

A K Richards entered ch e Typhoon, by War Dance, dam (Spindrift's dam) by Wagner...
 Emore & Stokes entered bf Little Sis, by Frogtown, dam by Yorkshire...
 William Cottrill entered Aunt Betsy, by Longfellow, dam Lilly Ward, by Lexington...
 Larry Hart entered b c Vermont, by Virgil, dam Nannie Butler, by Lexington...
 J L Bonnen & Co entered Belle Isle, by imp. Scotland, dam by Asteroid...
 Dixon & Wimmer entered gf Blue Gown, by Scotland, dam La Bluetta, by imp Australian...
 Dixon & Wimmer entered ch f Bradamante, by War Dance, dam Buena, by Knight of St. George

Time—3:55.
 Same Day—Purse \$250. One mile.
 Mr Weesiger's b c Incommode (3), by Melbourne, Jr, dam Income...
 Messrs Carr & Co's b f Buff and Blue (4), by War Dance, dam Balloon...
 Mr Pickwell's blk c Startle (5), by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth...
 Miss Tilton, H Lucklin, Kilburn and Oily Cannon also started.
 Third Race—Club purse \$500, for all ages. Two mile heats.
 J A Grinstead's ch h St. Martins (5), by Phaeton, dam Tokay...
 Mr Moore's b g Trumps (4), by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth...
 Owner's Tenpin

Time—3:49, 4:00.
 Dec. 8.—Club purse, \$300, handicap hurdle race; \$200, 75 to second, 25 to third. Two miles, over eight hurdles.
 A K Richards's b c Bedding, 5 yrs, by Harry of the West, dam by Joe Stoner...
 Mr Montgomery's ch c Tenpin, 4 yrs, by Pilgrim, dam by Lunatic...
 Mr Lloyd's b g Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella...
 Dick Adams, Lambay and Jim Hinton also ran.

Time—4:05.
 Same Day—Club purse, \$300, for all ages; \$200 to first, 75 to second, and 25 to third. One mile and three-quarters.
 Mr Phillips' ch c General Phillips, 3 yrs, by imp Glencig, dam La Polka...
 Larry Hart's b c Vermont, 3 yrs, by Virgil, dam Nannie Butler...
 Carr & Co's b f Buff and Blue, by War Dance, dam Balloon...
 Aunt Betsy, Bradamante, H. Locklin, and Jim Hinton not placed.

Time—3:15.
 Same Day—Club Purse \$500, for all ages; \$400 to first, 100 to second; mile heats, best three in five.
 J A Grinstead's br f Janet, 4 yrs, by Lightning, dam Kelpie...
 Mr Pickwell's blk c Startle, 5 yrs, by West Roxbury...
 Mr Lilly's b f Belle Barclay, 4 yrs, by Phaeton, dam Capilla...
 Mr McMahon's ch h Kilburn, 6 yrs, by Ringmaster, dam Ontario...
 Time—1:49, 1:49, 1:49.

BUNNING AND TROTting ON LONG ISLAND.

Brooklyn Driving Park, Parkville, L. I. Dec 3.
 —Purse and stake \$200; hurdle race; mile heats, over four hurdles; catch weights.
 Col Bennett's ch c Dandy, 3 yrs, by Oyster; man, Jr, dam Bet Arlington...
 McGuire's ch b New York, 5 yrs, by Planet, dam Hester...
 John McGovern's ch h Weasel, 5 yrs, by Narragansett, dam Maidstone...
 Time—2:26.
 Same Day—Trotting Sweepstakes \$100; mile and repeat, under the saddle.
 Egbertson's gr g Harry Miller...
 Dickerman's ch m Dolly...
 E Jarvis' br m Mollie Barker...
 Time—2:52, 2:49.

Same Day—Mile heats; catch weights.
 Bennett's ch g Dandy, pedigree above...
 McGuire's ch h New York, pedigree above...
 McGovern's ch h Weasel, pedigree above...
 Time—2:03.

SALE OF AUBURN.—Mr. Wm. Drennon has sold to Mr. James Coates the ch c Auburn (per Heidsieck), 8 years old, by Revolver, sired of Regards, v imp Australian, for \$1,000.

of this nature are comprised in the list, and the system of handicapping adopted will probably be the means of furnishing more entrants than if each one had to go in on his own merits. Mr. Brand is to be complimented on his enterprise in this matter, and it is to be hoped his venture will not only turn out a financial success, but be the means of giving an impetus to the king of games in the commercial metropolis of the Dominion which will be felt for some time.

SLOSSON SCALPS SEXTON.

At a triangular tournament in St. Louis lately for a purse of \$200, between champion Sexton, Slosson, and Gallagher, played at Mussey's rooms. Slosson beat the champion and Gallagher; while the latter was within six points of also taking Sexton into camp. Gallagher had made a run of 114 and only wanted half-a-dozen more to go out when he let up on an easy "follow," and left the balls in position for Sexton to make the solitary one he required. The following are the scores:—

Sexton	— 2 1 0 0 5 13 80 22 7 7 15
Slosson	— 5 0 1 0 3 4 7 14 4 85 0 27 0
Gallagher	— 2 9 0 16 0 0 2 1 22 85 20 1
Sexton	— 39 18 8 59 30 67 0 0 7 2 0 22
Slosson	— 5 0 1 0 3 4 7 14 4 85 0 27 0
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 Total, 600. Average, 13 28-44.

Mons. Adrian Izar, the wonderful finger player, will give an exhibition of his skill at Albert Hall, this Friday evening.

The Union House billiard rooms, Ottawa, were re-opened on the 3rd inst., under the management of Mr. J. C. Corning. "Merk" played a 200 point match game with John Haig, and won by 15 points. The game lasted about two hours.

Pedestrianism.

THE ENGLISH ONE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The one-mile sweepstake, with J. McLeavy, J. Wood, and A. Clark as contestants, which took place at the Springfield Recreation grounds, Glasgow, Scotland, on the 17th ult., produced a very fine race between McLeavy and Wood, the former winning by a bare yard. Clark broke down. The trio were sent away to a beautiful start, Clark making the running for the first hundred yards, when he gave way to McLeavy, who finished the first quarter in 59 1/2. Wood was two yards behind Clark. Soon after entering the second quarter Clark spurred up to McLeavy's shoulder, but the latter again dashed away, Wood still in the rear. McLeavy was four yards ahead of Clark at the half, which was reached in 2m. 8s. They raced in this manner to the three-quarter pole, which was made in 8m. 17s., no change having taken place in the positions of the men. McLeavy then tried to go away, but Clark stuck to him, and a furlong further on Wood joined issue with them, and a terrific

foot race took place near Sweaburg on a Sunday evening not long since b-tween an exasperated father and a would-be son-in-law, the former winning in a single heat. The exact time the race took place is not known, but the supposition is that it was during the 'wee sma' hours.' As there were no spectators to witness the performance the running qualities of either party will never be known, and the contest is not likely to take place again between the same persons.

Curling.

THE GRANITE CLUB, TORONTO.

At the annual meeting of the Granite Curling and Skating Club, held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., the following office bearers were elected for the season of 1877-78:—President, J Lamond Smith; Vice-President, W F Davison; Secretary-Treasurer, W Badenach; Committee—Alex Nairn, Wm Ramsay, Thos McCracken, J L Brodie, W B McMurrich; Skips—J L Smith, T McCracken, W B McMurrich; Ice Committee—W F Davison, Wm Myles; Chaplains—Rev R D Fraser, Rev W Mitchell; Representative Members—W F Davison, W Badenach. The Secretary presented his report of last season's business, which was found to be most satisfactory. The rink on St. Mary's street was reported as having been thoroughly repuddled, and was now flooded, and only awaited the advent of Jack Frost to furnish full amusement to its patrons.

BASEBALL.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

A meeting of the Judiciary Committee of the Canadian Amateur Baseball Association was to have been held at the Walker House on Saturday afternoon to settle the championship question, but as there was a sufficient number of members to form a quorum no action could be taken. Another meeting is to be called for Saturday, January 5th, when it is hoped there will be a full attendance of members, so that the matter can be decided.

CHECKERS.

A match was played last week at Ottawa, between the Upper and Lower Towns, with the following result:

UPPER TOWN	G	D	LOWER TOWN	G
W Stewart	3	1	P Theriault	4
W Hutchison	3	1	R Hastie	1
D Smillie	2	2	C Cayotte	4
J Edmondson	5	2	W Amund	6
J McTavish	3	3	Ahornothy	4
W Jamieson	6	1	G Ambridge	3
W Chalmers	2	2	Goupille	8
Thos McKay	6	0	Collins	11
John Boos	7	1	P Beanpro	9
D Farquhar	5	1	J McLean	1
Fannie	6	2	J M Taylor	3
Geo Clarke	6	1	M J Whalen	8
Jan Ritchie	10	2	Robert Lang	4
D Goyer	9	2	W McLaren	5
T Borbridge	4	0	J Steward	4
	77	21		75

A MULE RUNNING DOWN A DEER.

One day last week a deer was chased from the mountain into Jackson's River, closely followed by a pack of hounds. The deer crossed the river and jumped into a field close by, belonging to A. T. Stephenson, Esq. A small mischievous mule was grazing in the field, and as soon as he spied the deer, took up the chase, followed it closely until the fence on the opposite side was reached, which the deer attempted to clear, but failed and fell to the ground, whereupon the mule struck it with its fore feet and held it there until the dogs came up and captured it. The feat was witnessed by several gentlemen of Jackson's River, who will testify the fact.

of the horse, and then a word or two of explanation that would cause the horse to know and obey his will, and man has displayed much skill in the construction of the various kinds of bit now used on horses to control and guide them. Owing to the position the bit occupies in the mouth when used on the horse, it is in that position that the chief part of the effectiveness of the bit lies. Owing to this, many different kinds of bits have been invented and used, to make the bit more effective and useful.

If it was only necessary to use a bit on a horse for the purpose of restraining him, we would have but little trouble in choosing bits to suit our horses. But when we take into consideration the fact that the bit is the chief means through which man can communicate his ideas to the horse, owing to the horse not possessing the power of reason, we can at once see that our task is not at all easy one.

The kind of bit that it may be necessary to use on a horse much depends on what we may want to use him for, and more especially on the gait we may require him to go at. A bit that may suit to drive a horse with when he is required to pull from 300 lbs. to 500 lbs. weight in the shape of a driver and wagon, may not suit him when he is only required to pull a 50 lb. sulkie and driver. Owing to the running gait being the most natural, as well as the fastest gait the horse has, it is much easier to suit a horse that is only required to be used on the race track for running purposes with a bit, than it is to suit a horse with a bit that is required to go fast at a trotting gait.

It is much easier to suit a horse with a bit that is used for racing purposes, at a running gait, than it is to suit a horse with a bit that is wanted to be used for ordinary saddle purposes, and it is much easier to suit a horse with a bit that is used for ordinary saddle purposes, than it is to suit a horse with a bit that may be wanted to speed fast at a trotting gait. Ranning being the fastest gait the horse has, there is but little danger of a horse changing his gait when running, and if he does, his rider can easily catch him with either whip or spur, and these same instruments assist the rider in guiding the horse when properly used. Consequently, there is much less required of a bit when used on a running horse, than when used on a trotting horse.

When a horse is used for saddle purposes, either for pleasure or business, it is immaterial about his changing his gait. In fact, a horse that can travel at the most gaits, is generally preferred for a saddle horse; and on account of it being necessary frequently to stop a saddle horse very suddenly, a severe bit is generally used on him, so as to enable the rider to restrain and change the horse's gait with ease. There are several different kinds of bits, formed so as to have curb chains used on them, and some of them are so arranged as to allow the bridle to be used in connection with them. These are the kinds of bits mostly used on saddle horses.

The chief qualities that tend to render a bit superior when it is wanted for a saddle horse, tend to render it inferior when it is wanted to be used on a trotting horse. No driver, it matters not how much practice he has had in the use of bits, can tell exactly what kind of bit will suit a trotting horse best, until he has experimented with different kinds of bits on him. This is evident from the fact that a certain horse may trot and act well in a certain kind of bit, while another horse may refuse to trot at all in the same bit; yet there are many established facts, when taken into consideration, that will aid a driver in selecting a bit to suit his horse.

In choosing a bit for a trotting horse we should choose the one that will enable us to restrain him with the least danger of hurting his mouth, for when a trotting horse does not feel easy in a bit, he is liable to change his gait, so as to enable him to get rid of the cause of his uneasiness, and in so doing, he is liable to let go of the bit; and in case in has been hurting him, he will refuse to take hold of it again, and during his efforts to avoid taking hold of it, many bad results are liable to occur. Some horses during the time of these efforts will bolt, others will buck jump, while some will even attempt to run away. Horses frequently acquire many bad habits from the improper use of bits, which are hard to get rid of when once acquired. The bit that has the largest sized mouth piece in it is not always the easiest on the horse's mouth; such a bit is not as likely to injure those parts of the mouth that it comes into contact with, as much as a smaller bit; and on this account the horse is liable to pull harder on it than he would on a smaller bit, and by so doing, he may cause his cheeks to be forced in against h

and steady hold on the bit, yet it is a fact that the horse will not keep up a tight hold on the bit, unless the circulation in the parts of his mouth that the bit comes in contact with, and by so doing, he will leaden the sense of feeling in those parts, and this, of course, will prove detrimental.

We may know the precise kind of bit that suits a horse, yet we cannot tell what size of mouth-piece will suit him best, until we have experimented with different sizes of him. One horse may work well in a bit with a seven-eighths mouth piece in it, while another may work in a way if he has worked in the same bit. A certain horse may refuse to take hold of a bit that has a three-eighths mouth piece in it, yet if a bit of the same pattern is put in him with a seven-eighths mouth piece in it he may perform well in it. An eighth of an inch difference in the size of a mouth piece in a bit may cause a great difference in the actions of the horse when it is used in him. On this account it is necessary that a trainer should have various sizes of all the different kinds of bits he may want to use. Some horses have wider mouths than others, and on this account the trainer should have bits of different lengths. When a bit is too long for a horse it gives it too much play in its mouth, and when a bit has too much play in a horse's mouth it is more liable to sore it, and when a bit is too short for a horse's mouth it causes the cheek pieces to crowd in against his cheeks and lips, and consequently they would become injured. But still, as circumstances have now forced me to stop this time and make a break, I will say up until next best

Yours,
S. T. B.

SALE OF FINE TROTTERS.

An auction sale of trotters, belonging to or under the control of James Irving and E. E. Simmons, came off on Wednesday last week, at the private stable, No. 127 West Twenty eighth street, N. Y. Considering their superior breeding, they were nearly all sold at a low rate. The mare Bella, however, about whom some sensation was stirred up some years ago, sold well. She has a record of 2:22. Below are the prices and purchasers' names:

Bella, b m, foaled 1869, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, dam by Jupiter. Dr Hunter, Galveston, Texas	\$5,500
Surprise, b g, foaled 1869, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, dam by American Star	410
O. H. Marsh, Cleveland, Ohio	410
Bay stallion, foaled 1869, by Rydyk's Hambletonian, dam by Lady Bellfounder. O. H. Marsh	190
Fanny Crauz, b m foaled 1870, by Volunteer, dam the dam of Rutledge. George E. Anderson, Buffalo	400
Andalusian, b s foaled 1866, by Corning's Henry Clay, dam by Alexander's Abdallah. P. D. Schmidt, Baltimore	370
Mack, br g, foaled 1869. J. A. Andrews, Cincinnati	1,000
Brown colt, foaled 1873, by Socater, dam by General Knox. Z. E. Tilleston, Paterson, N. J.	240
Brown mare, foaled 1872, by Woburn, dam by American Star. Joseph B. Francisco, Newark, N. J.	310
Mattie Wilder, b m, foaled 1870, by American Clay, dam by Mambrino Chief. J. M. Snyder, New York	165

Total (nine head).....\$8,345

DEATH OF CALIFORNIA'S CHAMPION RIDER.

On Friday, the 23rd ult., a letter was received in San Jose, California, addressed to the wife of Nelson H. Mowry, the champion long-distance rider, and leader of the California Polo Club, announcing that Mowry died at New Orleans on the 7th of November, of yellow fever, after a few days' illness. He, as he was familiarly called, was a splendid specimen of manhood, and at the time of his death was 37 years of age. He was an educated gentleman, and of an open-hearted, generous nature, which make him a favorite wherever known. He is supposed to have been on a professional visit to New Orleans when he met his death. He leaves a wife and one child in San Jose, and a mother residing in San Francisco.