Sporting

a rattling good race at Sheepshead on Saturday. Roche 117, Dobbins 107. Victorious 104, Faraday 117, and Hornpipe 105, were the starters in the Ocean Handicap over 1 1-8 miles. They all ran as if blanketed until the stretch, and then Sims on Dobbins went into win at all hazards. Taking the outside he banged against Victorious, knocking him out of his stride. Mr. Seagram's speedy gelding was coming again and Roche turned out from the other side. Then Dobbins bumped against Roche, who be ing squeezed himself, crowded Faraday into the rails, giving that horse nothing else to do but to fall back or play harder Victorious, the Queen's Plate winner of 1891, reflected the greatest credit on his parents, old Terror and Bownie Vic, by keeping at it and finishing close up third to Roche, who was a neck behind Dobbins. The judges promptly disqualified Dobbins, and should have done the same to Roche, but they gave the latter the race and placed Victorious second and Faraday third. Griffin on Roche rode almost as foully as Sims on Dobbins : at any rate he deliberately cast off Victorious. who but for this interference might have won. Time for nine furlongs was 1.56%.

THE Montreal correspondent of The Empire having charged the Bel Air Jockey Club with permitting wheels and sweathoards on its race course, and with making \$1,000 dollars a day out of the camblers for the privilege of running those things, an authorized explanation has been made on behalf of the club Anybody who knows anything about the inception and subsequent history of the Bel Air Jockey Club knows that at the opening meeting only legitimate betting was permitted, that is, books, pools and mutuels. The last mentioned system was a comparative failure, as most of the people in and around Montreal had never seen a mutuel machine before, and the opportunities previously afforded them of studying the intricacies of the books had been of the most meagre kind. The result was that at the first meeting a great many recople who had been used to at tending race meetings at other Montreal tracks could find very little to amuse them in the 45-minute intervals between races, and it was on the representation of many gentlemen who knew what a majority of the people wanted that the question of having wheels was first discussed by the club. A large number of members were distinctly adverse to the innovation, but it was pointed out that had the practice been illegal, it would not have been allowed at Blue Bonnet's, Lepine Park, driving park, and church fairs for that matter, and so by way of experiment a small majority vote decided that wheel privileges should be given. That the club made some money from these wheels goes without saying, but the unthinking forget that it also lost money from the

price for the books, or get so many bookmakers. The recent raids on the wheels at Lepine Park have had no influence whatever in the Bel Air Club, for long before they took place the Executive had decided that there should be no wheels run at the fall meeting. The club's legal adviser said that under the new criminal code wheels were illegal and that settled t. No sensible people could ever have really believed that the gentlemen at the head of the Bel Air Jockey Club would sanction their patrons being skinned by such sharks as have been in the habit of infesting Lepine Park. However we are exceedingly glad that the matter has been

THE attention of ADVOCATE readers is directed to the completeness of our sporting columns. Just now we are fairly crowded with reports of Canadian trot ting meetings, but it is our intention dur ing the winter to greatly improve the department in the shape of miscellaneous reading. In the meantime we would once more impress upon readers the importance of keeping us posted on all happenings in their district and of placing the paper before their friends and the public gener ally. By reference to back numbers it will be found that THE ADVOCATE furnishes the most complete record published of the doings of the trotters. If there are any errors or omissions we desire to be reminded of them, as we thoroughly recognize the importance of being absolutely

FANTASY in 2.07, Alix in 2.054 (for the third time in three weeks) and Robert J in 2.032, the quarters taking 302, 302, 321 and the last 30 seconds, surely form a great afternoon's series of performances, and they constituted a part of the pro gramme at Fort Wayne, Ind., on the last day of August.

THE Grand Circuit trotters this week are at Fleetwood, New York, where some star performances are expected, although the first day was rather flat, the races all being won in straight heats, the 2.30 trot for \$3,000 by Tomah, by Egardo, in 2.17 h. 2.16%, and 2.15%; the 2.18 pace for \$1,500 by Jo Taylor, by Ben Franklin, in 2.17, 2.16 and 2.151, the 2.20 trot for \$3,000 by Mary Best, by Guy Wilkes, in 2.151, 2.147 and 2.135, and a 2.20 trot under saddle, 2 in 3, by Catherine Taylor, by Onward, in 2.22 and 2.25 . Mary Best, the winner of the 2.20 trot, is about the best money getter of the season, her winnings to date amounting to upwards of \$25,000. At Terre Haute she captured the \$24,000 Futurity stake and at Hartford the \$15,000 stake. At Cleveland she made her record of 2.121. She was bred by Wm. Corbett, of San Mateo, California, and was got by Guy Wilkes, dam Montrose, by Sultan; granddam San Mateo Maid, by Hambletonian.

Last week the Grand Circuiters were at Charter Oak Park, Hartford, Conn., a meeting that was noticeable for the fact that it was conducted without bookmakfact that they could not get the small ing or poolselling. Two years ago a law 2.12 and 2.12]. In the free-for-all pace,

was passed by the Connecticut legislature prohibiting betting or poolselling on race tracks. Last year the Charter Oak management let the meeting go by default, transferring their engagements to Fleetwood Driving Park, New York, but this year their stake engagements were so heavy that they resolved to fulfil them over the old track and to obey the law at the same time. While nearly all the best horses took part, the attendance was on the light side and the management dropped money. As the experiment of racing without betting could not possibly be made under more favorable auspices, and the result was failure, it must be acknowledged that no matter how we may regret it the two are inseparable.

On the first day the 2.50 two-year-old trot was won by Whalebone, by Sable Wilkes, in 2.29 and 2.271, the 2.35 three year-old trot by Marston C., by Piedmont, in 2.22, 2.261 and 2.201, the 2.30 four-year-old trot by Arena, by Alcantara, in 2.161, 2.181 and 2.172, and the 2.30 stallion trot by Prince Lavalard, by Lavalard, in 2.341, 2.301, and 2.30, Leo Wilkes, the only other starter, taking the first and third heats in 2.324 and 2.324. On the second day, Mary Best won the

\$15,000 Connecticut purse in straight heats in 2.21%, 2.201 and 2.131, Alibel, by St. Bellesa Wilkes, the three-year-old great Matron Stakes by a walk over, going a heat in 2.28%, Ora Wilkes, by Sable Wilkes the 2.15 trot in 2.135, 2.15? and 2.12?, and Paul the 2.10 pace in 2.111, 2.141 and 2.121, beating Major

On the third day the 2.18 trot, Charter Oak Guarantee Stake of \$5,000, was taken in straight heats by Ralph Wilkes, by Red Wilkes, in 2.124, 2.127 and 2.107, the 2.18 pace by Judge Sterling in 2.151, 2.18 and 2.18 after Highland L., by Highland Gray, had taken the second heat in 2.141, and Berkshire Courier, by Ira Wilkes, the first in the same time, Amboy, by Heptagon, the 2.20 trot in 2.20, 2.161 and 2.17. Katie B., by Lord Nelson, the 2.25 trot, in 2.38, 2.361 and 2.345. On this day the great campaigning stallion Pamlico died at the track He was nine years old, by Meander (son of Belmont and Minerva, by Pilot, jr.), dam Birthday, by Daniel Lambert grand-dam Dolly Richards, by Blackstone. His repord was 2.10, made at Terre Haute, Ind., two weeks before, when he beat Azote. Pamlico was bred in Ver-

The attendance was wofully light on the fourth day, although the \$20,000 Nutmeg Purse was trotted for. Nellie A., by Wilkes Boy, landed the prize in 2.274. 2.21 and 2.203; Coincident, by Calebar, taking the first heat in 2.211. The 2.14 pace went to Whisper, by Alexander in straight heats done in 2.18 3-4, 2.11 3-4 and 2.111. The 2.11 trot was practically a walk-over for Bellflower, by Electioneer, who won in straight heats in 2.181, 2.18 and 2.17%.

On the fifth and last day the Hartford guaranteed stake of \$5,000 was won by Alar in 2.11 3-4, 2.13 and 2.14, after Carldon had taken the first two heats in

\$5,000, Will Kerr took the took heatin 2.081, Mascot the next two in 2.08 and 2.08), and Guy the next three and race in 2.10, 2.13 and 2.121. May serite won the 3-year-old trot, St. Fell second Best time, 2.25%. Free-for all, 2 year, olds Lady Aley won, Ettie F systemal Best time, 2.37.

PROFESSIONAL SCULLING

The Situation in England.

From the Licensed Victuality

PROFESSIONAL sculling is, and has been for some years past, practically as dea as ditch-water in this country. The reason is not lar to seek. Co., we have had no man maintaining the honor and glory of 0 England in a battle for the championship Both the Thames and the Type seem have become content to take a lack seg-doubtless due to the fact that a profe sional sculler experiences great difficult in finding a backer to put the money for him. England used to be supreme the matter of boat-racing, and it hoped the day is not far distant when shall be able to retrieve our lost laure in this sport by licking all comers

It is our firm belief that in little Wag Harding, of Chelsea, the Thames poes a sculler equal to James Renfort Ianian at their best. Wag, although or Hanlan at their best. Wag, although only scaling 9 stone 6 pounds, ha time after time, given indispunsal evidence of his prowess with the scale and everybody knows he can "stay He has given Bubear a con of bad beatings, one over the champ ship course, and the other in the Nation Regatta recently, and his numerous of races have all been won with consumm ease. Further than this, we have own word for it that no one has yet m him put in all he knows. Wag is ship, not only of England, but of it World; and if he had the money wor put the whole of it up himself. hasn't got it, and, strange to say, a sportsman seems willing to find it is

We are glad to learn that a few gent men are clubbing together to mise I the necessary funds to ensure a ma for the Championship. They are, feel sure, finding the money for a who will prove himself to be one of t grandest scullers the world has e known, and, what is more, one who never put his backers "in the cart." Our remembrance of Little Wag back a good many years. from good stock, who were to the r born. Old Wag, his father, was no ously in his day one of the prettiest lers that ever sat in a racing craft, by lacked stamina, or his name would figured largely on the scroll of fame remember how anxiously the old 'ur to teach the young 'un to row when only seven or eight years old how little Wag's eyes used to beam delight when told that he woul champion "some day." The light-u his life, and positively revels in the most men) miseries of getting fit. Fe his early childhood he has had one an tion, and one ambition only Champion Sculler of the W the hope of attaining that pr constantly in his mind, he

any way abused his constitution.

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