

## SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS

The Goderich team, winners of this group, are strong, big, fast men, good stick handlers, aggressive and with a splendid combination. They won all their games on their merits, and are the strongest and best balanced team in the group. Here's that they may win the championship. If they had Casselman on point, we would get down on them to a man to win the Dunlop cup. Bring the thwack to this district, Goderich.

A man who generally knows the inside workings of the Jockey Club said with much emphasis yesterday that Mars Cassidy will be compelled to employ the flat-footed or standing start on all of the eastern tracks this year, in spite of the fact that he is using the walk-up system at City Park this winter, and a number of his friends who are prominent owners intend to ask the Jockey Club to install the system here.—New York Sun.

A hockey enthusiast remarked to the Montreal Herald recently, says the Winnipeg Free Press: "Did you ever quietly picture to yourself a forward line composed of Frank McGee, center; Russell Bowie, rover; Tom Phillips, right wing, and Blair Russell, left wing? Say, what would they do to any defense in the country?" And we had to admit that they would be quite liable to do several things. At the same time, this quartet would have a few industrious moments trying to round corners off an opposing line composed of Harry Smith, center; Moose Griffiths, rover; Alf Smith, right wing, and Billy Gilmour, left wing.

According to an Englishman who writes to the Globe, the much-vaunted Zealanders, who went through a series of 30 odd games in Great Britain with only a single defeat, did not meet the best teams in the motherland, except when they went up against the Welshmen, and were soundly whipped. "Of course," he remarks, "the colonials did not meet the best teams in England, as they are under the banner of the Northern Union, or results would have been much reversed, but the games they played with rugby Union clubs put them in a high standing, and teams had to put on full strength to save a crushing defeat, not as when the Canadians at England, a number of teams playing reserve players to save the ones from being humiliated."

That Englishmen is in the wrong. Wales did not inflict any crushing defeat on the New Zealanders, if our memory is good. The Blacks met all comers, and did not choose. No carping criticism of the Englishman will do them any good. If the Antipodeans could beat the best of England in cricket, it is no greater phenomenon to see them beat the "Rugger" teams. It is funny that the best winners and the sportiest losers are in England—so said. But such criticism does not do Englishmen any good. Give the Zealanders all the credit due them.

The News revives the old question—Could the Tigers beat the New Zealanders? In Hamilton, they would say, yes; in the woods, they would say, not yet. The New Zealanders are a picked team of the fastest and best in that country. The Hamilton aggregation, while good, is not a collection of stars. For a freestyle tale, the Tigers trimming the All-Black is all right, but don't turn them loose on the same field. It would be shameful.

The unexpected happens generally, and our pride and joy—the Seventh team—is now laid gently away. We had our girls picked out, and were going to take them to Stratford on Thursday night to see our "home brews" beat the Goderich boys to death. Guess we won't go now. Well, maybe "tis just as well. Think of what we would have had to stand from the Stratford papers, as they would view our team, and say sarcastic things about them not being in Stratford's class, etc. This is hard to bear, but that would be worse. 'Tis well.

Herrera and Kid Herman hook up at San Francisco Friday night, and a corking good battle should result. Both are fast, and capable. It looks like an even deal, and picking a winner looks like guesswork. The Greaser is a dangerous lad, and might beat Herman in a hurry.

It has just dawned on some papers in the States that ski-running is a dangerous sport. It will likely be amended and reformed by the southerners who hate to see their northern brothers take such awful risks. In the meantime the sport will continue to thrive in some quarters.

A Los Angeles letter says: "Forty thousand dollars is a conservative estimate of the winnings of the Kirkfield Stable by their recent coup with the 3-year-old Cleely, the entry having been played at various poolsrooms throughout the country. Probably half of this sum was taken out of the Aspet ring. George Rose alone laying \$7,500 against \$500."

Col. Greene, the Copper King, has just purchased from Walter M. Jermyn the trotter, Direct View, 2:08½. The price was \$8,000. John McGuire purchased this horse at the Old Glory sale for \$2,750, sold him to Mr. Jermyn for \$3,000, and now the latter makes a handsome figure on his investment.

Billy Buch, 2:07½, went through the New York sale, being knocked down to a New England man for \$425. Billy was a Grand Circuit star in Ed. Geers' stable a season or two ago.

The art of steeple chasing at City Park, New Orleans, has reached the point where the jockeys know how to fall without getting hurt. For the man with a quick eye for a soft spot, give us a jumping jockey every time.

Before the auto races at Ormond the beach is raked off. On the turf the rakeoff is subsequent.

When the University of Michigan makes Hurry-up Yost a professor it should not be overlooked that he is to have a leave of absence from November to September for the purpose of pursuing investigations and conducting experiments in his particular field.

Winnipeg Tribune: Judging by the showing made by the Winnipeg and histles to date in the Manitoba league series, the Winnipeg should just about be able to take the measure of that Kenora bunch when they come together in Winnipeg next month in the crucial game of the season. Strange 'n't it why the Thistles should not give a little more attention to combination? It was combination that killed them at Ottawa last winter. Their one-man rushes, spectacular though they were, were fruitless. They rarely resort to two-men rushes even, while the three-men or combined forward rush is almost a thing to conjure with.

Followers of the infant sport of association football are viewing with glee the efforts to curb the super-abundant vitality of the intercollegiate giant. The frequent assertions that the American public, with its strenuous spirit, would never stand for such a mild sport as soccer, and that it could never supplant the college game, have not been publicly combated by the association players. They are content to rest on the knowledge of the triumph of the dribbling code over the Rugby game in Great Britain, and the belief that it will score a similar success in this country. While the college rules committee has been devising schemes for the retention of the intercollegiate giant, and the faculties of some of the colleges have come out strongly for the rest cure, the association infant has been kicking lustily. Pointing to the Chicago branch of the family, the soccer men note that eight teams took part in the spring championship series of the Chicago league in 1905, and that in the coming series there will be more than twice that number competing, to say nothing of several more teams playing in a Saturday league. With nearly sixty teams in St. Louis and at least ten scattered through the state of Illinois, the soccerites are well satisfied with their progress in this section. Since the strenuous American spirit took a great liking to the fierce excitement of golf, the soccer men are hopeful of making many converts.—Chicago Tribune.

**THE RING.**  
WANTS TO MEET MURPHY.  
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—Philadelphia Jack O'Brien arrived in the city today from Pittsburgh. O'Brien appeared to be in splendid physical condition. "I will fight the first man who posts a forfeit," said O'Brien tonight. "The man I want to meet, however, is Tommy Ryan, and I want to whip him. I have always desired to meet

him. My conditions are 158 pounds at 3 o'clock. Another man I am willing to fight is Jack Palmer, the champion of England."  
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THE SECOND RINK  
SAVED THE DAY

London Club Colts Won From Brantford In First of Home and Home Series.

The London Club curlers last evening defeated Brantford in the first of the home-and-home games in the colts' series, by 14 shots, on the Simcoe street rink. The game between Skips Cousie and Ogilvie was very exciting. At the 15th end the score stood 13 all. Skip Smith, however, did much better, and gave Skip Ferguson's rink a beating by a score of 14 shots. The score: Brantford, London.  
Dr. R. H. Palmer, A. Oliver,  
Dr. B. C. Bell, B. Black,  
W. J. Stewart, D. Fraser,  
W. A. Ogilvie, skip, 13 J. W. Cousie, skip, 13  
Score by ends:  
Ogilvie.....111012102000012011-13  
Cousie.....100200010111300300-13  
Brantford, London.  
H. J. Powell, C. Smith,  
H. H. Howie, J. McDonald,  
E. Stokes, T. W. Smith,  
W. A. Ferguson, 11 W. Smith, 11  
Score by ends:  
Smith.....05092030302101242200-25  
Ferguson.....102201020010000011-11

## BASEBALL

McGraw is "AGIN" BOWLING.  
Warren, O., Feb. 6.—Leon Ames, pitcher of the New York National Baseball Club, has been ordered by Manager McGraw to give up bowling and today he announced that he would abide by the request. Ames has been a member of the Bon Ton Bowling Club and has been doing some sensational work. He took up the bowling game in order to keep his pitching arm in condition, but McGraw does not believe such practice is conducive of good work in baseball.

## FOOTBALL

TIGERS LOSE MCKEAND.  
Hamilton, Feb. 6.—"Dave" McKeand, of the head office of the Bank of Hamilton, and a member of the champion Tigers, has been appointed manager of the bank's branch at Mitchell.

Seventh Regiment Loses;  
Now Out of the Running

The Seventh Regiment team lost to Clinton at Clinton last night by a score of 8 to 4.  
The game was a fast exhibition of hockey, but the Clinton seven had the speed and knew the rink, and that tells the story.  
The first half was especially brilliant, several members of Clinton team starting, notably Sheppard. The London team checked close and hard, but could not beat the northern chaps.

BONSPIEL OPENING  
IN NORTHERN TOWN

Play for Glendenning Trophy at Parkhill—The Tankard Match at Windsor.

Parkhill, Feb. 6.—Play for the Glendenning trophy started at the bonspiel campus today and numbers of students are wearing arm bands of crepe in commemoration of the fact that this is not an outgrowth of a prank concocted by some joker in an endeavor to ridicule the faculty and lead mirth to the football situation, but is the result of thoughtful and deliberate discussion of all phases of the subject.  
A monster mass meeting on the campus was planned, at which Professor Turner, Wisconsin's representative at the Chicago conference, was to be burned in effigy, and a demonstration to be made to the faculty such as would happen under the same conditions at a Russian university. But cooler heads prevailed over the more fiery element, and it was shown that any demonstration of this kind on the part of the students would only tend to bring the faculty to a more radical action than was proposed.  
A petition has been started among the students, and is rapidly being signed, asking the faculty that the flag upon the university gymnasium be placed at half mast, during the next football season. Students say the game has done more to foster and strengthen college spirit than any other phase of university life. The custom of wearing crepe arm bands during the football seasons will go down in history as one of Wisconsin's college traditions.

**LADIES PLAY AT MONTREAL.**  
Montreal, Feb. 6.—The third annual bonspiel of the Ladies' Curling Association opened this morning, when play in the first round for the coveted trophy took place in all five of the local rinks. Upwards of 125 ladies are taking part in the rink and point competitions—a big jump from the figures for last year, when the entries totaled between 70 and 80.

In the rink competition are entered eighteen teams and fifteen granites. Rinks taking part are: Ottawa, Montreal, Ormstown, Lacine, Perth, Ont., Sherbrooke, Utica, N. Y., St. John, Quebec and Kingston.

**WINNIPEG BONSPIEL OPENS.**  
Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—Winnipeg's big bonspiel started with a good swing today. The games were all in the Dingwell trophy, in which 147 rinks are drawn, and several of the best rinks went down to defeat.

Ontario rinks showed up well, the game between the Rennie rink of the Toronto Caledonians and the Manitou rink being one of the best games of the day, the Toronto rink winning out 14 to 10.

Collingwood won from Sinaluta by one point.  
The Chatham rink won their game by default.

Whalen, of Fort William, was beaten by Deloraine 10 to 5.

**BASKETBALL.**  
SOLID IN SECOND PLACE.  
In the Seventh Regiment Basketball League series, H Company defeated B Company by a score of 17 to 5. The game was fairly fast, but it was H Company all the way. This game makes the winners solid in second place. The score: H Co. 17, B Co. 5.

Ingram.....Forward.....Henley  
Treblecock.....Forward.....Pearson  
E. Myers.....Guard.....Ackford  
J. Myers.....Guard.....Warren  
Whitton.....Center.....Weekes  
Referee, W. Callahan.

DUTCHMEN PUT  
WOODSTOCK AWAY

Berlin Seniors Took Game at Baby City—Goderich Won District From Seaford.

Woodstock, Feb. 6.—Berlin senior O. H. A. team defeated Woodstock here tonight by the score of 8 to 3.  
At half time the score was 5 to 0 in favor of the visitors.  
The ice was good and the game fast throughout. The line-up:  
Berlin.....Goal.....McHardi  
Charlton.....Point.....Pascoe  
Gross.....Cover.....McLennan  
Cochrane.....Rover.....McLay  
Knell.....Center.....Lalonde  
Schmidt.....Right wing.....Owens  
McGinnis.....Left wing.....Richardson  
Referee, Ed Wettlaufer, Berlin.  
**GODERICH WINS DISTRICT.**  
Seaford, Feb. 6.—Goderich won from Seaford in the final hockey game in intermediate series, district No. 8, by 9 to 2.

The first half ended 7 to 1. Then Seaford picked up and made the game interesting, ending the second half 2 to 1.

**FIRST BLOOD TO BELLEVILLE.**  
Belleville, Feb. 6.—Belleville juniors defeated Coburg juniors by 8 to 6 here tonight. The half-time score was 5 to 5. The game was the first of home-and-home matches between Belleville and Coburg. The second will be played tomorrow night. The winner will meet Port Hope for district championship.

**BORDER LEAGUE GAME.**  
Detroit, Feb. 6.—The D. A. C. hockey team tonight defeated Amherstburg in the Border League series in a rather fast game by the score of 8 to 0.

**SIMCOE LOSES ONE.**  
Tillsonburg, Feb. 6.—The hockey match between Tillsonburg and Simcoe tonight resulted 7 to 5 in favor of Tillsonburg.

HOCKEY EXECUTIVE DEALS  
WITH MANY MATTERS

Toronto, Feb. 6.—A meeting of the executive committee of the O. H. A. was held last night, with President D. L. Darroch in the chair.  
The Port Hope protest against Coburg, which was the subject of the meeting, was discussed, and the committee decided to refer the matter to the referees, and the deposits returned to both clubs. Coburg will be instructed to provide better lighting facilities for its rink in future games.

Port Hope, Belleville, and Coburg being tied for the district, a draw was made, and Port Hope got the bye. Belleville and Coburg are to play off tonight at Belleville and tomorrow night at Coburg, the winner to play Port Hope on Friday on neutral ice.

Meaford must explain to the sub-committee in reference to the playing of W. F. Baker and H. A. Murray. Failure to do so means suspension. Baker is said to be a different person to the Baker to whom a certificate was issued, and Murray is said to be over age.

Gore Bay and Sturgeon Falls were ordered to play a sudden death game at Sudbury on Friday in the second round of the intermediate O. H. A. series.

A fine of \$10 imposed upon the Simcoe team for being late at Stratford was remitted.

Alliston intermediates were ordered to play at Collingwood on Wednesday night, and Barrie at Collingwood on Friday.

F. Boulter, of Picton, must furnish the committee with an explanation of the row which attended the Belleville game at Picton played last week.

R. N. Rowe, of the Barrie team, was ordered to appear before the committee tomorrow to explain his connection with the Houghton team of the International League, additional evidence contradictory to his sworn statement having been received.

If he fails to do so he will be suspended. The sub-committee meets at the Telegram office at 4:30 tomorrow afternoon.

**WHAT SHALL GRIDIRON HEROES DO NOW?**  
"What shall we do with our football players?" is a problem which has taken the place of the older one: "What shall we do with our girls?" says the New York Sun. It is only too true that the heroes of the gridiron frequently find this a very cold world when they go forth from the scenes of their triumph. But let them not be discouraged. Let them come to the rink and pick up with the rapid transit system. There is a great need on the part of the Interborough Company for hundreds of stalwart young men, with as little sense of delicacy as possible, the less the better, to handle the crowds at the big stations in the rush hours. The present platform men do their best. They push, hustle and crowd passengers into the narrow doors. But it must be confessed that with all their enthusiasm and zeal they are very clumsy. They do not appear to have a proper instinct for handling mobs. The result is that instead of forcing patrons of the road into the cars they frequently cause a jam, thereby causing senseless delays.

Expert football veterans would do better. They would throw the public into the trains. By substituting these youngsters for the present bunglers the company might be saved the expense of the side doors which have been suggested as the only way out of the difficulty.

WISDOM KING GOT THIRD  
MONEY AT OTTAWA MEET

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The deciding heats in the 2:24 trot and pace and 2:13 trot and pace, were finished today. In the 2:24 trot, Orilla Belle (P. J. Daly, Orilla), won first money, taking three firsts in five heats: Happy Dreamer (J. Fleming, Toronto), was second, and Headlight (W. Acton, Gananoque), third, and Birdie Hayes (W. Leadley, Cookstown), was fourth. Time, 2:27, 2:32, 2:28, 2:28½, 2:25.

In the 2:13 trot and pace, Major (B. O. Max, Clement, Quebec), won; Looking Glass (S. Proctor, Newmarket), second; Wisdom King (H. W. Leitch, Tavistock), third. Time, 2:22, 2:22, 2:23, 2:24, 2:22.

The feature of today, a 1:55 pace stake for a \$1,000 purse, was unfinished. There were fourteen horses in the field. Gladstone, owned by J. Gladstone, Parry Harter, won the first heat, and Little Tim, owned by Headlight, won the second heat. Time, 1:58, 2:04½.

The 2:30 trot was also unfinished. There were nine horses in the line-up. George Stevens, owned by A. Labelle, Montreal, won the first heat in 1:23½. Bonnie Patchen, owned by Comstock, Brockville, won the second heat in 1:23½. Both races will also be finished tomorrow.

Londons Withdraw  
From City League

The annual reorganization meeting of the City Baseball League was held last evening at the City Hotel. President Beal presided.

Those present were: Arthur Stippl, Londons; F. H. Graydon, Rockets; J. W. Smith, McClary; Secretary Tyler, H. A. Kompas and Dr. Hutchinson. Neither the Blue Label nor Perrin teams was represented.

Mr. Stippl, for the Londons announced that the Londons would not have a team this year.

The application of the Free Press for admission was carried unanimously.

Due to the absence of the delegates from the Blue Label and Perrin team, the executive decided to postpone the election of officers and the completion of the organization, until it was ascertained if these teams would continue as members of the league. The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

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**THE RING.**  
A FAKE RAID.  
Chester, Feb. 6.—Pedestrians were startled last night by a negro who ran down Edgmont avenue, his hands tied up in boxing gloves and wearing nothing to shield him from the cold as he fled from the police.

The fellow was Albert Jackson, known as "Young Peter Jackson." He had been attracted to Chester Park, a mile out of the city, by the promise of \$25 to fight an Italian known as "Terrible Peter." Two hundred or more young men assembled at the ringside, and the fight began.

At a given signal, which was preparing, fake police officers put in an appearance and all broke for cover. The negro, who came here recently from the south, was made the victim of the joke, and when stopped by a police officer in the center of the city was almost out. He had run the entire distance, thinking he was escaping a raiding party. He was later given shelter and his clothing returned, which he donned and left the city.

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LONDON BOWLERS  
150 PINS TO GOOD

Took Measure of St. Thomas Team on Local Alleys—Visitor Has High Score.

The St. Thomas bowlers were defeated by the local team last night by 150 pins. Bowsher, captain of the Railroad City team, made high score—214. Sheere, of the London team, had high average, with a score of 184.14. The Primeau and Ellis, of the regular London team, were not present, and their places were taken by McIntosh and Murray, both of whom bowled well.

Bowsher's score of 214 is the highest made on the local alleys this year. The scores:

London.	149	149	Total.
O'Brien.....	149	149	298
McIntosh.....	149	149	298
Murray.....	149	149	298
Sheere.....	149	149	298
Ball.....	149	149	298

St. Thomas.....550 840 519 2,519  
Total.....214 193 148 553  
Bowling.....150 109 158 417  
Cherry.....145 136 132 413  
Gilbert.....145 154 138 435  
Conley.....149 156 141 443

AUDUBON BOY WILL GO  
AFTER DAN PATCH'S MARK

New York, Feb. 6.—James W. Gattcomb, of Concord, N. H., the owner of Audubon Boy, 1:59 1-4, the pacing stallion, announces that after the stud season is over Audubon Boy will be put in training again, with a view to assailing Dan Patch's world's record of 1:55½. Admirers of Audubon Boy think that the descendant of Alcayon, 2:27, will make turf history this year.

Audubon Boy's performances of last season are still fresh. In the public mind. He was matched to race against Estacado and Belle Mc, but the race did not materialize, so he was prepared for trials against the watch with the result that at Syracuse he paced in 2:00½ on September 15, and just a week later he paced a mile over the Readville track in 1:59½, equaling the record without pacesmaker in front, made over the same track.

The first quarter, half and three-quarters were paced respectively in 29 seconds, 57½ seconds, and 1:27½, which are the best figures for the various distances without the pacesmaker in front. The pacesmaker failed him at the three-eighths and from there he came on all alone, a performance without parallel in a record mile.

Audubon Boy is a chestnut horse and was foaled in 1887 at Patchen Wilkes farm, Lexington, Ky. He is by J. J. Audubon, dam Flaxey, by Bourne Wilkes. Flaxey is also the dam of Royal R. Sheldon, 2:04½. Audubon Boy is a descendant of Alcayon, 2:27, all things considered the greatest son of George Wilkes, 2:22, as a progenitor of extreme horse speed.

**PUG LOOKED FOR OWL, AND WAS KNOCKED OUT**  
Lawrenceburg, Ind., Feb. 6.—The fifteen-round contest scheduled between Harry Neal and James Van Sickle for the heavyweight championship of Indiana took place last night on the bank of the Ohio River, below Petersburg, Ky., the affair terminated abruptly. During the first round a large hood owl flew into the tent, which caused consternation among the spectators, and Neal looked up to see the owl, when Van Sickle struck him a terrific blow on the jugular vein, knocking him unconscious. His second, Timothy Schneider, grabbed an empty bucket and ran to the river for water, and in attempting to go out upon the foot plank attached to the little boat, called the Blue Wing, from Vevay, Ind., he fell into the river. He uttered loud cries for help, and had it not been for the prompt arrival of Boaz Thompson and Al Roberts, Schneider would have drowned. The rest of the sports, hearing the loud cries for help, became alarmed and fled in terror to the woods nearby, they thinking that Schneider had been arrested by the sheriff.

The crowd did not get home until early this morning, as some of the spectators ran several miles back in the woods. The fight was for \$100 a side and gate receipts. Van Sickle was an easy winner, but Neal claims that if it had not been for the owl, episode he would have stayed the fifteen rounds, and the fight would have been a draw.

**THE DOMINION ALLIANCE**  
Executive Decide on Provincial Convention at an Early Date.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—The executive committee in the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance today decided to call a provincial convention very soon. A resolution was adopted to the effect that the executive committee appoint a deputation to lay before the Provincial Government a statement for the legislation asked a year ago, and to call attention to the substantial votes won in the carrying of local option bylaw, notwithstanding the difficulties in the way of securing the submission and adoption of such bylaws, this being evidence of the practical determination of the people to secure the legislation asked for, that is, the treating system and treating in clubs, and the imposing upon the liquor traffic of such other restrictions as will most effectively restrain its operation and remedy its evil.

**Woodstock Fair Prizes.**  
Woodstock, Feb. 6.—At the meeting of the directors of the Woodstock Fair it was resolved to give \$16,000 in prizes this year. The fair will be a three-day event.

**Berliner at Ottawa.**  
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Captain Berliner has arrived in the city to urge the Government to assist him in his long-cherished project of a polar expedition trip.

TO REVISE THE  
TROTTERING RULES

Changes Will Be Made at Meeting To Be Held in Chicago Next Week.

New York, Feb. 6.—Representatives of the National Trotting Association and the American Trotting Association will meet in Chicago next week for a conference relating to proposed changes in the rules of harness racing.

Few changes in the present rules are anticipated. In the two campaigns since they were last revised not many weak spots have developed which were not apparent before. Evidently taking cognizance of the questionable way in which world's records were being lowered at semi-private meetings, the board of review passed a resolution at its November session, in New York, calling on the National Rule Committee to recommend some better means than existing rules afford for safeguarding the accuracy of trotting and pacing records, particularly those made at so-called "meetings" where no bonafide races take place.

This is not the first time the turf authorities have taken action in the matter. Several years ago the practice of giving "tin cup" records to trotters and pacers starting against time at "tin horn" meetings became so scandalous as to call forth a new rule, nineteen sections long to suppress it. The intention of the rule makers was to reject all records not made at a bonafide trotting meeting, but those on whom the duty of enforcing the rules devolved have permitted horse owners to circumvent the spirit of the measure by a merely colorable compliance with the letter of the rule until a "regular meeting" is often a regular farce.

Since the last congress revised the rules of harness racing the wind shield has been brought into play to assist trotters and pacers in gaining faster records than they were capable of making without this artificial aid. Its introduction raised a storm of protests and resulted in a decision by the highest turf tribunal of the trotting world to discontinue all records made with this aid, yet admitting them to the records with a distinguishing mark to show they were not made under normal conditions.

Two classes of records were thus established and much confusion has been caused by the failure of the American Trotting Register Association to distinguish them in its official publications as directed by the board of presidents. In summaries of races and in the two-thirds list of the official year book performances with the aid of a runner in front, and those made under normal conditions, so that the two classes of records are jumbled together in hopeless confusion.

Owners whose horses have gained their records in races, naturally feel grieved when inferior animals are credited with faster marks, made with the aid of the wind shield, but not so distinguished in the official tables. Breeders and trainers no longer feel safe in buying horses by the records contained in a yearbook, because the discredited wind shield marks are listed on an