

plates with sharp instruments... protest would be offered by... not similarly shod. Yet they... more dangerous than the plated... they should out the cord clear off... plated horse has done the same...

dangerous to run a good horse... horses are plated, but there is... of his being crippled from the... vicious horse before starting... horses starting on a space of... feet, have a poor chance of... way of kicking horses, and... of his own legs, the jockey will be... keep his horse in the rear, and, if... vicious or kicking horses will get... The starter or judge should, in the name of humanity if nothing else, send the vicious and kicking horses to the rear, so that the well-composed horses would have a chance of getting out of the race without being tripped.

will come when horses wearing plates... behind, and that will bring about... of the use of plates, when... owner, and groom, should rejoice... not mailed to injure or kill each... The plate is much more dangerous than... are not used in racing, and... whilst shod, the horse may... he cannot cut a tendon in two... with the plate.

Many horses have been broken down by the... twisting of a plate under the foot... the case with the renowned Longfellow in his race.

London, in his celebrated time race, twisted... on his forefoot, so that it was the... one that he did not cut himself, and... the saddle was removed, his cautious... picked up each foot, and... under his foot before he... to walk to the stable. In this... plates might have lost a \$10,000... the horse tired in his race, which would have caused a spreading of the foreleg, he could not have helped cutting his hind leg, but not being fatigued, he ran his race out with uniform action.

The late A. J. Minor, who trained for Col. John Hunter, told me that he had not used shoes for three or four seasons previous to his death. He had first made the experiment with a horse, who the season previous, was trained with shoes. He pulled off his shoes, and allowed his feet to grow out during the winter. The next spring he trained him in his bare feet, and he ran a better horse. Exhibiting more speed than he had ever done before, his stride was very firm, and he assured me that, if he had not accidentally crippled himself, he would have beaten all the horses of his year. After that he trained his horses without shoes.

Mr. Thomas Puryear, of Rutherford Park, N. C., trains his horses without shoes. In France most of the thoroughbreds are trained without shoes. Mr. Keene Richards, of Kentucky, who is a great authority on training without shoes, told me in conversation with J. B. Pryor, the best trainer upon the turf, he expressed himself in favor of working horses without shoes. I do not believe any horses shod whilst in training except in races, and seldom plated. I ran my horses and Flora MacIvor at Saratoga, Long Park, Baltimore, and New Orleans the season, starting several times at each track without shoes or plates.

trained the winter, at New Orleans, a stable full of two-year-olds, without shoes, and when the next spring without plates. I ran my horses and Flora MacIvor thirty-two days, sixteen miles each, over the best track ever ran a horse upon. Every day that they upon the track ground the skin on the horse's joint. In addition to the track being hard, a great many shells had worked into the surface of the soil, the track being surmounted by a shell road, and the shells were carried by the track in that way, and many were run in by wagons driving across the track. I merely mention this to show the condition of the soil we run over, yet my horses came out of the races with their feet in better form without a break, whereas many other horses who were plated were quite lame, and some of them completely knocked. The races I ran were two, three, and four

the track or fretting at every step, becoming more and more excited, half frenzied with fear, you can put it down as a fact that that animal has been roughly handled in the stable, or over trained upon the track, and perhaps both. If it be a delicately organized filly, she may as well be turned out, for she will be worthless for racing purposes, unless the mode of treatment is entirely changed. She must be kindly treated in the stable, and receive a great deal less work upon the track, and, if convenient, should be worked without company. Her exercise should be slow, merely walking and trotting. With such treatment her courage and confidence may be restored, and her dread of the track entirely abated. All horses are made wild and bad tempered, if they fall into the hands of those who train and treat them roughly.

Another injurious error committed by many trainers, is that of walking their horses twice a day. After working them in the morning, some trainers walk their horses in the evening, from one to three hours. This is frequently done in hot weather, with blankets, hoods, and saddles on, and riders up. The place generally selected is a very small circle, where they travel round and round upon the same leg, until the joints become sore. Most of the weight, during this exercise, is upon the near hind leg, producing fatigue in that limb, and when fatigued, the toe will touch and knuckle over, which shows extra strain on the extensor, and, if continued, will make them drag the hind leg, for it affects the stifle, whirlbone, and hip. In this way many horses are lamed behind, by long continued walking upon a narrow circle. If they have rough and careless riders upon their backs, who force them beyond a reasonable pace, when they become fatigued, they are sure to box or strike their fetlocks in front, and then the trainer puts boots upon them, and these have the effect to stiffen the joints, and prevent easy action.

If he had walked his horses a reasonable time, not so long as to allow them to become fatigued, on a larger area of ground, there would have been no necessity for boots or knockers, as the horses would not hit themselves. This constant walking will, eventually, wear out with fatigue all the younger stock of the stable. The English system of training is not to take a horse out of his stall but once in four and twenty hours and it is not a bad plan, but necessity forces them to adopt that system, for they generally have so many horses in train in one stable that they cannot get around them twice a day, except to feed. It is different in this country. There is no trainer who has more than fifteen or twenty at one time in active training, and my experience has been that a horse well worked in the forenoon should be disturbed very little during the remainder of that day. We will say the usual work is to start the horses in a trot, after walking him three-quarters of a mile, continuing the trot two miles. To work strong a mile and three-quarters, or two miles, he is then put into a gallop, and by regular gradations the speed is increased, until he goes two miles more. He is then rubbed off a little, and sponged out, and started again a mile and half or two miles, and the rider is told to work strong the last half mile. There is six miles from the older horses, but perhaps the younger ones have taken less.

They have all been worked from four to six miles, and are then walked perhaps a half mile to the stable. After being taken into the stable and rubbed off, they are brought out and walked from three quarters to an hour upon a narrow ring, in front of the stable. During that time they must have travelled at least two miles more, so there is nine miles, including the walk from the stable to the track and back. In all conscience that seems to be work enough for a horse to take in one day. He is taken to the stall, cleaned off, and fed about twelve o'clock. He requires all the time, and more, up to four o'clock, to rest and sleep. Does it look reasonable that they should be required to walk four, five, or six miles more in the evening? Yet it is done every day during the training season; and instead of being led unclothed by their grooms, they are covered up, and saddles and riders put upon their backs, and the poor animals are compelled to carry that burden for hours, whereas they should have been fed their quart of food at four o'clock, and, after eating it, have been led out for a few minutes and held to grass, whilst their stalls are being cleaned out and their beds made up. They should then be taken to their stalls, turned loose, and allowed to rest, and I assure you that heart and cheer, health and vigor, would be much longer preserved by this mode of treatment than the long fatiguing walks described above.

J. C. Bais, ex. D. McMaster, G. C. Dew, H. T. Bell, T. G. Vidal and J. Chester. The first regular competition for the Club's Prizes will commence on the 8th of April.

Mr. George Barnett, of Wallace, shot a large wild cat last week.

Snow birds will be furnished to Clubs and others by Mr. John Grunskill, No. 9 Power Street, Toronto, for \$4 per 100, delivered at express office here.

The Michigan State medal was shot for on the 8th. In accordance with the English rules, adopted at a meeting of the Detroit Gun Club, each sportsman shot at eleven birds at thirty yards rise, and from five ground traps. E. H. Gallman won the medal for the twelfth time.

Mr. W. McCullch, who purchased six greyhounds for shipment to Australia, it is stated, offered \$5,000 for Coomassie, the winner of the Waterloo Cup. The offer was declined. Victory adds wonderfully to the value of a dog. Coomassie is a light fawn in color, and is two years old.

TOURNAMENT—The pigeon shooting tournament at St. Catharines, will commence next Wednesday, 28th inst. \$200 will be given in prizes. Entrance \$5. Each shooter to furnish 13 birds. 1 1/2 oz. shot allowed. St. Catharines rules to govern. Entries close on 27th. Mr. J. C. Woodruff is the Secretary.

FROM OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, March 16, '77

To the Editor of Sporting Times:—

DEAR SIR,—The Dominion Track Association purpose to give a meeting some time about the end of June, when they intend to give \$2,000 for trotting and running.

The colored rider "Happy John" came pretty nearly putting an end to his existence this morning. H. had been engaged by Doctor Coleman to gallop Col. Boulton's horses at Cobourg, and being left alone in the Doctor's office, thought to improve the occasion by helping himself, as he imagined, to a dose of salts, but unfortunately, in mistake, swallowed about an ounce and a half of sulphate of zinc. This sat uncomforable on Happ's stomach, and the mistake having been discovered, the disconsolate "dark one" was forced to swallow half a bag of fine table salt, a can of Keen's mustard, a copy of a grit speech, and a few other trifles, and thus Happ's life was saved.

Yours, OTTAWA.

To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

J. B., Edgeley—We only find one race in which a horse of that name was engaged. It was on ice, at Toronto, Feb. 11, 1873, for Butchers' and Drivers' purse, which he won in three straight heats, in 2:57 1/2, 2:55, 2:53, being entered by Mr. Vic Thomas, of Leslieville, beating Woodbridge Maid, Little Jeff, Duster, Gray Harry, and Black Boy. We could not say it was the same horse. By addressing Mr. Thomas as above you might obtain further particulars.

R. P., Kansas—Do not know where the horse is wintering; he made the Fall campaign in the States, and was not brought back. Mr. P. Davey is in Toronto, and a letter addressed to our care will reach him.

Time—3:00.

Same Day—Purse \$100; 3:00 class. P Somers' gr g Robin Hood..... 3 3 1 1 1 W T Birch's ch m Nellie..... 1 1 2 2 2 A B Cooke's m g Roanoke..... 2 2 dr Time—2:59, 3:00, 3:06, 3:06, 3:06 1/2.

Same Day—Purse \$125, running; for all ages; mile dash. L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose..... 1 C W Medinger's br g Little Fellow, 5 yrs, by Lynchburg, dam Mary Goode..... 2 O West's b g Prang, by Vandal, dam Annotte, by Wagner..... 3 Time—3:00.

SAVANNAH, March 7 Purse \$100; half mile heats. L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroid dam Black Rose..... 1 1 O West's b c Ascot, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Hinda..... 2 2 C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L, 4 yrs, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner..... dis Time—3:07, 3:14.

March 7 and 8—Purse \$200; free-for-all. W T Birch's Nellie..... 2 1 1 1 P Somers' Robin Hood..... 1 2 2 2 Time 2:54 1/2, 2:59 1/2, 2:58 1/2, 2:59 1/2.

Same Day—Purse \$125, running; mile and a quarter dash. L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, 5 yrs, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose..... 1 C W Medinger's br g Little Fellow, 5 yrs, by Lynchburg, dam Mary Goode..... 2 O West's b c Ascot, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Hinda..... 3 Time—2:30 1/2.

Same Day—Purse \$150, running; mile and a half dash. C W Medinger's ch m Libbie L, 4 yrs, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner..... 1 L Jones' b g Jim Hinton, aged, by Rogers, dam Madam House..... 2 Time—3:01 1/2.

March 8 and 9—Purse \$200. W T Birch's Nellie..... 1 2 2 1 1 P Somers' Robin Hood..... 2 1 1 2 2 Time—3:03 1/2, 3:08, 3:06 1/2, 3:04 1/2, 2:58 1/2.

Same Day—Purse \$100; running, for all ages; mile dash. C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L, 4 yrs, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner..... 1 L Jones' br m Maria Barnes, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose..... 2 O West's b c Ascot, 5 yrs, by Enquirer, dam Hinda..... 3 Time—1:57 1/2.

Same Day—Purse \$—; hurdle race; mile and a half. L Jones' b g Jim Hinton, aged, by Rogers, dam Madam House..... 1 O West's b g Prang, 6 yrs, by Vandal, dam by Wagner..... 2 Time—3:11 1/2.

Base Ball.

At a meeting of the Atlantic Club, Toronto, held on Thursday evening of last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—President, Thomas Heany; Vice-President, Michael Burns; Captain, Peter Gray; Secretary, Nicholas White; Treasurer, Maurice Murphy.

The Silver Maple Club of Wrexeter has re-organized under the following office-bearers: Mr. Robert Clark, President; E. Evans, Vice-President; Thos W. Gibson, Secretary; J. D. Forsyth, Treasurer; W. A. Paulin, R. McDonald and J. Brock, Field Committee.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Base Ball Association should be held, according to the resolution of adjournment, at the Walker House, Toronto, on the first Thursday in April.

It is proposed to form a Junior Base Ball Association for Ontario. Mr. S. G. McKay, of Woodstock, is making the initiatory moves, and solicits correspondence from all clubs, whose members are under 21 years of age, who are in sympathy with the movement.

The following were the individual scores:

Table with columns: CURLEWS, OS, DS, CARRINGTONS. Rows include Robert Lee, Wm. Chalmers, Thos. McKay, And. Campbell, G. O. Hutchison, Henry Ingles, C. J. Egleson, A. Dunlop, and Total scores.

Ald. Henderson occupied the chair, acting as umpire, and gave every satisfaction, being tendered a vote of thanks at the close. The match was played according to Anderson's rules.

PLAYING AT MONTREAL—The baseball tournament which has been going on at the St. Andrew's Home for the past six weeks, under the auspices of the Caledonia Society of Montreal, terminated on the 15th. The following shows the result.—Andrew Robertson won 63 games out of 60 played; Alex. Ross, 62 out of 60; William Rattray, 60 out of 60; A. A. Stevenson, 40 out of 60; Alex. Murray, 38 out of 60.

Mr. Murdoch McKenzie of Guelph, won the championship of Wellington Co., on Friday last. His opponent Mr. James Smith refused to play, and the umpire decided in favor of the former gentleman.

Cricket.

The annual meeting of the Cobourg Club was held on March 15th, at their rooms, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—President, Mayor Guillet; Captain, Mr. E. H. Osler; Secretary, Mr. J. H. Munson; Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Hayden; Executive Committee, Messrs. E. H. Osler, J. D. Hayden, J. H. Munson, C. H. Allen, and Geo. Elliott.

DEATH OF POMPEY'S PILLAR.

At the home of his owner, Mr. A. Waddle, Springfield, Ill., on the 8th inst., a severe attack of inflammation of the bowels ended the days of this fine thoroughbred and capital race-horse. Pompey's Pillar, chestnut, was foaled 1872, by Uncle Vic, dam Amanda Buford, by Revenue; 2nd dam Sallie Anderson, by imp. Giencoe; 3rd dam Chloee Anderson, by Rodolph; 4th dam Belle Anderson, &c. From the family a number of very fine performances have descended, notably Norfolk, whose dam Novice was out of Chloee Anderson, &c. Pompey started thirteen times in 1875, and scored six victories, to wit: at Lincoln, Ill., beat Mary Rowett, Gilt Star and Prairie Flower, a mile, in 1:48. Same meeting beat Sweet Bay, Queen of the West and Mary Rowett, two-mile heats, in 3:41 1/2, 3:38 1/2. At Decatur, Ill., beat a field at mile heats in 1:59 1/2, 1:58. At Galesburg, Ill., beat Nannie F., Playmate, Mullie B. and Gol Rieely, two miles, in 3:45 1/2. At Jackson, Miss., at a mile and three-quarters, beat Emma Lee, in 3:27. The following year, 1876, at New Orleans, La., won the Louisiana stakes, at two-mile heats, beating Volcano and Nannie F. At Austin, Tex., was beaten at two and three-mile heats by Tom McKinney and Sam Harper, respectively.

RAILROAD CHANGE—Mr. A. G. Robinson, formerly in the Audit Office of the G. W. R., and for the past few years on the Ohio & Mississippi Railway at St. Louis, has been appointed to take charge of the Canadian Southern office in Hamilton. Mr. Robinson is an old Hamiltonian, and has considerable railway experience.

Bogardus accomplished the wonderful feat last week in New York, of breaking 1,000 glass balls in one hour, forty two minutes and fifty seconds. He fired at 1,156 balls and broke 1,002, missing 184.