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## American Turf.

**NEW ORLEANS RACES.**  
 New Orleans, La., Dec 10.—Louisiana Jockey Club—Fifth renewal of the Howard Stakes for 3-year-olds, at \$25 each, p.p. with \$500 added; of which 190 to second and 50 to third; race of Slocomb Stakes (Mary R) to carry 7 tons; value of stakes, \$550, one mile.  
 DeWitt's ch f Mary R, by Daniel Boone, dam Maggie G, 104 lbs, inc. 7 lbs extra.... 1  
 Jones & Brian's b c Captain Fred Rice, by Royal, dam by Bapes, 100 lbs..... 2  
 Jones Richard's b c Momentum, by War Horse, dam imp Fleeting Moments, 100 lbs 3  
 Thomas F Kenner, Jim Bell, Barnaby Budge, chief, and Alarm ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:59½.  
 Consolation Purse \$250, for horses that had run and not won during the meeting, to first, 50 to second; one mile.  
 Jones & Stores' b f Little Sis, 3 yrs, by Bapton, dam by imp Yorkshire, 87 lbs.. 1  
 Jones & Co's b f Belle Isle, 3 yrs, by Bon- ton, dam by Asteroid, 87 lbs.... 2  
 Jones & Co's b f Belle Barkley, 4 yrs, by Bapton, dam Capitola, 101 lbs..... 3  
 Belmont and Miss Tilton ran unplaced.  
 Time—1:48½.  
 Consolation Purse \$600, for all ages; \$650 to second; four-mile heats.  
 Grinstead's ch h St Martin, 5 yrs, by Bapton, dam Tokay, 110 lbs..... 1  
 Montgomery's ch c Tempin, 4 yrs, by Pil- ton, dam by Lunatic, 104 lbs..... 2  
 Time—8:18½, 8:40.

## Wrestling.

**O'NEIL WILL WRESTLE OWENS.**

I, John O'Neil, hereby challenge James Owens, of Fairfield, Vt., to wrestle me, collar-and-elbow style, best two in three square back falls, for \$500 and the championship of the world, the match to take place any time within thirty days, in New York, Boston, or Montreal. Circumstances will not permit me to put up a larger stake, but if Mr. Owens will accept so small an amount I am willing to meet him in his own town at any time he may choose, and place the money in any responsible man's hands, and will wrestle him in any town or city in the United States or Canada.  
 Yours, etc.,  
 JOHN O'NEIL, Montreal, Canada.

## COX TALKS TO O'NEIL.

FAIRFIELD, Vt., Dec. 18, 1877.  
 Mr. O'Neil, of Montreal, P.Q., challenges Mr. Owens to wrestle collar-and-elbow for \$500, in any city or place, within thirty days. Now Mr. Owens has a sprained ankle and is unable to meet Mr. O'Neil in a collar-and-elbow contest; but seeing he is so fast to wrestle, I will cover his \$500, and will meet him any time he may choose, or will wrestle him for \$250 a side, in St. Albans or Burlington, Vt., and will meet him any time in St. Albans to make money.  
 Yours, respectfully,  
 EDWARD COX.

## Billiards.

**IZAR'S EXHIBITION.**  
 Mons. Adrian Izar, the distinguished French billiard player, assisted by his pupil, gave three interesting exhibitions of fancy cue and finger shots in this city on Friday and Saturday last. On Friday afternoon a private exhibition was given at Albert Hall to a number of ladies and gentlemen who were present on the invitation of Mr. Samuel May. In the evening at the same place the doors were open to the public, and on Saturday evening Mons. Izar displayed his skill at the Revere House Rooms. The programme of the several exhibitions were about the same, and consisted of a three-ball game between the professor and his pupil, remarkable finger shots accomplished by taking the ball between the thumb and finger, and fancy caroms and movements with the cue. Mons. Izar proved himself to be a wonderful finger player, and showed he could handle the cue to some advantage as well. All the games were played on tables manufactured by Mr. Sam May, and, though his interpreter, M. Izar complimented the maker on the excellence of the table, and described them as equal if not superior to the best he has ever used.

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was that his son, Alley, would drive his horses against the time made by the son of the dead Commodore. He also gave us permission to make public a fact that we had known for nearly two months. During Mr. Bonner's absence in Kentucky, in the last days of September, we visited his farm, near Tarrytown, in company with several other gentlemen, and assisted in judging a contest between Music and John Taylor, the former driven by Mr. Alley Bonner. The finish was very close between the two. We held a watch on Music in 2:18½, and all present at the time considered the performance of John Taylor equally as good. This was a rapid mile for an amateur driver on a three-quarter track. The day was Saturday. On the following Wednesday, Oct. 3, Music and John Taylor were hooked double for the first time in their lives. And Mr. Alley Bonner drove them a full mile to road wagon on a ½ track in 2:23, which is a much better performance than a mile in the same time on a mile track. After this John Taylor was laid up with a shoe boil, from which he is now fully recovered. This brief statement of facts should be sufficient to convince everybody that it was not necessary for Mr. Robert Bonner to purchase May Bird in order to beat the great double-team performance of Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt. The struggle, next year, for the wagon-team supremacy, will be watched with no little interest by the people of New York and elsewhere. In this connection it may be interesting to state that it is universally conceded that Mr. Robert Bonner, himself, has made the fastest time to road wagon, at all distances, from a quarter of a mile up to two miles, ever made by any gentleman, namely: Startle, a quarter of a mile, to road wagon, in 32½ seconds; Dexter, a half-mile, to road wagon, in 1:06½; Dexter, a mile, to road wagon, in 2:21½; and Lady Palmer and Flatbush Maid, two miles, to road wagon, in 5:01½. Not one of these achievements, as the annals of the track plainly show, has ever been equaled. By way of conclusion we add that it is Mr. Bonner's opinion that two horses can be harnessed together to beat 2:18.—Turf.

## "BUCKET SHOPS."

(From the New York Evening Post, Dec. 11th.)  
 The term "bucket shop" is used in Wall Street to describe a "blackboard exchange." "Blackboard exchanges" are of recent origin, having sprung into being since the Stock Exchange advance brokers' commissions, and since the numerous class which formerly speculated in stocks has become so impoverished as to buy or sell as much as one hundred shares of stock with difficulty. A "blackboard exchange" is a concern where a firm or individual opens an office and receives orders to buy or sell any amount of any stock dealt in at the Stock Exchange; in some as small an amount as one share can be bought or sold; in others five shares is the lowest amount dealt in. The proprietors of the "bucket shop" sell all the stocks ordered/bought and buy all the stocks ordered sold—at least, this is the theory; in reality,

## MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BRANCH OF ROYAL CALEDONIAN CLUB.

A meeting of the Canadian branch of the Royal Caledonian Club was held in Montreal on Monday, 11th inst. Six district medals were offered for the following competitions:—Quebec vs. Thistle of Montreal, Ottawa vs. Caledonia, Montreal; Belleville vs. Kingston, Three Rivers vs. Vice Regal, Ottawa; Renfrew vs. Perth, and Arnprior vs. Mississippi, Almonte. A resolution was carried tendering the silver challenge tankard, which was on exhibition at the Centennial, to the Ontario branch as a permanent challenge trophy, subject to the original rules. There was curling in the Thistle rink on Monday.

**MAY BIRD—MR. BONNER'S STABLE AHEAD AT ALL DISTANCES**

## LABOR BLACKBOARD

divided in columns a few inches wide; at the head of each column is the name of some stock and the quotations are marked beneath as they come from the stock indicator and are shouted out by a watchful clerk. Cigars are handed around by one of the establishment's boys, and the room is full of smoke. Three young men patrol from one end of the line of chairs to the other, and take down on a slip of paper the orders to buy or sell. The persons who occupy the chairs are broken down operators, merchants' clerks and boys. The calling of quotations, the orders to sell or buy and the Stock Exchange jargon of nearly a hundred excited men make a noise which renders the greater part of the transactions which take place unintelligible to a stranger.

To give an idea of the working of this "bucket shop" a description of the following transaction may be useful: "Next to the reporter of the Evening Post sat a young man, apparently not more than twenty years old, fashionably dressed and evidently at home. When Lake Shore stock was marked on the board at 59 1-8 he gave an order to buy five shares and handed one of the walkers five dollars, for which he received a sort of receipt for his shares, which cost him 59 1-8. When the stock was next quoted on the board it was at 59 1-2; he had an opportunity to close the transaction and make exactly sixty-two cents, which he did, apparently satisfied with the result of his speculation. The greater number of speculators are not so lucky.

## THE MONTREAL TOURNAMENT.

We have simply the telegraphic reports of the playing at Brand's Tournament, Montreal, which we give below:—  
 First Day, Monday, Dec. 17.—At the billiard tournament this evening W. Jakes defeated S. Jakes by 350 to 234; winner's average, 5.22. Burleigh, Hamilton, defeated Bennett, Toronto, by 375 to 261, winner's average, 4.47.  
 Dec. 18.—Burleigh, of Hamilton, beat Frank Dion, Montreal, by 375 to 254. Burleigh made a run of 85. Sam Jakes, Cobourg, beat Donohoe, Montreal, by 300 to 268. W. Jakes, Cobourg, beat S. Watson, St. Albans, by 350 to 342. Watson made 47 and Jakes 35. Capron, of Brantford, beat Donohoe, Montreal, by 300 to 261.

## SCRATCHING

Scratching is a form of billiards in which the cue ball is struck so as to scratch the object ball.

## TRICKS THAT ARE VAIN.

In reply to an article under this caption that appeared in the New York Turf, Field and Farm severely criticising the actions of some leading billiard experts, notably Sexton and C. Dion, and which was reproduced in our columns, the following letters have appeared from Dion, Daly and Slosson:  
 NEW YORK, Dec. 8, 1877.  
 EDITORS TURF, FIELD AND FARM.—In your last issue, under an article headed "Wood-Gatherers," my name is connected

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lishes an article headed "Tricks that are Vain," in which my name is coupled with those of Sexton, Cyrille Dion and M. Daly, and which reflects discreditably on me. It is a disgraceful attack, is ridiculously absurd and without the slightest foundation in fact. I shall be under many obligations if you will correct the same in the next issue of the Clipper and place me right before the public. With best assurances I beg to remain  
 Very respectfully yours,  
 W. F. SLOSSON.