" "I shouldn't be surprised, my dear."

"Well," continued the little girl, thoughtfully, "if I were in the sun's place I would cover myself up with clouds."

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The doors of dreams whence nought of ill may come. North once for one whose life your honey fed. Let waters of the golden river stop. The rose roots whom his grave blooms rose red.

And mourning of Hyblonian Rives be deep. About the summer daisies that never sleep. And might, see throats than a violet peak. When the grass grows green round his head.

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