

CANADIAN.

Hamilton..... July 1 to 8
Dundas May 24

ICE RACES.

Campbellford Feb. 5 to 6
Prescott Feb. 11 to 18
Ottawa Feb. 18 to 21

AMERICAN.

TROTTING.

Milwaukee, Wis..... June 2 to 4
Chicago, Ill..... July 15 to 19
Cleveland, O..... July 22 to 25
Buffalo, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Rochester, N. Y..... Aug. 5 to 8
Cleveland, O..... Sept. 9 to 12

RUNNING.

Savannah, Ga..... Jan. 21 to 25
Charleston, S. C..... Feb. 5 to 8

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TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

During this and subsequent weeks we will issue a call upon our patrons whose subscriptions are unpaid. The major portion are now long over due for the present year, while many are uncredited on our books for periods of time varying from two to four years. We look for prompt payment in every instance on this appeal. There is no doubt of the amounts being due, and there is if anything less uncertainty that we can use the thousands of dollars which are spread over the country in small amounts to a better advantage, both personally and to the interests of our patrons, if we could control them in a lump sum. We are tired of hearing frivolous excuses to our requests, and have determined to place all unpaid subscription accounts in the hands of our legal collector for immediate suit.

there was sufficient bone and sinew to put up in a half-hour's fight with an untrained stripling, let alone a well-skilled and muscle-hardened prize fighter." The Colossus, Ned O'Baldwin died young. And looking over the whole history of prominent athletes old age is an exception. Our acquaintance with scores of pedestrians, base ball players and others who keep their muscles up to the highest tension during their season is corroborative evidence of the injury of excessive training. There is a warning in this to some of our Canadian young men, who pride themselves on their endurance when in "fit," and however lamentable the fact may be it is no less the case that nature demands relaxation. Our lacrosse players who maintain themselves at the summit of physical perfection from early in May until late in the fall will see the writing on the wall, while our pedestrians and other athletes can not afford to let this warning go unheeded.

SPEED PREMIUMS AT FAIRS.

We have, over and over again, shown the advantages of introducing speed classes at our Agricultural Shows. The arguments in their favor have by no means been exhausted, and many fresh and convincing propositions might be advanced in their behalf. But the test of experience is evidence to their worth that cannot be denied. "At a recent meeting of the Ohio State Agricultural Convention, held at Columbus, some of the delegates pressed to a vote the resolution: 'It is not expedient for agricultural societies to offer premiums on any kind of speed horses.' They were demoralized by the result. The resolution was killed by a decided majority, and in its place the following was adopted: 'Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that speed should be encouraged by county agricultural societies, and that premiums should be offered therefor.' It is pleasant to learn that sensible, progressive men were in the ascendancy at the convention. Without trials of speed, Ohio cannot hope to compete with other States in the production of good driving horses." What is true in the case of Ohio can not be faulty in Canada, and now that some of our Agricultural Societies have initiated the system of speed premiums, we hope soon to see it the rule at all the exhibitions of that class in the country.

ON MAJORITIES.

Not satisfied with our decision on the question of the Mayor's majority at the recent election in Toronto, some Toronto gentlemen who were pecuniarily interested in the result have appealed to the U. S. sporting press, taking the chances of a reversal of our decision in that direction. Last week we published the opinion of the Spirit of the Times, and to-day we submit the following answers to correspondents from the New York Clipper:—
M. B., Toronto.—B loses unless the one elected has 50 votes in excess of one-half of the total votes polled. A majority is one or more over one-half.
H. F., Toronto.—It is no catch. But it would be a very transparent catch to regard Beatty's

sage in the Inman steamer which sails on the 20th. He will carry with him the best wishes of his fellow Canadians, and we have no doubt if he is blessed with his present health and strength, will return bearing the proud title of Champion of the World.
Evan Morris, of Pittsburg, and James Riley, of Saratoga, are likely to make a match for \$2,000, three miles, over the Hulton Course, near Pittsburg in May next. Will this be for the American championship?
The Globe has shook off its dignity and come down to deal with facts and particulars respecting the "crooked gambler" charge it recently made. Last week we stated the innuendo was directed towards Col. Shaw, the first President of the Hanlan Club, and at the same time we requested a specific answer if he was the gentleman intended to be designated by that disgraceful epithet. On Monday morning the Globe admitted that he was guilty of the practices on which the charge was founded—backing Hanlan in the main stake and hedging out on Ross in the pool box—but qualified his failing in this respect by saying that the Col. was required to act in a judicial capacity, and he neutralized his interest in the result by laying a sum on Ross exactly equal to that in the main stake. In this explanation our contemporary is doubly in error. The gentleman in question lost money by Ross losing, and he held no judicial position in the race. The list of officials in the race was as follows: Referee, Henry O'Brien; Judge (for Ross), Geo. Faulkner; Judge (for Hanlan), Geo. Warin; Referee at finishing point, P. D. Conner; Judge at finishing point (for Ross), B. Brennan; Judge at finishing point (for Hanlan), Jas. Heasley; Turning stake boat judge (for Ross), R. Finning, jr.; Turning stake boat judge (for Hanlan), R. Irvine; Starter, James Louden; Timekeeper, P. Collins. From this it will be patent that Col. Shaw occupied no judicial or official position in the race, and the Globe's smoothing down of the Col. by his thin explanation is a very weak effort at conciliating that gentleman. If the Globe can give no better explanation of its now notorious article than it has already done it would be quite proper for its readers to class the first President of the Hanlan Club among the other "crooked gamblers" it tries to throw dirt on.
Some kind friend in Detroit sent us a copy of the Evening News of that city of Monday last, in which the following appeared:—
"To-day an Evening News reporter had a talk with Captain John Davis, Dominion inspector of internal revenue at Windsor, and a member of the Hanlan Club. Captain Davis said that all the charges which had been made against Hanlan and the club, and especially those which had appeared in the Spirit of the Times, he originated, so far as he could learn, with a person named Collins, editor of an alleged sporting paper published at Toronto. When the Hanlan Club was formed Collins tried hard to get in as secretary, but his reputation while good enough to run a sporting paper was not considered up to the mark, and the beans went against him. From that moment he developed hostility, amounting to nothing, of course, but still waspish and persistent. He has made it a business to lie about Hanlan and the club, said Capt. Davis, and one or two American sporting papers, ill foolish enough to feel sore about the defeat of Courtney, reproduce his articles, crediting them to 'a Toronto paper.'"

in contact with such a man. We pronounce the personal matter in the extract from the News, so far as it affects Mr. Collins and the Hanlan Club, to be false in every particular, and with an appeal to the gentlemen of the Hanlan Club to contribute their evidence toward the majesty of Truth, we leave Capt. John Davis to revel in his own feelings of duplicity, spite, fraud, and mendacity.

Sporting Gossip.

Ah, "life" is the name
Of a curious game!
And whether we smile, chide, or frown,
We must each play in turn,
Though we scarcely may learn
The rules of the game till the cards are thrown down.
'Tis a queer hurry-scurry,
Full of bother and worry,
For each player comes in with tricks of his own,
But the secret of winning
Lies all in beginning,
So be sure you are right, child, then—play it alone.

Mr. James Allan, of Perth, Ont., is shipping a number of horses to Manitoba. He will leave with his next lot about Feb. 1.

An Indiana man owns a horse 82 years old, and he has named him "Kind Words," because kind words can never die.

An anti-horse racing society has been formed in England lately. The pool bill in Canada renders such a society unnecessary. Money is the missing link between our subscribers and the editor.

Who knows Baker, the Canadian pugilist, recently defeated in a prize fight near Pittsburg, Penn.? It is said he fought several battles in this country. Can any one tell where and when?

Wrestling match—A try fling affair.

It is a mistake in one who has become accustomed to smoking to discontinue the use of tobacco, under the impression that he can thus quiet his nerves and become a good marksman. Many of our reliable shots are habitual smokers, and they all use Old Man's Favorite.

The last book written by Major Whyte-Melville is about to be published. It is called "Black but Comely; or The Adventures of Jane Lee," the name being that of a gipsy, who figures prominently in the story.

Port Perry races are taking place this week. The list of entries promised good sport.

All Battleford, Manitoba, turned out on Christmas Eve to witness a bare-backed broncho race, half-mile dash, \$10 against a bag of pemican. Basil Lafonde's sorrel horse beat Mr. Dickinson's Buckskin, the favorite. Quite a sum of money changed hands.

When the Philistine goes to the church fair and sees the minister draw the Shakerspeare, the minister's wife the set of furs, his daughter the piano, the senior deacon the horse and carriage and the sexton a barrel of flour, he comes away sadly confident that he knows why the heathen so furiously rage together.

It is proposed to have a winter meeting at Farmersville shortly. A gentleman in that town has a Phil Sheridan colt, that he thinks will astonish the world.

"Der ain't no nigger on de top side of creation," said a colored man the other day,

the circuit it looks as if it had served in the capacity of a bustle and been given to the baby to cut its teeth on.

In 1878 there was added to racing events in England the round sum of \$1,088,641, as follows: \$805,748 to class races, \$69,698 to selling races, and \$562,008 to handicaps. The net amount of the stakes, exclusive of matches, was \$1,896,686. This sum does not include hurdle races and steeplechases.

We find the following telegram in the Ottawa Daily Citizen. It is dated Allsburg, January 17, and reads thus:—"The celebrated ice trot will be held on the Creek tomorrow, when the following dogs will trot: J. H. Upper's Goldsmith Maid, J. Newman's Grey Eagle, J. O'Leary's Reindeer, S. P. Musson's Grey Douglas, J. J. Upper's Little Maid. First race for big dogs—Two cents to enter; 5 cents for 1st prize, 8 cents for 2nd. Second race—One cent to enter; 1st prize, 8 cents; 2nd prize, 2 cents." There must be some fun about it somewhere, but just where the laugh comes in is not quite plain.

"The courts of this State," said a Colorado judge, in dismissing a suit about a wager on the time by which a railroad would be completed, "have enough to do without devoting their time to the solution of questions arising out of idle bets made on dog and cock fights, horse races, the speed of ox trains, the construction of railroads, the number on a dice, or the character of a card that may be turned up."

The forthcoming volume of Krik's Guide to the Turf for 1878 will include Canadian racing. The compiler of the work, Mr. H. G. Crickmore, World office, New York, in a communication to us, requests Canadian owners of race horses to send their names, addresses and colors, so they may appear in the list.

Physicians say, if you are stung by a bee, use hartshorn; if bitten by a snake get drunk. Oh! hang a bee sting! Give us a snake bite?

It is rumored that the California race mare Mollie McCarthy will be sent East in the Spring, and that she will make her second *entree* at the Baltimore meeting.

The Toronto correspondent of the N. Y. Sportsman in his letter to that journal last week gives the breeding of Skylark as by Jack the Barber, out of imported Lapidist; and says the "old mare" Goldfinch is by Harper out of imported Lapidist. Considering Lapidist was a stallion, this is a new theory of breeding. He also mentions the trotting stallion Valentine, and makes the error of saying he has no record. This is good enough for one week.

It costs much more to bring an animal into good condition than to keep it so.

An epidemic resembling the scratches is alarmingly prevalent amongst horses in the country about Belleville. It is of a malignant character, as some men who have carelessly handled animals so affected have their arms swollen to an enormous size, and one of their number is not expected to live.

Deck Wright, the trotter, well-known in Canada, is now owned by Mr. Joe Knauber, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A dog race between two teams of train dogs is on the tapis at Winnipeg.

The Ice Circuit with Ottawa, Potsdam, Prescott, &c., is about formed, but we have not yet been advised of the date of the Potsdam meeting.