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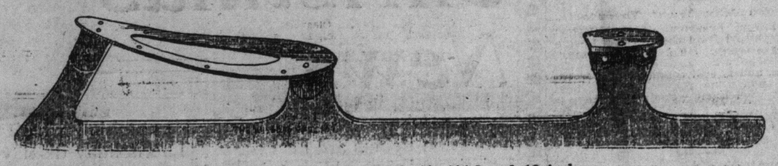

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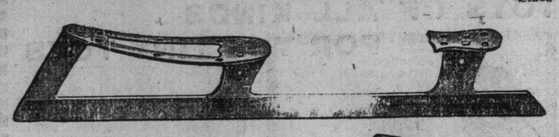

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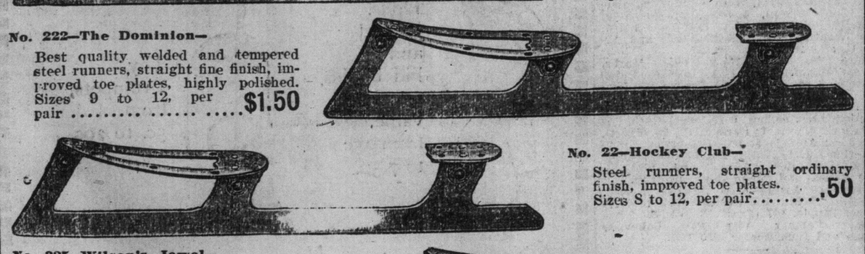

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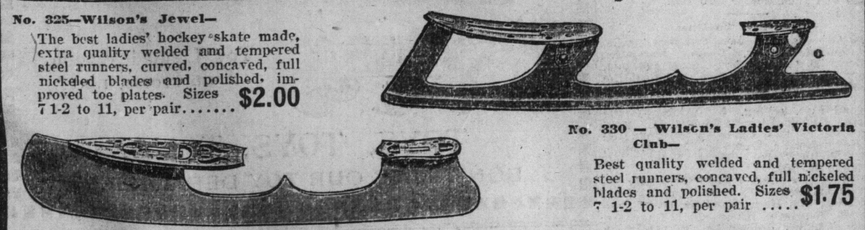

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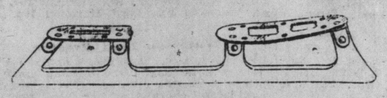

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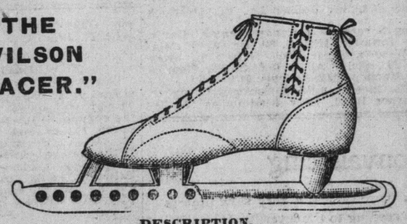

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THE LEADING JOCKEYS' INCOME.

Big Winning Owners With Leopold de Rothschild at the Top of the List.

In reviewing the horse racing season, which recently closed abroad, so far as important events on the flat are concerned, The Field of Dec. 3 furnishes some data of international interest. It analyzes the winnings of jockeys and owners, and also sums up the situation from a breeding standpoint. The following excerpts from the story will be appreciated by American horsemen:

"One of the chief incidents of the season was, of course, the visit of Sloan the American jockey, to our shores, and it must be confessed that his successes have been remarkable, as out of 97 mounts he won no fewer than 43 races. He was second 23 times, third 7 times, and unplaced 24 times only, so that practically one may say he won very nearly every other race in which he rode. At the Newmarket First October meeting he won 12 races out of 16, five of his races being secured on the last day. The Lord William Beresford-Lorillard combination possessed some good horses, and this means something toward Sloane's great success, while some of his other rides were on horses which, at least by their owners, were considered to have tolerably good chances. To give Sloane his due, however, it must be admitted that he has been successful on horses which in other hands have run unkindly, and this rather suggests that the remark which has been sometimes made, that Sloane is no horseman, is hardly to the point.

"The American certainly did not bully his horses; he did not knock them about unnecessarily, nor did he ride with a slack rein. These are all points in which many of our native jockeys fail. Anyone who takes the trouble to walk down toward the starting point will see plenty of loose reins, plenty of whips going, while horses are changing legs, perhaps once in a furlong. Now, neither Sloane nor anybody else can make a horse go faster than his best pace. The most he can do is to take care that no motion of his interferes with a horse's action, and to these facts we attribute Sloane's success.

"Compared with the American's average, the total of wins secured by Madden, who heads the list of jockeys this year, is small. Although he won 161 races, he had no fewer than 829 mounts, so that he won only one in five races, as compared with the nearly one in two won by Sloane. Madden rode Jeddah in the Derby, and he was also on the back of the winners of the Great Ebor Handicap, the Cesarewitch and the Manchester Handicap, and it is a somewhat curious coincidence that Madden rode the first winner at Lincoln, when the flat racing season opened, in March last, and also the last winner at Manchester during November. If we take his 161 wins at 5 guineas apiece, we have a total of 805 guineas, and if to this we add 3 guineas for each 668 losing mounts, equal to £2004, we shall strike a full total of 2809 guineas—not a bad income for a hard-working professional man, but one which, of course, bears no sort of relation to the sum actually netted."

How owners and jockeys fare on the British circuit and the amount of money involved is summed up as follows:

"The late Lord Falmouth carried off in stakes alone something like a quarter of a million in money, but in his time £10,000 races had not been invented, or probably his total would have been largely in excess of the amount credited to him. One is always glad to find that a good sportsman meets with due success, and this year Leopold de Rothschild heads the list with £30,267, the Duke of Westminster coming next with £16,206 and C. D. Rose third with £16,285. Altogether, six owners have run into five figures, but even Rothschild's total sinks to nothing when compared with the amount won by the Duke of Portland in 1889. No less a sum than £73,958, thanks to Donovan, was placed to the Duke's credit, for that horse won not only the Prince of Wales' Stakes, worth £11,000, but carried off the St. Leger, the Newmarket Stakes and the Lancashire Plate, while Ayrshire contributed the Eclipse Stakes and the Kempton Park Royal Stakes. Two years ago Mr. Rothschild's winnings amounted to nearly £47,000, but even as they stand at present they are nearly twice the amount secured by his nearest rival, the Duke of Westminster, who has won less than £17,000. These figures sound well, but what the actual net profit may be is another matter altogether. The forfeits, riding fees, retainers, trainers' bills and presents add up to a formidable amount, on the other side, and perhaps no one but a horse-owner himself knows what is being expended."

California Jockey Club Stakes.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The California Jockey Club has decided to have the Burns handicap run off earlier this season than last. The race is set for Saturday, March 25. It has also decided to have the first 2-year-old race of the season on Monday, Jan. 2. The following stake dates have been arranged:

Follansbee Handicap, ⅞ mile, $1250, on Jan. 28; Pacific Union Stakes, 1⅛ miles, $1500, Feb. 4; Thornton Stakes, 4 miles, $3000, Feb. 22; Gunst Stakes, 1¼ miles, $1500, Feb. 25; Lissak Stakes, mile, $1500, March 4; Burns Handicap, 1¼ miles, $10,000, March 25; Palace Hotel Handicap, 1⅛ miles, $2000, April 1; Flood Handicap, 1⅛ miles, $1500, April 22; McLaughlin Selling Stakes, 1 1-16 miles, $1500, April 27; Rancho del Paso Stakes, 1⅛ miles, $1250, April 29.

Ottawa Ice Races.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The ice tracks at Aylmer and Lansdowne Park are under construction, and it is only a matter of days until both are ready for horsemen. If the present cold spell continues there will be racing on Christmas Day.

The Ottawa Winter Trotting Club has issued one of the best programs in many years, the purse of money reaching $2500, as follows:

—Tuesday, Jan. 31—		
2.40 class		$200
2.22 class		$200
—Wednesday, Feb. 1—		
2.27 class		$200
2.10 pacers, and trotters		$250
—Third Day, Feb. 2—		
No. 5, 2.50 class	purse	$200
No. 6, special (local)	purse	$200
No. 7, 5-mile dash	purse	$200
—Fourth Day, Feb. 3—		
No. 8, 2.32 class	purse	$200
No. 9, free-for-all	purse	$250
No. 10, consolation	purse	$200

Entrances, 5 per cent. of purse, which must accompany the entry, and 5 per cent. additional from winners. No conditional entries. N.T.A. rules to govern. Five to enter, four to start. Races to sleighs or bikes. Distance waived. Hobbles allowed. Purses divided, 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. Entries close Tuesday, Jan. 24, and must be addressed to J. C. Shea, Free Press.

The Canada Central Turf Club's races take place the week following Ottawa, in Ottawa. Purses $2000.

Gossip of the Turf.

Dr. Smeall has six in preparation at Dufferin Park for the Ottawa meeting, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4.

Jimmy Peacock of Buckingham will move his stable of horses to Ottawa this week. He has Eagle Belle, Duke of Arkland, Spraguelight and Lilian A. in hand.

C. Combs, the boy who used a pistol in the jockeys' rooms at New Orleans last week, was acquitted in the Police Court and was promptly restored to favor by the association, which, however, fined him $100.

The big Eastern steeplechase stake that was spoken of for next spring is now an assured fact. It will be known as the Grand National, and will be run for next year at Morris Park, and subsequently at Gravesend and Sheepshead Bay, in rotation. The distance will be two and one-half miles, and $5000 will be added, $2500 being guaranteed in sums of $500 each by individual owners. The estimated total value is $6500.

Henry, or, as he is better known about the race tracks, Doc, Riddle, who trained for J. J. McCafferty last season, has severed his connection with the little Texan, and may be with Mike Dwyer next season, says a New Orleans despatch. Riddle came here last year with Lexington Pirate, and his work with that horse attracted to him the attention of McCafferty, with the result that he was engaged by the jockey-owner to handle his horses, which he did until a couple of weeks ago, when he and his employer, though on friendly terms, agreed to part company.

In the Bowling League.

The Grenadiers won their last match in the second series of the Toronto Bowling League on Monday night by defeating the Q.O.R. Cyclists at the T.A.C. alleys by 117 pins. The result makes the standing as below for the 16 games played by each of the clubs, Liederkranz and Athenaeum A teams being tied for first place:

	Won.	Lost.
Athenaeum A.	12	4
Liederkranz	12	4
Q.O.R.	10	6
Grenadiers	10	6
Insurance	9	7
Body Guards	5	11
Q.O.R. B.C.	5	11
Athenaeum B.	5	11
Highlanders	4	12

Workers Back From Beauharnois.

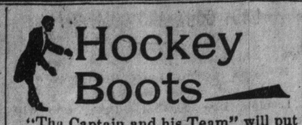
Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The workers from Beauharnois arrived in town today, and Mr. Bergeron, M.P., is the hero of the day. He says the tremendous French-Canadian vote cast in Missisquoi for the Conservative candidate and Mr. Plante's big victory in Beauharnois give the lie to the statement that the "hip, hip," for Laurier is still abroad.

Annual Meeting of the D. M. P. A.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association was held on Saturday. In the regular order of business the seamless leg-band for young pigeons of next year's hatch was drawn. The secretary's annual statement of money received and expenses of carrying on the club was read, and showed a good balance on the safe side. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, S. Alison, 52 Murray-street; vice-president, William Tait, 683 Yonge-street; sec.-treasurer, Charles F. Kinsey, 41 Baldwin-street.

Nothing But Games for Pillsbury.

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 20.—Harry N. Pillsbury, champion chess player of the United States, played 24 games simultaneously last night, against players from Davenport, Iowa City, Muscatine, Iowa; Rock Island, Moline and New Bridge, Ill. The play lasted five hours and a half. Pillsbury won 22 games out of the 24.



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Massey-Harris Hockey Club.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Massey-Harris Hockey Club, held in their offices on Monday evening, Dec. 19, the following officers were elected: Hon.-presidents, T. J. McBride, J. H. Housser; patrons, W. E. H. Massey, L. M. Jones, J. K. Osborne, J. N. Shenstone; president, W. B. M. Powell; vice-president, P. J. Syms; captain, H. R. Harmer; sec.-treasurer, J. N. Patterson; committee of management, Trowbridge, James Barnett, F. W. Dunn, P. McBride.

After the Puck.

The game between Waterloo and the Toronto Rowing Club for Thursday night has been called off.

Mr. Cully Robertson has been elected vice-president of the Simcoe Hockey Club. This club will practice to-night.

Upper Canada College will have a strong team again this season, having only lost one or two of last season's team.

The City Engineer's Department at the City Hall has challenged the hockey team combined from the Waterworks and Treasurer's offices to a match at an early date.

A hockey club has been formed in New boro, Ont., with Dr. King, president; G. W. Preston, captain; R. J. Fifield, secretary-treasurer. The club has a large membership.

Charles Wilson, full-back of the Rough Riders' football team, Ottawa, arrived home on Saturday and will remain in Kingston for the winter months. He will likely return to Ottawa next fall.

Robert F. Wall, the former Canadian crack, has been chosen captain of the hockey team of the Skating Club of Brooklyn, vice Howard Drakeley, resigned. Charles Keeler has been selected as manager.—New York Sun.

North Bay has decided to organize a team with the following officers: Hon.-president, J.M. McNamara; hon.-vice-president, D. Cameron; president, G. S. Bowie; vice-president, Ed. Thompson; secretary, J. McKenna; treasurer, R. J. McPeak.

An effort is being made to form an intercollegiate hockey league across the line with these colleges and universities as members: Yale, Columbia, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania and Brown. Representatives of Yale and Columbia are behind the movement.

The Britannias held their first practice on Monday evening at Prospect Park Rink, about 14 members turning out in uniform. Fred Wilson, who has consented to coach the team, was on hand, and put the boys through an hour's hard practice. Judging from the form displayed by those on the ice the Britannias have the material for a cracking good team.

Money in Football.

New Haven, Dec. 20.—This afternoon Manager James Brown of the Football Association presented Treasurer Walter Camp with the statement of the finances for the games with Princeton and Harvard. Yale and Harvard divided $30,550.20, each taking a cheque for $15,275.10. The expenditures of the game were only $3791.80.

Yale's half of the Princeton receipts amount to $10,230.72. The whole amount of receipts were $24,944, with the rather heavy expenditures of $4482.57. Thus, the two games have netted Yale $25,505.82. The sum realized is several thousand dollars in excess of that of any previous year.

Bouts at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The athletic entertainment in the Grand Opera House to-night was a mixture of good and bad. The wrestling match between W. F. Condon, city, and R. J. Cameron, Detroit, was the best event on the program. The former won in two straight falls in 8 and 6 minutes, respectively. The eight-round boxing bout between Bert Johnson, city, and G. McDonald, Toronto, was quite lively. Johnson got the decision. Harry Bethune was referee and Hugh McKinnon master of ceremonies.

Around the Ring.

There is some talk of the match between Jim Popp and Sammy Callahan being pulled off at Elmira.

Jack Sharkey, brother to Tom Sharkey, is in New York looking for a match with any good welterweight.

Billy Roche is eager to match Eddie Connolly against Frank Erne at 133. It shou'd be a great contest.

Joe Choynski was given the decision at the end of the sixth round over Ed. Dunkhorst of Syracuse at Chicago on Monday.

Doc Payne has been matched to fight Jim Hurley of Elmira in a 25-round bout before the Maple-avenue Athletic Club of Elmira on Dec. 30. They will fight at 158 pounds.

Jack Daly of Wilmington, Del., who is matched to meet Joe Gans of Baltimore at the Lenox Athletic Club, Tuesday night, offers to wager $500 that he will defeat the Baltimore boxer.

Jack Rose of the Horizon Athletic Club, Bridgeport, has been authorized by Tommy Ryan to make a 20-round match for him with Mysterious Billy Smith. Ryan agrees to weigh in at 3 o'clock at 145 pounds, and will post a substantial forfeit for weight.

Will Curley of Newcastle and Peddler Palmer, bantam champion of the world, were matched at London to box 20 rounds, under Queensberry rules, with four-ounce gloves, at 118 pounds, for £200 a side and the best purse offered, on Feb. 6. Curley is the chap that knocked out Patsy Haley of Buffalo and Australian Billy Murphy in quick order when they were in England, and he will make Palmer fight as he has never fought before.

Ever since Jim Popp drew with Frank Erne, Sammy Callahan has been anxious to measure strength with the Toronto lightweight, as he believes that Popp is the style of man for him. Popp and Callahan have come together at last in a match, and probably, could box it out before one of the Canadian clubs without delay, were it not for the fact that Callahan expects better inducements and a more favorable style of boxing on this side of the border. When Popp and the Buffalo boy matched the other night, Callahan said he would allow the weight anything from 133 to 138 lbs., but he would stipulate that the boxing be one arm free. To box this rule the men will have to get together outside of Toronto, and it is not unlikely that they will be seen in Buffalo before long.—Buffalo Express.

Kerwin and Matthews.

Though Matty Matthews whipped his former protege, Frank Garrard, it is Harry Gilmore's belief that "The Mystery" will win from Matthews in their 20-round bout at the Pavilion on Saturday night. Two capital preliminary bouts will be put on. The plan is open at Harold A. Wilson's, 35 King-street west.

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N. Y. State Cyclists Bar Racing.

Rochester, Dec. 20.—The annual meeting of the Board of Officers of New York State Division of the L.A.W. was held in the New Osborne House in this city last night. The meeting commenced at 8 o'clock, and was not adjourned until 2 o'clock this morning.

About 20 members were present. There was a great deal of wrangling, nearly every question eliciting much discussion. The question over the right to vote by proxy brought out the hottest argument. The question was decided in favor of the men holding the proxies, and they were allowed to vote on all questions.

It was decided to amend section 1 of the bylaws by striking out "Racing Board." This means that there will be no more racing meets at the State division meetings. The Buffalo men declined to vote on the question, stating that it would hurt their chances of getting the national meet.

The report of the secretary showed that there has been a loss of 9000 members in the State division, notwithstanding the fact that 13,000 new members were added during the year.

It was decided to ask Governor Roosevelt to favor in his message the appropriation of $1,000,000 for the good roads law.

Sporting Miscellany.

The Kingston Ice Yacht Club has received a challenge from the Cape Vincent Club for a race for Jan. 7 for the Walker Trophy. The challenge will be accepted.

The Canadian Fox Terrier Club's handbook, in neat form, containing the rules, standard and stakes of the club, names of officers, members, etc., has just made its appearance.

The annual checker match, East v. West of Yonge-street, takes place Friday night in the basement of the Bond-street Church. All players are invited to come and bring their boards. Mr. R. Dissette has been elected captain of the East.

The fact that in France there is a tax on cycles makes it easy to collect statistics as to the number of machines in the country. The returns going down to the end of 1897, show that there were then 408,869 bicycles in the country, as compared with 203,000 in 1894. The treasury benefits to the extent of £162,000 a year by the rage for cycling. Naturally the Department of the Seine contains the largest number of machines, nearly 80,000, while the mountainous departments have the fewest. Thus in the Hautes Alpes there are only 383 bicycles. Corsica comes at the bottom of the list, with 133.

Fred Plaisted, the sculler, has sailed for Newcastle, Eng., to engage in a series of contests in a peculiar sport, for which Englishmen have a fondness. It is land sculling, in which Wallace Ross, Plaisted and others engaged in New York several years ago. The boats, or vehicles, in which the rower sits are mounted on four wheels, making the machine a quadricycle. The oars are nothing but levers, while the oarsman—if he may be termed such—simply makes the sprocket go round. Oarsman Ray accompanies Plaisted. He will row double with Plaisted.

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