

**Athletic.**

**RACKETS.**

A repetition of the great match at rackets, between Henry Boaks, marker of the Quebec Racket Club, and John Mahon, marker of the New York Racket Club, took place on the 18th at the Twenty-sixth street court, New York. The conditions of the match were that Boaks was to give Mahon three games in the first game and four in each game following a game won by him, but in case Mahon proved the winner he was to give Boaks three in the game following. Shortly after 2 p.m. the match commenced. The playing was very fine, the returns being uncommonly sharp, seldom going above the service line. Some of the back strokes were remarkably fine and elicited rounds of applause. Boaks did some excellent service, but his brilliant returns were the feature of the match, which resulted as follows:—

	1st.	2d.	3rd.	4th.	5th.	6th.
Boaks.....	15	8	15	8	15	15
Mahon.....	10	15	12	15	5	12

**RESPONSE FROM DONALD DINNIE.**

We have received the following letter from Donald Dinnie in response to the challenge issued by D. O. Ross and E. W. Johnston:—

STONEMAVEN, NOV. 26, 1878.

To Editor of Scotsman, New York,  
By your issue of Nov. 2nd, I observe D. O. Ross and E. W. Johnston are willing to arrange an athletic contest against G. Davidson and myself. My former challenge I did not offer to come to America, as the sea voyage and change of climate would certainly spoil our chance of success very much. However, as D. O. Ross seems determined not to come over here, I enclose articles of agreement, which, if Ross and Johnston sign and return to me, I will at once stake £100 (One Hundred Pounds) sterling as first deposit. The agreement is written and facts chosen similar to those contested by Ross and Lynch and according to my challenge. Some £50 each are asked for expenses, which will necessarily be required in that country. Trusting to have articles sent to me signed by Ross and Johnston at an early date,  
I am yours respectfully,  
DONALD DINNIE.

The articles of agreement alluded to in the above letter are in our hands and are signed by Donald Dinnie and George Davidson. They specify that the contest shall take place in New York, on some day during the first week in July, 1879, and that the stakes shall be 200 sovereigns in gold, Ross and Johnston allow Dinnie and Davidson 50 sovereigns each for expenses; the profits of the gate money to be equally divided. The Alexandra Athletic Club or any respectable firm in Glasgow are proposed as the stakeholders, and an allowance for expenses to be paid before the deposit, which must be staked before the middle of May, 1879. The following stakes are named:—Throwing 56 lbs. by ring on side, 'fair stand'; putting 56 lbs. from shoulder, 7½ feet allowed; throwing heavy hammer, 22 lbs., 'fair stand'; throwing light hammer, 16 lbs., 'fair stand'; putting heavy hammer, 22 lbs., 7½ feet allowed; putting light hammer, 16 lbs., 7½ feet allowed; tossing the hammer; running high leap; running one hundred yards, with or without hurdles. These contests must be all performed according to the rules existing in Scotland. In the weight throwing, putting, etc., the best distance made by each man to be added against the opponents, and the winners of five out of the six events to be awarded the stakes. Each man must find his own weights, hammers, etc., which must not be less than the weights specified. This response of Dinnie and Davidson is respectfully referred to the consideration of Messrs. Ross and Johnston, and we hope that these four Scottish champions will come to a speedy understanding. The contest, if arranged, will no doubt furnish an athletic exhibition such as New York has never before witnessed.—N. Y. Scotsman.

D. O. ROSS ON DECK.

A challenge appears from Prof. D. O. Ross of the Baltimore News of the 12th inst., to the following effect:—"I will match myself in 14 athletic feats against the instructor of

**THE IRVINE-JUPP RACE.**

A correspondent at Orillia sends us the following statement in regard to the half-mile race which was to have taken place at Orillia on the 2nd inst. "This race was a 'put-up job' to catch a well-known sporting hotel-keeper here, and Irvine was offered \$200 to sell the race. He agreed to do this, but his secret determination, as was known to his friends, was to run it out. The backers of Jupp then bet heavily on their man, as they thought they had Irvine 'dead.' They wanted him to make oath in respect to his promises, but this he declined to do. When they got their money up they called Irvine off the street into an ante-room and told him if he did not let Jupp win this race they had twelve men hired for the night with revolvers to shoot him (Irvine) if he ran to the front. Irvine said they might shoot and be—; he was going to win it if he could. After this they took Jupp out and ran him to death almost, as has already been described in your paper." This appears to be Irvine's side of the story—and as one story is good enough until the other is told—we should like to hear what Jupp's friends have to say in the matter. Irvine is an old-stager, though a young man, and would not be likely to have the worst of anything if he could help it. There was considerable local interest in this match, and as there appears to have been an inward crookedness in it, it is to the welfare of pedestrian sport that it should be exposed, and the onus of the fraud placed on the proper shoulders. Let the whole truth be told even if it should consign Irvine or Jupp, or both of them, to eternal oblivion.

**SPRINTS.**

**POLO.**—A polo club has been formed at Prince Albert, Manitoba.

**WESTON.**—A Baltimore paper hears a rumor that Weston, the alleged pedestrian, has been engaged by a restaurant firm in Paris to pursue and lasso snails.

**FAST RUNNING.**—At the St. Peter's (Cambridge) Sports Tuesday, Nov. 26, Mr. W. Bolton, of Gains College, starting from the scratch won a 1,000-yard handicap in 2m. 19 4-5s., which is a second better than Mr. Hazen-Woods' previous fastest on record.

**MONTREAL.**—A bicycle club has been organized in Montreal to begin operations in May next, after the style of English clubs. Long trips will be made. A trip to Toronto and Hamilton is suggested for next summer. They will wear blue uniforms.

**HORSEVS. MAN.**—At Lillie Bridge Grounds, Eng., on Nov. 25, in a match for £25 a side, William Perkins undertook to walk eight miles against a pony called Monkey trotting fifteen miles. It was evident that Perkins had no chance from the start; as before he had completed the second lap of his fourth mile (8 laps to the mile) the pony had made over seven miles and a half. Perkins kept on, however, until he had finished 6 miles and 2 laps when he stopped with the time of 54m. 59s. The pony completed the fifteen miles in 59m. 51s.

**WRESTLING.**—At Chicago, on Saturday night last, the second wrestling match between J. H. McLaughlin, of Detroit, and J. McMahon, of Rutland, Vt., for \$1,000 a side and the championship belt, took place. McLaughlin won the first and third falls, and McMahon the second fall. Time, 21 mins., 15 mins., 12 mins.

**A FOUR-HOUR MATCH.**—The Mail says a four-hour go-as-you-please match has been arranged between John Paine, of Ottawa, the long-distance champion of Canada, and George Irvine, also of Ottawa, for \$250 a side, the man covering the greatest distance in the time specified to receive the stakes. The contest will take place in Toronto on Christmas day. Is it not a little singular that two Ottawa men should come to Toronto to decide their match? It looks very like a hippodrome or a gate money affair.

**DEATH OF MR. EDWARD ELGER.**—We regret to announce the death of this well-known "all-round" sportsman, which took place on Tuesday evening, Nov. 26, at 11 Crescent place, Clapham Common, London, Eng. He will be more particularly recollected as having been closely identified with William Day, of Woodyates, when Jos. Miller won the Chester Cup of 1852, and also as having officiated as time keeper at the fight between Tom King and John Heenan, at Wadhurst.

**Aquatic.**

**HANLAN AND "THE NEW YORK SPIRIT OF THE TIMES."**

To the Editor of the Mail.

"Sir,—I think it only my duty to draw attention to an absurd article which appeared in your paper, copied from Wilkes' Spirit of the Times. The Hanlan Club is composed of gentlemen in this city whom I am pleased to be connected with. Their treatment to me has been more than liberal, and I have no thought or wish to sever my connection with them. If I am spared to go to England it will be under their guidance, and when there it will be like a home for me, for the Hon. Col. Shaw, my adviser from the commencement of my fortunate career, will be there to meet and welcome me.

"I will only add that it seems strange that rumors are published without looking to see as to their truthfulness. The article from Wilkes' Spirit is without truth or foundation from beginning to end.

"Yours truly,  
"EDWARD HANLAN,  
"Champion Oarsman.

"Toronto, Dec. 16th, 1878."

**HANLAN.**

If a report, which has appeared in the Spirit of the Times is true, Hanlan has not been fairly treated by the club that bears his name. The report simply charges the club with having used Hanlan, and it also insinuates that Hanlan became a pitiable instrument in the hands of the members. He rowed fast or he rowed slow, just as he was ordered; won by a length or by two, as it was necessary for the betting; and we are left to infer that the club and not Hanlan came in for the lion's share of the spoils. If this is true, it will simply convince people that boat racing is as bad as horse racing, and while in both cases the boat animal may win, yet there is a suspicion about the atmosphere which makes the surroundings obnoxious. We do not say that Hanlan is dishonest; nothing has, so far, been charged against him that would warrant a suspicion of foul play on his part, but enough has been said, if the Spirit of the Times is to be relied on, to convince the public that fair-play is a jewel very seldom found where betting is concerned. Over and over again the public has been warned of the danger arising from betting at races. Proof has been established of wholesale robbery in book making. It is more than once turned out that the winner was known, and this little incident about the Hanlan Club will not help to dispel the fear that it is unwise, as it is unsafe to risk one's money on what is too often a mode of affairs.—Montreal Post.

**THE HANLAN CLUB.**

For some time back sinister rumors have been current on the street reflecting on the Hanlan Club. These rumors were not started by Toronto gamblers nor in their interests, as the Globe asks its readers to believe; but were the direct offspring of the fact of no return being made to the members of the club from the Laehine race. All that members of the club have received from their investment over and above the return of their original stake is a sum equal to that stake—surely a small enough return to cause some grumbling from men who at the formation of the club appeared to be risking much. The Hanlan Club has itself to blame for bringing down upon itself a measure of unpopularity, for it distinctly stated to the press that its members had received no return whatever. Had the Courtney match been open and above board the club would not have found itself the subject of animadversions, which by its action it has invited. It is stated semi-officially that Hanlan has been paid the \$6,000 purse, so the rumor that Courtney got \$2,000 of it would appear to be untrue. Hanlan is perfectly satisfied with the club's treatment of him.—Toronto Telegram.

**ROSS.**—Wallace Ross has arrived in England; and Geo. Hosmer is due there by this time.

**A NEW ROWING INVENTION.**—Emulating Walter Brown, it is said that French Johnstone is perfecting a model for a new sliding-seat, which he intends to have patented, and which he expects will supersede the one now in general use.

**CONCERT POSTPONED.**—The concert which was to have been given by the Ottawa Rowing Club this month, in aid of the Hanlan

**Gun, Gun and Feather.**

**HANDICAP SWEEPSTAKE SHOOTING MATCH.**

A handicap sweepstake pigeon shooting match of \$4 each, half forfeit, to which the Ontario Gun Club added fifteen dollars, came off on Thanksgiving day, on Mr. Wm. Dow's farm, near the town of Whitby, closed with fifteen entries, fifteen birds each. All accepted the handicap. The stakes were divided as follows: 80 per cent. to first; 25 per cent. to second; 20 per cent. to third; 15 per cent. to fourth; 6 per cent. to fifth, and 4 per cent. to sixth. J. Stanton, handicapper, who also acted as referee during the shoot. The following is the score:

H M Miller,	28 yards.....	retired.
J Tweedie,	28 ".....	0
Thos Rice,	19 ".....	7
H Watson,	28 ".....	9
T Lawler,	28 ".....	11
E Armstrong,	28 ".....	9
T Winfield,	21 ".....	retired.
A McKay,	18 ".....	8
H Gay,	28 ".....	8
Ira Hall,	28 ".....	9
J Mackie,	28 ".....	10
Geo Ray,	18 ".....	11
O Lynde,	18 ".....	11
P Holt,	21 ".....	10
Jos Taylor,	28 ".....	10
P Wakem,	16 ".....	7

The following ties for first, second and third prizes, were then shot off, at five birds each, at 25 yards rise.

George Ray.....	1 1 0 0 1—3
T Lawler.....	0 1 1 0 1—3
C Lynde.....	1 1 1 1 —4

The ties for second and third prizes were then shot off, first miss and out.

George Ray.....	0 0
T Lawler.....	0 1

The evening getting dark, Messrs. Holt, Mackie and Taylor divided fourth, fifth and sixth prizes.

**PIGEON MATCH AT COOKSVILLE.**

On Tuesday of last week the best contested match that has ever taken place in the County of Peel came off at Cooksville, between six of the best shots of Brampton, and six of the Village of Cooksville, for a Game Dinner, resulting in the defeat of the Bramptonians by 2 birds. The distance was a rise of 21 yards with an 80 yard boundary. The following is the score:

LOOKSVILLE.	
E Jones.....	1*0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1—7
A Walterhouse...	1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 1—9
J Harris.....	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1—8
L Gordon.....	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—10
E Harris.....	1 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1 1—7
E Walterhouse...	1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1—8

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**BRAMPTON.**

G W Harris.....	1*0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1—7
Jas Packham.....	0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1—9
M Deady.....	1 1 1 1 1 1 0*0 1 1—8
F Burrows.....	1 1*0 1 1 1 1 0 1 1—8
D Ellison.....	1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1—9
R Hunter.....	0 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0—6

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\*Dead out of bounds.

**IRA PAINE AND GLASS BALLS.**

At Snffolk Park, Philadelphia, on Dec. 11, Ira Paine undertook the breaking of 100 glass balls thrown by James Devlin, a well-known base ball pitcher, Devlin in handling the balls, was to throw them in any direction in the air, with the exception of behind the shooter, and not lower than the knees. One hundred and five balls were thrown, but four were declared "no balls," being sent too close to the ground, and three extra were allowed on "snaps." Of the 98 shot at by Mr. Paine, 57 were struck, and 41 missed. The greatest execution was done with balls sent directly in front of him, and on the left quarter, while a majority of his misses, were of those thrown perpendicularly and with slow motion.

**PEDIGREE.**—"The pedigree is worth more

**MIMIC WARFARE.**—Cock-fighting is said to be a favorite amusement amongst the residents of Point St. Charles.

**WHITE CROW.**—A white crow, shot near Windsor by J. W. Drake, is on exhibition at Burford's barber shop in that town.

**EASY.**—They have splendid marksmen in Georgia. At a match with glass balls, the man who took the prize hit one ball, thus excelling all his rivals.

**GUZLPH.**—On Monday last a shooting match took place in Guzolph between the town and county, seven a side, 10 birds each, usual regulations. The county proved successful by a score of 46 to 35. We have received the score, but it came to hand so late as to preclude its publication in full.

**BRAMPTON.**—They had what was called a "green" pigeon match at Brampton on Thanksgiving Day. It was green enough to suit the most critical, as one side killed five out of fifteen and the other three out of fifteen. There were three on a side, and of the lot three missed all their birds. They should make a match with Rockwood.

**Horse Notes.**

**A LARGE COLT.**—In Lincoln county, Ky., they have a colt foaled last April that is now 14 hands 1½ inches high.

**MR. A. J. ALEXANDER.**—This gentleman and family left Woodburn Farm, Spring Station, Ky., on Tuesday last for winter residence at St. Augustine, Florida.

**SIRE OF JACK SMITH.**—Mr. J. Wallace Harper, Midway, Ky., has sold to R. Lowell, Lexington, Ky., the bay colt Jack Smith, 4 years, by Sentinel, dam Star Davis.

**RACING AT BARTON GUANA.**—The Royal Gazette of the 5th ult., published at Georgetown, Demerara, gives the programme of a race meeting which was to take place on the two following days. Fourteen even's are announced.

**SALE OF FLEET.**—R. H. Covey, Menlo Park, Cal., has bought of S. D. Bruce, New York City, the grey mare Floric, seven years old, by Thunder, dam imported Siskin by Muscovite; in foal to Lever.

**SALE OF GRAY CLOUD.**—The g. h Gray Cloud, by Blue Grass, dam the Jam of Todd, the property of D. A. Wiles, Esq., Treaton, Ky., has been sold to Mr. B. W. Anderson, of Nashville, Tenn. Terms private. This is not the cross-country horse of the same name owned by Mr. Mead, Toronto.

**SALE OF WILLIAM HENRY.**—The fast three-year-old gelding William Henry, by Blue Bull, has been sold to Mr. James Wilson, of Rushville, Ind., the owner of his sire. The colt is said to have recently shown a quarter in :37½, and a half in 1:15.

**DEATH OF TIM GOODING.**—This bay gelding, owned by A. Lathrop, of Albany, died on the 8th inst. He was 15.2 hands, 9 years old, and got by Gooding's Champion. He has shown trials in 2:27, and halves in 1:11. Had he been used for turf purposes, he would have given a good account of himself.

**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 notices taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

**STU. GANANOQUE.**—As a Duke's eldest son the Marquis of Lorne precedes the Earl of Dufferin.

**Amusements.**

CITY.

"That Lass O' Lowries," by the Marie Gordon Combination, has been the hit so far this week at the Grand Opera House. The representation has produced no great degree of interest, though nicely put on the stage. This Friday evening Cato will be presented, with Mr. Davidge in his original character of Eccle. The usual matinee tomorrow after