

Time—0:58.
 ay—Purse \$50, for all ages; \$40, \$10; 1/2 mile.
 ch g (Cannon) Steptoe, 5 yrs, by well, dam Fanny Bugg..... 1
 y's br g Dailgasian, 6 yrs, by Blarney, dam Lucy Fowler..... 2
 h Risk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam 3
 Time—1:55 1/2.

ay—Purse \$50, for 2:50 class; \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5, in harness.
 ell's blk s Fred Taylor..... 1 1 1
 han's b m Mamie..... 2 2 dis
 ch m Springfield..... dis
 Time—3:11, 3:14 1/2, 5:05.

ay—Purse \$—; for all pacers, half-mile in 5, in harness.
 y's gr m Daisy..... 1 1 1
 han's br g Frosty..... 2 2 2
 rd's b g Billy Grimes..... 3 3 3
 Time—1:23 1/2, 1:23, 1:32.

ICAN COTSWOLD ASSOCIATION.

Following is a list of the officers of the Cotswold Association, as reorganized: President—T L Miller, Boecher, Ill. Residents—John C Snell, Edmonton, Ixels P Mattocks, Portland, Me; Robert Lexington, Ky. Secretary and Treasurer, Charles P Williard, Ill. Board of Directors—Samuel E Prather, Sherburne, Charles A Degraff, Janesville, Minn; F Mills, Springfield, Ill.; T L Miller, Ill.; Charles P Willard, Chicago, Ill.

Base Ball.

WELPH-NEW GROUNDS.

The base ball season will shortly open, and will be uninteresting to the reader to read, with this season, will be opened up, one of the finest ball grounds on the continent. The area is a trifle over the size, which is 360 x 500 feet. In the center of the diamond an area of over 1/2 acre has been sodded, and the field will be ready so soon as the sod is laid. Above the catcher's fence is a grand stand, divided into three compartments—one each for scorers, judges, and umpires. Below this are club rooms and a refreshment room. On either side of the grand covered stand, each 100 feet long, and capable of seating 1,000 persons, a well, fitted with a force pump, is provided, for the dual purpose of quenching the thirst of all visitors, and sprinkling the field. The convenience of the first is self-evident, and the utility of the latter is to every ball player. The grounds are the property of Messrs. Sleeman and

BONTO—THE TECUMSEHS.

At the meeting of the Tecumseh Base Ball Club last week, the following members were elected to office for the coming season: Cashman, Manager; Jos. Feddie, Secretary; Charles Brown, Vice-President; W. Warner, J. W. Way, and James W. Warner, Committee. This club was very successful last year, and claims the championship of the city. They will put a strong team in the field this coming season. On the 1st of April the several clubs in

was elected captain of the '78 team. The Tecumseh Club players are ordered to report at London by the 1st of April. The nine is as follows:—Goldsmith, centre field; G. H. Bradley, pitcher; Powers, first base; Barnes, second base, Dolscher, third base; Dinuen, short stop; Hornung, left field; Quinton, centre field; I. H. Smith, right field.

Aquatic.

DETROIT, MICH., MATTERS.

At the last meeting of the Emerald Boat Club, of Detroit, Mich., which was held on the 4th instant, the following gentlemen were elected as officers:—President, John E. Leclerc; Vice-President, Walter S. Paton; Secretary, William Brothaupt; Corresponding Secretary, Edward M. Griffin; Treasurer, W. F. Gilmore; Captain, Clark L. Harris, Commander, Frank E. Audett; Lieutenant, Commander, William Ray; Eusegu, Mark A. Walker. It is the intention of this club to purchase a new ten-oared barge.

The following is a list of the officers of the Excelsior Boat Club, of Detroit, Michigan, for the season of 1878:—President, W. L. Baker; Vice-President, G. E. Wassey; Secretary, Richard Catton; Treasurer, Harry Hawk; Captain, H. W. Dyar; Board of Managers—H. C. Potter, W. B. Isbell, J. B. Moloney, H. D. Preston, Reuben Robison. (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer ex-officio Board members.) Delegate to Northwestern Amateur Rowing Association, George W. Bates; Delegate to Detroit River Navy, F. S. Lewis; Delegate to National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, F. D. Standish.

FROM THE ANTIPODES.

Our Australian exchanges for January come to us laden with announcements of midsummer meetings, complaints of the great heat, and eulogies of "strength-restoring swims on these baking afternoons." The committee of the Victorian Rowing Association met January 7th. They decided to hold the Melbourne Regatta April 6th, and to publish the programme and all necessary details February 2nd. The Richmond Rowing Club had their scratch fours January 5th, the winning crew being Milne, 1; Ross, 2; Hatfield, 3; Jerrem, stroke; Harrison, coxswain. Afterwards the Richmond Rifles beat the Richmond Rowing Club. At the end of February the clubs were to row for Mrs. Mowatt's prize. Mr. Case, the gentleman entrusted by Charles E. Courtney with the management of his interests, was in New Zealand January 7th, on his way to Australia, and it was thought that he and Trickett would have no difficulty in coming to terms. The Inter-Colonial eight-oared match between Melbourne and Sydney was fixed for March 2nd, and at our latest advices, January 26th, both crews were in active training. Laycock intended to start against Trickett for the Colonial championship at the Sydney Anniversary Regatta. There were five entries for the Amateur Championship, and more were expected.

ROYAL HALIFAX YACHT CLUB.—At the annual meeting, March 7th, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. John Pugh; Vice-President, A. W. Hart; Rear President, H. Y. Hart; Secretary and Treasurer, C. C. Vaux; Assistant Secretary, W. E. Weir. There will be several matches during the season, dates for which are still unsettled.

PLAISTED.—Fred. Plaisted is enjoying the hospitalities of the Dauntless Club, New York. He has changed the rig of his boat, and with this new rig has adopted a style of

rowing club, who wish to raise money for a new boat, are circulating a paper, reading as follows:—"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to pay the sums set opposite our names, etc., payable after the four-oared crew of the 'Sho wae-ae-mette crew, of Monroe, Mich.' Will some insurance actuary, of aquatic proclivities, calculate for us the exact mathematical probability that 'the undersigned' will ever be asked to pay their subscriptions?"

BEAUCLERC, THE DERBY FAVORITE.

(From the Sporting Life's Special Commissioner.)

It is, now-over, with Beauclerc that I have curiously to deal, and favorable as was the impression which he created when at exercise, I liked him even better when stripped in the stable. In color he is brown, with his off and heel white, and the moment one looks him over, it becomes apparent how happy the coarseness of the Blacklock tribe has been toned down by an alliance with Rosicrucian, for in Beauclerc power and fashion are blended. He has a well-formed, genial, though not a small head, wide under the jaw, while the neck is muscular, and runs into shoulders oblique, but indicative of immense power; and while inheriting that remarkable muscular development of form which is so characteristic of Rosicrucian's get, he is essentially a deep-girthed colt, stronger over the back and loins than his handsome sire, very wide over the hips, and long from the hip to the tail; indeed, such massive quarters are seldom found on a thoroughbred three-year-old. All in all, he represents a rare combination of power, with freedom and racing-like symmetry, and the improvement which he has made since stripped for the Middle Park Plate is marked. A word about his off fore pastern, which is slightly twisted outwards. This peculiarity, because of its existence in more than one of his relations, I always took to have been hereditary until last week, when I learnt that it was the result of an accident, which occurred in his days of babyhood, though the cause nobody can exactly define. Mr. T. Anson tells me that he found the colt scarcely able to move in one of the paddocks, but whether the mishap came from a wrench when scampering about or from striking into some railings near where he found him, is uncertain. The youngster was in great pain for a long time, and much inflammation surrounded the fetlock, but when it had subsided the colt was quite sound, and since then, although the pastern remains twisted, he has never looked back; and, such being the case, I do not see why this slight malformation should militate against his claims for the classic races. However, I shall not here enter into a discussion on Beauclerc's victories at Redcar and York, nor even on his clever victory for the Middle Park Plate, though I may remark he has not yet been thoroughly wound up, and was hardly himself when he cut down his opponents at Newmarket. Neither shall I state outright my opinion of his future, leaving my readers to glean from the above in what esteem I hold the son of Rosicrucian and Bonnie Bell.

DEATH OF WOODFORD CHIEF.—The famous horse Woodford Chief, owned by Col. R. P. Pepper, of Frankfort, Ky., died on Saturday March 9, of pneumonia, at the stables of his trainers, Macey Brothers, Versailles. Woodford Chief was a bay stallion, bred by Benj. Williams, of Woodford County, Ky., and foaled in the Spring of 1872. His sire was Clark Chief, who was by Mambrino Chief, out of Little Nora, by Bay Messenger. 2nd dam Mrs. Caudle, the dam of Ericsson. The dam of Woodford Chief was Virginia, by the race-horse E. J. Townes, son of imp. Fylke. This mare was strong and courageous, and she was ridden in the Confederate Army by General Williams.

fully in preventing the illegal destruction of fish and game, although at first much opposition had been raised against them. New societies, with kindred objects, had also been formed in other parts of the country, and their efforts appreciated, not only by sportsmen, but the general public. In this neighborhood game is again plentiful, and quail, snipe, woodcock and partridge can be shot within easy distance of the city. The mill dam obstructions have been removed and proper fish-ways constructed, resulting in the River Thames being better stocked with fish year by year. Bass have been plentiful and of good size. At Cashmere some man-killing has been taken. Provincial Associations are recommended to be formed. During the past year there has been no necessity to prosecute any persons for infringement of the Game Act. Nine offenders against the fishery laws have been fined for illegal netting in the River Thames, and two dip-nets taken and destroyed at Byron dam. The pollution of the south branch of the Thames has, to a large extent, been prevented. We should endeavor to secure a supply of spawn for restocking our creeks and rivers. The slight trouble occasioned last year from the opposition of the taxidermists has been removed, and they are now amongst the foremost to assist us in carrying out the laws. With regard to the Act for the Protection of Insectivorous Birds, there are two birds, in the opinion of most sportsmen, that should be omitted, viz., meadow larks and blackbirds both to be shot after the 1st September. Measures have been taken to secure this concession. There is a feeling amongst genuine sportsmen, more especially in this and adjoining counties, that the season for woodcock shooting opens some six weeks too early, that during July the weather is too hot for men or dogs to work; that many birds, shot in the early morning (unless kept on ice) are spoiled, and become unfit for food; that the birds are small and slow on the wing, and scarcely worth the killing. On the other hand, the northern sportsmen maintain if an alteration in the close season is made from the 1st July to 15th August (as proposed) they will have no cock shooting. This in a measure may be correct. The remedy suggested (as most fair to all parties that are interested) by this Society is, that certain counties to the north should commence shooting on the original date, viz., 1st July, and those to the west and south should defer the commencement of the season until August 15th. A meeting is suggested to discuss this question. The law, as it stands, at present, as to the exposing of game by dealers for one month after the close season commences, is found to work in a disadvantageous manner, and is calculated to do harm. It holds out inducements to pot-hunters and poachers to defy the law. This is a matter that requires our close and immediate attention. In order to prevent any waste of surplus stock the dealers may have on hand when the close season begins, we consider fourteen days would meet all requirements, and not prove a harsh measure to those concerned. The wanton and cruel destruction of insectivorous birds, it gives us great pleasure to inform you, has nearly ceased, and we wish to impress upon you (in the face of the great and alarming increase of insect pests, and especially caterpillars) the imperative necessity of protecting our small and useful birds. The report also recommended that a room be obtained, in which to hold the monthly meetings; suggested the introduction of quail, and their protection, and that a kennel club be formed, in order to cultivate a taste for high bred animals, to give place to the worthless curs who now infest the city and make night hideous.

The Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$105.25, and the disbursements \$84.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$20.60.

Officers were elected for the current year as under:—President, Dr. Woodruff; 1st Vice-President, Colonel Walker. 2nd Vice-President, Dr. Niven; Secretary, B. C. Marshall; Treasurer, J. F. Mahon; Committee—Messrs. W. C. L. Gill, W. Hudson, H. Bruce, A. J. Smith, T. H. Smallman, Ccl. Macbeth and A. McRae.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the different constables of Middlesex, calling their attention to the heavy fines imposed for any violation of the law.

I have a muzzle loader, 100 ft. to order, with a long barrel, and the back might far forward, but it won't do. Please answer.
 Yours,
 W. H. S.

This question covers the case of a great and we fear, increasing class in our community men who have overstrained their sight in reading and writing in artificial and have been called on. It is impossible to answer W.H.S., or any other man, with perfect confidence without knowing the state of his eyes, the number of the glass he wears, etc., but there are some general principles which can be laid down which will enable an intelligent man to treat his own case without success. In the first place, the question of "W.H.S." is not one for a rifle expert, but an optician. We can console him with one fact. Mr. Leonard (longer, one of the best long-range shots at Creedmoor, west of the way to the top rank shooting with glasses, & that "W.H.S." need not despair. At the same time, we should not recommend him to take to long range shooting. The struggle to attain first place would be very severe, and likely to injure the eyes permanently. Off-hand shooting is not nearly so hard on the eyes, as the aim is not dwelt on so long, and we would therefore recommend "W.H.S." to confine himself to that branch of marksmanship. The general rule for shooting glasses is. Take a glass just half the power of the glass with which you read and write. If you try to shoot through your reading glasses, you will strain the sight and permanently injure the eyes. A glass half the power of the reading glass will sufficiently clear distant objects, and enable you to see the sights of the rifle plain enough to shoot. Glasses are numbered by their focus in inches, going from No. 50 down to No. 6, called "cataract glasses," only used by those whose sight is almost destroyed.—Spirit.

A CAGED PUGILIST.

Admirers of the well-known pugilist Sam Collyer, whose real name is Walter Jamison, are making efforts to secure his release from the New Jersey State Prison, where he is now serving a sentence for acting as a second in the fatal mill between Wooden and Walker, some time ago. Collyer belongs to Williamsburg, N.Y., and, during the war, belonged to a Brooklyn regiment. He displayed bravery in the many engagements during the war, and, on one occasion, swam across the Potomac and spiked the guns of a rebel battery. After the war he fought several prominent ring-fights for the light-weight championship, and made a good living as a variety performer, in which he was very successful. A number of prominent New York and Brooklyn politicians will sign the petition, also many of the prominent theatrical managers. After the petition is drawn out and signed, it will be forwarded to the Court of Pardon. It is the general opinion that, owing to Collyer's record as a soldier, the court will grant the pardon. The keepers of the State Prison speak well of Collyer's conduct, which will also help his case.

GENERAL BUFORD IN A NEW ROLE.

It is gratifying to note the fact that General A. Buford, the lordly proprietor of Bosque Bonita Stud Farm, Midway, Ky., is gradually attaining considerable prominence in the Kentucky Legislature. On the 6th inst., General Buford's bill for the improvement of the Kentucky River, was made the special order of the day, on which occasion that gentleman made a powerful appeal in advocacy of the measure, setting forth the many advantages that would accrue to the State, and the incidental benefits its people would enjoy through its adoption. The General's speech is spoken of as a forcible, eloquent and argumentative effort, glowing with the local pride and patriotism which heretofore distinguished many of Kentucky's gifted sons. In days to come, when the sage of Bosque Bonita shall have retired from the Legislature forever, and the grateful sentiments go with him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," among the pleasant recollections associated with his name will be reminiscences of his life as a breeder of thoroughbred stock, and a zealous patron of the American turf.