

Fur, Fin and Feather.

UNPARALLELED FEAT OF AN AMERICAN MARKSMAN.

Every reader of our paper will join with us in praise of such a magnificent shot as Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, has just proved himself to be. The following particulars of the feat and of the man will be read with interest.

On the second day of the international match last year Mr. L. C. Bruce, of the American team, made 219 out of a possible 220. After Mr. Bruce's score was made the sharp-shooters' company, the principal of whom had to any fellow who would surpass it with a rifle of their manufacture in any way with a competitor. The highest score made in any competition during the last year was 215, and it remained for Mr. Sumner to curtail the prize, as he did yesterday with his splendid 221. He commenced his magnificent record with a string of 15 consecutive bulls'-eyes at 500 yards; he continued at 900 with 4 bulls'-eyes, then made a centre and finished at the second distance with a string of 10 bulls'-eyes, thus making 29 bulls'-eyes and one centre out of 30 shots. Mr. Sumner is a resident of Boston, and has had nearly all his practice on the Walnut Hill Range. He is engaged in banking as his profession. He has long been known to riflemen as an admirable long range shot, but has never before this year taken any very prominent position. He is about forty years old, rather below the medium height, and has light eyes, hair and beard. He is quiet and unobtrusive, but polite and kindly in demeanor.

POSTPONED.—Owing to so many members of the Toronto Gun Club being interested in the Haulan-Courtney boat-race at Lachine, the annual shoot of the Club has been postponed until next week.

SUCCESSFUL.—At the late Provincial Exhibition Mr. J. L. Rawbone, the popular gun implement manufacturer, of 128 Yonge street, was quite a successful exhibitor. He took prizes for the best assortment of firearms, best breech-loading rifle, best assortment of skates, and an extra for horse-clippers. His display was very fine and of an extensive character. During the week his salesroom on Yonge street was crowded with customers from all parts of the country, who took the opportunity of a visit to the Queen City to inspect the finest stock of muzzle and breech-loading guns and rifles, revolvers and gun loading implements and fixings in Canada. His sales were an attestation of the merits of the goods and his own popularity.

THE STALLION RACE.

From the SPORTING TIMES we learn that the much talked of Stallion Race, to take place at Woodbine Park, Toronto, resulted in an unusually hollow victory for Mr. J. P. Wiser's well known horse Chestnut Hill. The hollowness of the victory is demonstrated in the fact that none of the previously announced competitors paid their second forfeits, being convinced that they stood a poor chance for the money with Chestnut Hill on the list. Of course it is to be regretted the race did not come off, but it does not in the least detract toward Chestnut Hill's fame, in fact it can be safely said to add to it, as it shows conclusively he is the recognized fastest stallion in the Province.—*Drockville Recorder.*

DEATH OF COLONEL THOMAS B. THORPE.

Colonel Thomas B. Thorpe, the well-known journalist, writer and politician, died at Roosevelt Hospital, of Bright's disease, early Friday morning of last week. He had been for some hours unconscious, and died without pain. Col. Thorpe was born in New York in March, 1815, received a common-school education, and removed to Louisiana on attaining his majority. Here he became noted as a writer, and published in the *Sportsman* his famous sketch, "Tom



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The following owners of stallions have already made nominations:
 John White, Esq., Milton, for the get of *Terror*, by Ruric, dam Maratans by Flatcatcher.
 J. L. Lyon, Esq., Toronto, for the get of *Hyder Ali*, by imported Leamington, dam Lady Duke by Lexington.

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