

Sporting.

NOTES.

REMEMBER what has been said in this column about sending in notes of horses for sale, sporting notes of general interest and regarding the advertisements of stallions standing for service.

JOSEPH FERROSON, Vespra, P.O., County Bruce, writes in warm terms of praise regarding THE ADVOCATE, and stating that he has for sale Young King George, a roaster stallion, by King George, 16½ hands high and weighing 1,250 pounds. He is a sure foal getter and his size should bring him into speedy demand.

THERE will likely be no racing in New Jersey this year, but a new racing track is to be opened in the vicinity of New York, while in the West the game is to be kept going at fever heat. Ninety days, divided into three meetings of thirty days each, are to be devoted to the sport in St. Louis, Mo., while it is possible the gathering at Washington Park, Chicago, will be extended.

As previously stated, the proprietors of Charter Oak Park, Hartford, Conn., propose to give a grand circuit trotting meeting without betting. The other members of the circuit do not know whether to wish them luck or not, as they are afraid the success of the meeting will be taken as a proof that betting is not a necessary corollary to racing, and that the cranks will have another argument fresh to their hands against legalizing book making on incorporated tracks. This puts us in mind that the next meeting of the Ontario Jockey Club will be the first held under the clause in the criminal code legalizing betting on racing events held under the auspices of incorporated clubs or associations.

A CORRESPONDENT who signs himself X'ter, writes asking a lot of questions, the answers to which will probably prove of interest to the general reader, and, therefore, are inserted here. It is understood that in their recent fight Corbett fouled Mitchell. The latter evidently preferred to accept a licking to saving his friend's money. If he had insisted on a foul it is hardly likely he would have got away with his life. There is little doubt that the purse of \$20,000 was divided in shares by the two men. That doesn't say that the fight was not on the square, as it is a rare thing for professionals to compete and not agree to divide. The loser has to pay expenses and live, while the winner would not have a chance to win any money at all if the fellow with the short end refused to have anything to do with him. This is the modern idea. In the old days it is undoubtedly all the stakes went to the victor, who passed round the hat for the other fellow. It was Corbett who refused to shake hands. Mitchell drew first blood. The report that Mitchell used any vile language in the ring

towards Corbett is denied by the latter individual himself.

ELSEWHERE mention has been made of additional racing to that of previous years that has been promised. A new enterprise that is announced is another track at Chicago, at which trotting and running will be mixed. It is proposed that there shall be four running races each day and three trotting, the latter to be all dashes at different distances. This is evidently an attempt to assimilate running and trotting methods. Whether it will succeed is a question of grave moment. The trotting track is to be inside the running, George Hankins, who for years has been a leading running racehorse man, is the promoter of the undertaking. He says:

"In order to prevent the possibility of collision between trotting outfits and running horses while either of them is exercising, we are constructing a tunnel leading under the main track, through which the trotters and their sulkeys can reach the inside thoroughfare. I believe that there is considerable interest in trotting right here in Chicago, although I know that running contests are supposed to be popular in the cities and trotting contests in the country. The dash feature will, I think, be one of great importance. People seem to tire of heat events, and the betting on them is especially unsatisfactory. Dashes will eventually supersede the present system, and then you may look for record breaking, as the good horses will not be lying up for future heats. Both our outside and inside tracks will be first class." What the National and American Trotting Associations will think of the idea remains to be seen. Our opinion is that it will make an inroad on their authority, that it will have a bad effect on the trotting horse, and that it is doomed to failure. Trotting horse men in the future may go in for sprinting, but at present it is to be hoped and trusted that they will stick to the prevailing style. We have in New Orleans a sample of several acres of land that, as a running track, were a failure, but that as a cemetery have proved a huge success. The land that it is proposed to utilize at Chicago was owned in part by people controlling the Waldheim Cemetery, which adjoins. This fact has already led to many predictions of evil, and it is a question of much doubt whether those who frequent races will care to be everlastingly reminded of the great beyond by the grave mounds in close proximity. Experienced trainers say that anyway it will be hard to get colored stable help at the track on account of the proverbial superstition of the black man. On the whole there appears little likelihood of Mr. Hankins' project being a "go."

THERE are few chances going like this one: A gentleman in the Maritime Provinces has a nice, sound mare he would like to sell for \$100. She is only seven years old and has been worked but little, and yet made a record last year, on a heavy half-mile track, towards the end of the season, of 2:50. She weighs 925 pounds; is dark brown in color; is a good,

kind and pleasant roaster; is also stylish and a guarantee will be given that she is exactly as described. A better opportunity to secure a good driver at a low down price never offered itself. The editor of these columns will be glad to answer questions regarding the mare. Her owner is a gentleman thoroughly posted in all the ins and outs of breeding, but has too many in his stable.

GAUDAUER and Hanlan have passed letters looking towards making up their differences of last year. Gaudauer held out the laurel leaf and Hanlan was compelled to acknowledge it was handsome. Sullivan and Hartling, the one New Zealand and the other the present English champion, had announced in the *London Spectator* their willingness to row any two men in the world a double scull race over the Thames championship course for \$2,500 a side. Gaudauer proposed that he and Hanlan or Durman should accept. Hanlan expressed his willingness and requested Gaudauer to come to Toronto to meet him. Gaudauer came and waited three days. Hanlan neither showed up nor sent any explanation, although he made a specific appointment for one o'clock on Saturday at the *Toronto World* office. Gaudauer naturally returned home, the most disgusted man one could possibly see, but, although the trip had cost him three days' time and a cold twenty dollars in cash, he never complained. His idea was to make the match so that he and his partner would both be Canadians. It was a shrewd desire, and one that his countryman should have done everything in his power to encourage and develop; but he ignominiously failed. Gaudauer, who is champion of America, and, by Stanley's default last year, champion of the world, is now trying to get Peterson, the Californian, to be his partner against the double in England. Hanlan, on Tuesday made some statement for his previous bad behavior, by going to Orlissa to see Gaudauer and coming to a understanding.

PETER JACKSON, who has an engagement to fight Corbett next June, was in town all last week playing in Uncle Tom's Cabin in a Toronto theatre. Ten performances were given and at each the theatre was jammed to the doors by men and women. The pretty, pleasing play with a secondary attraction to the pug, with whom everybody appeared disappointed. He shaped badly and his movements were as sluggish as those of a well-fried sow. He has as long a reach in proportion to his great stature, 6 ft. 2 in., as the baboon or the orang-outang, and it is said that he is depending upon that and his science to give him the victory against the Californian. "Parson" Davies, his manager and instructor, is noted for his cunning and possibly Jackson is trying to make as bad an impression as possible in order to secure good odds against him as the day for the combat approaches. He cannot, however, afford to "fox" too much, or to keep on indulging in such orgies as characterized his visit to Toronto. It is more than probable the match will never come to an issue, and that Mr. Davies is

only keeping the thing on the tapis in order to continue to laud in the sheets. It is estimated that his receipts in Toronto were upwards of \$6,000, which is about \$3,900 above the merits of the show.

THERE is a lot of nonsense talked about the low prices to which horses have been driven. The right kind are as much sought after as ever; but for the rubbish there is no demand even for the croaker's yard. It is undoubted that the introduction of the trolley has cheapened the lower class of animals to such an extent that it no longer pays to breed them, but for the first class roaster, the stylish carriage horse, the half-bred hunter, the hack or saddle with a dash of blood in him, or choice draught horses the figures paid-to-day are equal to any paid in the past. All that remains for the breeder to do is to breed higher and to ever bear in mind that it is only the best that pay, and if you have a poor mare get as much work as you decently can out of her, but don't breed to her. If you have a good, serviceable, honest mare, choose a pricier mate for her, and don't let a few dollars in the service fee stand in the way of obtaining what you want. It is the poorest policy in the world to be mean and stingy in such matters. Above all, get, if you can, a drop of warm blood. Providing the sire is strong and healthy it is always beneficial. If you wish to increase your horse breeding facilities, believe us, there is no time like the present, when fools are timid.

WE recently advertised government inspection for stallions. The Vermont Association of Road and Trotting Horse-Breeders has appointed an inspector for the State to inspect all stallions offered for sale and to see that they are as represented, both in character and pedigree. Of course, owners may decline such inspection, falling governmental warrant, but its refusal must and should have its due weight with people having broad views.

DURING 1893, the membership of both the American and National Trotting Association greatly increased, the total number of affiliated societies being 1,364. The number of meetings were 1,408, with 1,394 days of trotting and pacing, commencing in January and ending with the last of December. The value of stakes and purses was \$3,296,300. Adding to these figures one-fourth for non-members of either of the associations and the grand total is 1,705 meetings, with 5,742 days of meetings and \$4,120,375 in stakes and purses. This year the dates already selected indicate that there will be again a very material increase; so that of a certainty there is no reason why breeders and owners of the light harness horse should despair.

BILLS are out for the eighth annual provincial stallion springshow to be held at the drill shed, Toronto, on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28 and 29. This show, as probably our readers are aware, is held under the auspices of the Agriculture and Arts, Clydesdale, Shire, Hackney and

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