

...that water, no matter what the di-  
...meter of tubes through which it pass, al-  
...attains the same level. In like manner,  
...matter what the mental calibre of dis-  
...ants, they both find the same level—a  
...fact which some one has termed "the hy-  
...bolistic paradox of controversy."—Tele-  
...gram.

The first time that any Scottish ecclesiastical court has passed a motion favorable to the use of public conveyances on Sunday occurred recently. The Glasgow Established Presbytery adopted a report that it was expedient to run tramway cars on Sunday within reasonable limits to accommodate the strictly Sunday travel. This is in curious contrast to the action of the Free Presbytery of Caithness which denounced in unmeasured terms the use of instrumental music in church.

## Athletic.

### MONTREAL LACROSSE CLUB.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Montreal Lacrosse Club took place last week in the club rooms, Gymnasium, Mansfield street, when power was given to the Committee to act with the Committee of the Montreal Snowshoe Club in the leasing and maintenance of the Gymnasium.

The following resolutions were carried:—That the Montreal Lacrosse Club approves of the leasing, in conjunction with the Montreal Snowshoe Club, of the building known as the Montreal Gymnasium.

Moved by R. Crosbie, seconded by W. Hubbell, That the Committee be empowered to act with the Committee of the Montreal Snowshoe Club in the general administration of the affairs of the new institution.

Moved by W. M. Cushing, seconded by T. L. Patron, That, should the joint committee see fit, they may add to their number such members as they may deem necessary for the proper working of the institution.

Moved by C. H. Cordingley, seconded by Robt. Summerhayes, That the committees be empowered to draft and adopt such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the proper working of the institution.

Moved by A. W. Stevenson, seconded by F. M. Sowden, That the President of the Club, together with the President of the Montreal Snowshoe Club, be and is hereby empowered to sign the lease of the Gymnasium and that they be held harmless from any personal liability in so doing.

### ANNUAL STEEPLE CHASE.

On the evening of the 8th inst., the members of the Montreal Snowshoe Club and a number of friends assembled at the McGill College Gate to take part in the annual steeple chase of the Club. The start was made at seven minutes to eight, at the word from the President, Mr. Grant, and the competitors gaily entered on their self-imposed task of reaching Prendergast's, over the route laid down, in the quickest possible time. The night was dark and the road heavy, owing to which the time made over the course was not as good as last year. Prendergast's was reached in the following order:—

1. Geo. Starke, 28 min. 16 sec.
2. Thos. Paton, 24 min. 49 sec.
3. E. H. Hanna, 24 min. 49½ sec.
4. Fred. McIndoe, 25 min. 12 sec.
5. Thos. Hodgson, 25 min. 80 sec.
6. Thos. Rutherford, 25 min. 85 sec.

The remainder were not timed. Starke won a comparatively easy victory, arriving about three hundred yards ahead of the second comer. The prizes were presented at Prendergast's, where a large number of ladies had assembled, who had driven out to see the sport, by Mr. Grant, accompanying each presentation with a few appropriate words. The

world, in an all-round Caledonian competition—Dinnie and Davidson preferred. I will allow reasonable expenses to them to come over to this country, or I will go over to Scotland at my own expense. I hope this will receive their immediate attention.

E. W. JOHNSTON,  
Champion Athlete of America.

### 100-MILE SKATING CONTEST.

#### A BEST ON RECORD.

From the Chicago Field of last week we clip the following account of a 100-mile skating contest in that city:—

A best on record is the aim and object of every honest sportsman, and there is more joy with its achievement than over the gain of dollars. For many years the best one hundred mile skating record made by Mr. Millard has remained unapproachable, though the effort to reduce it has several times been made. On Jan. 7, at 11:45 a. m., John Ennis, Patrick E. Donnelly, and Frank T. Jewell, all of this city, started on a race of one hundred miles for a purse of \$100, \$90 to the first, \$10 to the second, with \$5 additional if he made one hundred miles in fifteen hours; entrance fee \$5. We carefully laid out the track exactly nine laps to the mile, on smooth though very hard ice. Ennis took the lead from the beginning, going at a good pace, steadily followed by Donnelly, with Jewell outpaced. Ennis held on to his work for thirty-three miles without a stop in 8:16:55, between that and his forty-second mile he rested thirty-three minutes at four different intervals. The race was virtually Ennis from the start, which reflects all the greater credit on Donnelly for the pluck and endurance displayed, which carried him sixty-nine miles in 8h. 84m. 8s., when his friends wisely insisted upon his retirement, as he was much exhausted, and as the pleasantness of the day had changed to a temperature below zero, with a bitter, biting wind. Ennis deserves full credit for his determination to skate it out on such a bitterly cold night, and we are pleased to congratulate him on having achieved the best one hundred mile skating record in the following

TIME.			
10 Miles	0h.	51m.	10s.
20 Miles	1h.	49m.	50s.
30 Miles	2h.	54m.	07s.
40 Miles	4h.	26m.	22s.
50 Miles	5h.	35m.	35s.
60 Miles	6h.	46m.	40s.
70 Miles	8h.	09m.	40s.
80 Miles	9h.	15m.	20s.
90 Miles	10h.	24m.	20s.
100 Miles	11h.	87m.	45s.

### MADAME ANDERSON'S FEAT ACCOMPLISHED.

Madame Anderson concluded her task of walking 2,700 quarter miles in as many quarter hours, at Brooklyn, N. Y., on the evening of the 18th, at 10:45. She appeared greatly exhausted, and was taken to her physician, where she will be under treatment for a week or two. At first she will not be allowed to sleep more than fifteen minutes at a time. It is said she would probably never wake up if she was not disturbed. In a day or two she will be allowed to sleep two hours at a time, and the time will be gradually increased until she can take all the sleep she desires without fear of injury.

### HONEST CONFESSION.

Many of our readers have heard of one or more Græco-Roman wrestling matches between Wm. Miller and T. Bauer, and all will remember that these athletes have, since 1874, competed for \$1,000 and the championship about twenty times in the United States and Canada. Dec. 28, 1878, Mr. Bauer publishes, over his own signature, in a New York morning newspaper, the following easily-understood statement:—"I have been well

the horse covered 201 miles to the man's 119 miles.

CRICKET.—At the annual meeting of the Dunnville Cricket Club the following officers were elected:—Wm Kerr, President; G. A. McCallum, M. D. Vice; F. J. Ramsay, Captain; H. Arnold, Sec'y and Treas; Directors—W. H. Smith, H. Lawe, W. Stone and the Captain.

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.—An exchange says—"Ennis, the pedestrian, has accepted the challenge of Harry Fisher, of Ottawa, Can., champion skater. He agrees to meet him in a match at any distance from 100 to 500 miles, for \$500 aside and the championship of America. Ennis stipulates that the match shall take place in Chicago." The question arises, who is Fisher?

## Aquatic.

### HOSMER'S EXPERIENCE IN ENGLAND.

George H. Hosmer, the young oarsman of Boston, who went across the "Big Pond" about five weeks ago with the hope of measuring oars with some of the rising young English oarsmen, arrived home again by the steamship Victoria on Wednesday of last week. George's ill-fortune in the past has been attributed to his exceedingly flighty disposition, which has made him unmanageable as well as a burden to men who have undertaken to back him. His trip across the water, it is thought by his many friends, cannot but be beneficial to him. In conversation with friends he gives the inference that the English people look upon the athletes of this country, generally, as inferior in every way to their own. He was given to understand, while on the other side, that American athletes did not know how to do anything properly. He sailed from Boston on the Victoria, and reached Liverpool in thirteen days. Possessed of a letter of introduction from Mr. W. A. Simmons of the Harvard crew that rowed Oxford several years ago, he was handsomely welcomed by the veteran Harry Kelly at London. Hosmer found that his arrival was rather premature, as the boating season does not fully open in England until March or April. However, at the request of Kelly, he went out to row on the Thames in a working boat. The river was filled with floating ice, and the day was cold, which fact, coupled with the peculiar rig of the boat, made sculling anything but agreeable to him. Then, again, he was entirely out of condition, weighing 171 pounds in his shirt sleeves, and, while sitting in the boat, he was so cramped up by the old-fashioned rig that he could not row in his accustomed style. He rowed a considerable distance, and, on coming ashore, was told by Kelly, who had been watching him from the river banks, that he raised his elbows too high and too far out of the boat. Before leaving Mr. Kelly, who had given up the hotel on account of the hard times, Harry told Hosmer that it would be better for him to come over again in June. Hosmer also found that Ross had reached England about a week before him, had also called on Kelly a few days before he did, and had then gone on to the north of England. Ross, on calling on Kelly, requested that he (Kelly) should say nothing about his arrival, a fact that seemed to surprise the veteran oarsman, as the day following Ross went to the office of Bell's Life and had his arrival published to the world. Hosmer spent altogether but five days in London. He called on Mr. Gunston of the London Rowing Club, and also on Thomas, who rowed pair-oared with Faulkner and Reagan, at the Centennial in Philadelphia in 1876. He says the people of England are suffering so severely from the hard times that there is but little encouragement for American oarsmen in English waters. Ross, being from the British Provinces, is looked upon by Englishmen as one of themselves, and, consequently, either he or Hanlan cannot but fare well in the old country.

that Larry having declined to row Wallace Ross, the latter has challenged either Lumden or Nicholson for a hundred pounds a side race on the Thames, the contest to take place within two months from the signing of the articles.

PLAISTED.—Fred. Plaisted, besides being a good sculler, is proficient in the use of the Indian clubs, and as he has likewise some talent for the "nigger business," he proposes to fill in the dull season by joining the army of variety-hall performers. Luck be with him.

A CHALLENGE TO WALLACE ROSS.—Bell's Life of 28th ult. contains the following:—"Frank Emmett, of Jarrow, will accommodate Wallace Ross, the American sculler, with a match in best and best boats, over the Tyne championship course, on the day after the championship race between Elliott and Higgins, for £100 a side. Articles to Mr. John Simpson, Queen's Arms, Union street, Jarrow, will meet with attention."

### TROTTING IN ENGLAND.

#### WELSH WILLIAM AND SPOTTED COLT.

This match for £50 which may be considered almost an impromptu one, was satisfactorily brought off on Monday last, when, both animals being well known in the trotting world, and a close race expected, there was a large attendance at Mr. Charles Trevelyan's, the Castle Hotel, Tooting, long before two o'clock, the hour appointed for the meeting. At first things began to look serious, and the general cry was that there would be no race, as policemen congregated about the spot where the 'trot' was thought possible to have been brought off, viz., Mitcham Common. But we have in a great measure put 'the cart before the horse' in going into details that ought to come later on, and we may as well now state that the match was a two mile one, in which the Spotted Colt had to concede Welsh William 250 yards; and, as the last-named was under saddle, and ridden by his owner, Mr. David Griffiths, Mr. Blumson and his horse had set themselves a difficult task, more especially when the state of the roads was taken into consideration. After partaking of a hearty repast at the Castle Hotel, a move was made to the eighth milestone on the London and Epsom road, situated about forty yards on the London Six Bells at Merton; and, as the 'blues' were also on the qui vive all about this neighborhood, no time was lost in stepping out the required start for Welsh William. The horses were despatched on their journey, but as Malcolm McLauchlan (the driver of the Spotted Colt) could not possibly see his opponent the instant the signal was given, there is no doubt but that he lost a considerable lot of ground to begin with, and the roads being in a fearful state as well as intricate, with sharp corners, up hill and down dale, and other obstacles, a worse two miles than that from the eighth milestone at Merton to the tenth at Morden, just prior to reaching the George Inn at the last-named place, could not possibly have been chosen for a gay, spanking horse like Spotted Colt, who wants no interference from start to finish. The consequence was that he really never had a '1,000 to 1' chance from the time the handkerchief was waved for him to go until the distance had been covered; while to show what a nice sort of road it was—with milestones about the size of an Irishman's front tooth—Mr. Griffiths, on his old favorite, kept sailing away until he had nearly gone four miles, and those waiting for him to come back began to ask the question if he had not gone to Epsom to be in readiness for the City and Suburban day. As the race was contested, Welsh William held his own throughout, and won by nearly the distance given him. Mr. T. Hudson (better known in the trotting world as 'Tommy the Woodman'), officiated as starter and referee; but as the road was so bad, and Welsh William got so far away, no time was taken, not a single bet having been laid respecting it. It may be mentioned that Mr. Griffiths early

the chances of his seeming hereafter in a via remains to be seen. The above decision is simply in accordance with the usage established in the majority of the States, and will be favorably regarded if for no other reason than that a man has no right to demand the return of money invested in a pool; because he willingly engages in the operation, and, if he wins, quietly pockets his gains without any compunctious visitings. The debt contracted in such cases is a debt of honor, and no man should squawk when called upon to pay it.

## Amusements.

#### CITY.

Salisbury's Troubadours are giving a pleasing entertainment at the Grand Opera House this week. The programme is something similar to that given by the celebrated Vokes Family. They appeared on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in The Brook, and for the remainder of the week play Patchwork. They are a very pleasing organization, giving lots of fun without a semblance of vulgarity, and they have been greeted with fine houses. The matinee tomorrow afternoon and the evening performance will conclude their engagement. Next week Miss Charlotte Thompson, supported by her own company.

The Toronto favorite, Mr. Dominick Murray, commenced an engagement of one week at the Royal Opera House on Monday evening in the romantic drama of Monte Cristo. The support by the Royal company has been up to the standard, and the dresses and scenery are in keeping with the drama. Innocence, or the Gambler's Crime will be presented during the week. Business has been very fair. The usual matinee tomorrow afternoon; and the evening performance will close Mr. Murray's present engagement. On Monday evening McDowell's Shaugranu Company for three nights, to be followed by Billy Emerson's Minstrels for the balance of the week.

The Lyceum continues to increase in favor, the bill of attractions being quite heavy. The leading features of minstrelsy are nightly given with good effect. Next week several new faces are announced.

#### GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—Genevieve Ward at Theatre Royal for five nights, commencing Jan. 14. Martinez English Opera Co. at Academy Music, 14 and 15, in Lucis, and H. M. S. Pinafore.

HAMILTON.—McDowell's Shaugranu Co., 13, 14 and 15.—Swedish Ladies' Quartet's, 20.

LONDON.—Adelaide Phillips' Opera Co., 24.

OTTAWA.—Charlotte Thompson and company, Opera House, 17 and 18.

BROCKVILLE.—Baird's New Orleans Minstrels, 17.—Liliputian Opera Co., Feb. 3.

KINGSTON.—Genevieve Ward, at Opera House, 13.—City Hall, 13, 14, and 15, Macallister, the Wizard.

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