

Lucan, Sept. 9, 1878.

the Editor of the Sporting Times.

Lucan races were a perfect success. Owners acknowledge the meeting to be one of the best ever attended, and state that our track is equal to any in Ontario. The entire meeting is conducted without a complaint against the management. The following are the summaries:—

Lucan, Ont, Sept 6—\$40; Running; for farm-horses; half-mile heats, 2 in 3.
Turner, g g Gray Tom, by Beacon..... 1
Barney, b g Harper, by Harper..... 2
Time—1:03½, 1:02

Same Day—\$60; trotting; for hacks: mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.
Barnes, b f Little Dan..... 2 1 1 1
Webb, g m Molly..... 1 2 3 2
Doyle, br h Brown Dick..... 4 3 2 3
McClary, g m Gray Nell..... 3 4 4 dr
Owens, b m Lady Owens..... 5 5 dis
Time—3:07½, 3:04, 3:07½, 3:05.

Same Day—\$; Running; open to all; half-mile heats, 3 in 5.
Barden, blk m Nettie, by Beacon..... 5 2 5 1 1
McLaughlin, ch h Prince Fiddler..... 2 1 1 2 5 3
F Barnes, g g General Johner, by Beacon..... 1 4 2 5 8 2
Walker, br g Fear Nothing, by Tester..... 3 5 3 8 2 0
Brook, b m Polly Epole..... 4 3 4 4 2 0
Time—5:53½, 5:53½, 5:54½, 5:54½, 5:54½.

Sept 7—\$100; Trotting; 2:40 class; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.
Webb, g g Oddfellow..... 1 2 1 1
L Odell, ch h Eden Goldust..... 2 1 3 2
F Dulmage, ch g Big Fellow..... 3 3 2 3
Time—2:51½, 2:46, 2:50, 2:50.

Same Day—\$100; Running; mile heats; open to all.

W Drake, b g Protection, aged, by Norton, dam by Wagner..... 4 2 1 1
Stephens, b g Paladin, aged, by Leamington, dam Garland..... 8 1 2 2
McLaughlin, br h King George, by King Tom..... 0 3 3 3
Hutchinson, ch h Galt Reporter, aged, by Colossus, dam Leon..... 0 dr
Bowden, blk mare, Nettie, by Beacon..... dr
Time—1:53½, 1:53½, 1:54, 1:53.

Injured:—
Same Day—\$125; Trotting; free-for-all; mile heats, 3 in 5, in harness.
L Odell, ch h Eden Goldust..... 1 1 1
F Dulmage, ch g Billy Walker..... 3 2 2
Webb, g g Oddfellow..... 2 3 3
Time—2:46, 2:46, 2:50.

W. B. ABBOTT, Secy.

Aquatic.

THE R. C. Y. C. REGATTA.

The annual regatta of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club was held on Saturday last. The race sailed was about 88 miles. The entries were:—Oriole, 95 tons; Alarm, 88 tons; Geraldine, 28 tons; Rivet, 16 tons;quette, 18 tons; Madeleine, 6 tons. The race allowed her opponents 21 minutes at the finish. The start took place opposite the club house, and was a fly-gone. The Alarm was the first to get away at 10:23; followed by the Geraldine, 25:12; Rivet, 10:25:38; Oriole, 10:26:38;quette, 10:26:48; Madeleine, 10:27:08. The race rapidly overhauled the leading boats, before they had got clear of the bay was the first position; she rounded the Mimico point at 11:16, Coquette second, Alarm third, and fourth, Madeleine fifth, the Geraldine some reason or other having mistaken course was out of the race. The buoy Gibraltar Point was passed by the Oriole 1:59, and that opposite Scarboro' Heights rounded at 4:06½. On the homeward the Oriole sped through the water like a winged bird. The winning point was off the point of the Island and was passed in following order:—Oriole, 5:01; Coquette, 5:02; Rivet, 6:30. These were the only boats to cross the line, the others having dropped out of the race. In this race the

under the original conditions.
8. No boat of boats in the interest of either contestants to accompany the men over the course.

9. The referee to be James A. Harding, Esq., of St. John, N.B., and his expenses to be paid by the contestants in equal shares.

10. Paragraph 2 of article 19 of said laws of boat-racing to be suspended, and each competitor to turn his own stake.

11. This race is not to be rowed for, and is not to involve or affect, the championship of either the United States or the Dominion of Canada now held by the said Edward Hanlan.

12. It is hereby further mutually agreed that the said Edward Hanlan or his representatives do hereby guarantee the sum of \$5,000 in the form of a purse, and as much more as may be raised for the purposes of the said match.

(Signed,) EDWARD HANLAN.
(Signed,) CHAS. E. COURTNEY.

DESECRATION.—A prominent city daily says the Regatta of the R. C. Y. C. took place on Sunday last. It didn't, though, all the same.

DARK.—Hanlan gave a couple of cups to be rowed for by colored men on Saturday last, in lieu of the postponed races from Saturday last, which was further put off until Monday. The water was rather rough. The race was rowed in 18-ft. and under skiffs, sliding seats, about a mile and a half. The starters were Ben Johnson, Aaron Russell, Ed. Sarsenette, A. Williams, Chas. Banister and Chas. Tonia. After a good deal of trouble they were sent off, Johnson getting the lead, but he was speedily headed by Sarsenette, who kept his position all the way through. Johnson coming home about three lengths behind, Russell following about two minutes later. The remaining three did not finish.

No Go.—Wallace Ross denies that he has challenged Courtney.

AGAIN.—Mr. W. B. Wells, jr., of Chatham, Ont., will likely try Bowlsby of the Monroe, Mich., Amateurs again. The Michigander was beaten in his last essay, and wants another opportunity, which it is likely the Canuck will not be slow to give him.

QUICK.—The yacht Wanderer recently ran from Port Dover, Ont., to Erie, Pa., a distance of fifty miles, in five hours.

CROOKED.—The N. Y. Sportsman of last week says:—"Considerable in-and-out rowing has been indulged in lately. One day we have Frenchy Johnson beating all comers, the next sees Plaisted or Riley at the head of affairs, and the day after Evan Morris heads the procession, with Plaisted at the tail. What does all this mean? Is there a combination in rowing circles?"

HIPPODROME.—"H. C." the Toronto correspondent of the N. Y. Spirit of the Times, in his letter last week to that journal, in speaking of the professional single scull race at the Hanlan Regatta on the 80th ult., says:—"There were at least 5,000 people present to witness the race, but the interest all subsided after the turn as if became apparent to everybody that the whole affair was a hippodrome." Another newspaper man not blind or deaf. Why do not our big dailies report things as they are?

REGATTA.—The Sturgeon Point Regatta will take place to-day and to-morrow.

GEOGRAPHY.—The San Francisco Pacific Life says Hanlan and Courtney are to row on Owaseo Lake, Canada.

MORE THOROUGHBREDS FOR JAPAN.—Mr. Wm. H. Wilson, of Cynthia, Kentucky, has added to his list of purchases for the Japanese Government, the two-year-old colt, Master Mason, by Fellowcraft, dam War Reel, by War Dance; 2d dam Dixie, by imp. Sovereign, out of St. Mary, by Hamlet. Price paid \$400. All of the thoroughbred stock, purchased by Mr. Wilson, in the selection of which that gentleman has displayed his usual good judgment, were shipped to their destination on the 27th ult. via the overland route to San Francisco, Cal.

capable of carrying a far heavier frame, but no made up into an exceedingly grand sire, and no doubt would have been afforded an opportunity of making a name at the stud had he been allowed to retire at the end of his three year season, or, at all events, the following season when he had shown himself devoid of that rare dash, which had carried him home from the Abingdon Mile Bottom past Balladrum, on whom Kenyon had set such a pace that the roaring son of Stockwell and Catharine Hayes cut down all save the Middleham champion; or which enabled him to stall off the brilliant rush with which Wells brought Pero Gomez, making an almost superhuman effort for his fourth Derby. But Pero gained his revenge on Doncaster Town Moor, and Pretender has now been laid down to his last rest in a quiet corner of one of the spacious paddocks at Sheffield lane top—close to the spot where Warlock and Othello XII., both of them Lager winners, and other giants of the past, sleep. At the end Pretender would have done better had he not been in the same yard as his sire, the splendid Adventurer; but, as it was, his stock were beginning to run, and if spared he might have worthily borne the mantle of the great lord of Sheffield lane. Pretender was bred by Mr. Sadler in 1866, and was sired by Adventurer, who had also been siring at the Sheffield Lane Stud, but only from ordinary influenza, and is now entirely recovered. Pretender's dam was Ferina, by Venison, and her dam Partiality, by Middleton, out of Favourite, by Blucher, &c.

DEATH OF BROWN BREAD.

The noted English Stallion Brown Bread, foaled 1862, by Weatherbit, dam Brown Agnes, by West Australian; 2d dam Miss Agnes, by Irish Birdcatcher, out of Agnes, by Clarion, died on Monday, Aug. 19, of inflammation of the liver. He was a good performer on the turf, and a rare stayer. In 1865, being then a three-year old, he won the Northumberland Plate, carrying 89 lbs., the famous Caller On, who was then aged, being the second with 126 lbs.—In the same year he also won the Stockton Tradesmen's Handicap, carrying 103 lbs, and the Caledonian St. Leger, at Musselburgh. He was also a good fourth for the Cesarewitch, carrying 111 lbs, behind Salpinx, 3 years old, 87 lbs; Gratitude, 5 years old, 115 lbs, and John Davis, 4 years old, 124 lbs. He was a fair stallion, sire of Tartine, Mary White, White-belt, Picnic (second for the Two Thousand Guineas), Courtesy, Broadside, Pearlina, Hilarious (winner of the Cesarewitch), and others.

R. PENISTAN'S SALES.

The following trotters and thoroughbreds, late the property of R. Penistan, were sold on Monday, Aug. 26, at Lexington, Ky.:

TROTTER STALLIONS:

Standard Bearer, b s, foaled 1861, by Volunteer, dam by Roe's Abdallah Chief; P C Kidd, Lexington, Ky..... \$190
Cato, ch h, foaled 1872, by Mambrino Patchen, dam Puss Prall, by Mark Time, T. Maley, Philadelphia, Pa..... 270
Uoble, blk s, foaled 1870, by Ericsson, dam Belle by Tom Crowder; J J Miller, Maysville, Ky..... 270
Beau Ideal, by William Welch, dam Lady McKinney; T. Maley..... 250

TROTTER MARES AND GELDINGS.

Floranthé, blk f, foaled 1876, by Administrator, dam by Peck's Idol, by Mambrino Chief; T O Forman, Lexington, Ky..... 175
Nami, b f, foaled 1876, by William Welch, dam Lady Norwood, by Belmont; A J Alexander, Woodford Co, Ky..... 2.0
Heiress, b m, foaled 1874, by Jay Gould, dam Vermont Maid; B Crossan, Philadelphia, Pa..... 430
Theopie, b m, foaled 1874, by Sentinel, dam Lady Thompson, by Ericsson; Mr Duvall, Philadelphia, Pa..... 410
Stranger, gr c, foaled 1876, by Selim, dam by McDonald's Mambrino Chief; Webb Ross, Hutchinson Station, Ky..... 105
Ida, b m, foaled 1876, by William Welch, by Lady McKinney; A J Alexander..... 215
Emperor, ch c, foaled 1876, by William Welch, dam Empress; W G Croxton, Waterloo, Ind..... 300
Coquette, b m, foaled 1876, by William Welch, dam Belle of Fayette, by Ethan Allen; W F Weeks, Ibera, La..... 275
Belle of Kentucky, br m 1874, by Woodford

to jump from the third story of his residence to the street below. He was removed to the Asylum under the pretext of going to Long Branch, but did not notice the difference in his destination, and on Friday was unable to recognize his wife. The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy of the brain.

THE MAXIMUM SPEED OF THE TROTTER.

2.14 remained unbeaten since September, 1874, and many thought the trotter would never appear who could wrest her crown from Goldsmith Maid. In the last few weeks, Harus has beaten that time thrice, twice as a record, and once as a matter of fact, though not a technical record, when Edwin Forrest has sufficiently demonstrated his ability to trot faster than 2.14 when conditions are favorable. These successes, however, indicate that the utmost tension of which a trotter is capable has about been reached, and show how difficult it is to cut off a quarter of a second at that tremendous rate of speed. Three times on unexceptionable tracks, and with favorable weather, Harus has done his level best, and trotted in 2:13½—2:13½—2:13½. The extra strain which was required to lop off each additional quarter second was apparent, while the slight difference in these three fast heats shows that his maximum speed has been developed, at least within a trifling fraction. It may be that a trotter will some time appear, with a maximum speed of 82s. to the quarter, who can maintain it for a mile, but we doubt it. These trials have been instructive in showing that, as yet, no horse can maintain top speed, at the trotting gait, for a full mile. When Harus trotted in 2:13½, at Buffalo, he went to the three-quarter pole at a rate of 2:11½, and the result was that he could do the last quarter at no better than a 2:19 gait. When he trotted at Hartford in 2:13½, he went to the three-quarter pole at a rate of 2:14½ only, and was then able to finish at a 2:10 gait, and the same was true in his 2:13½ heat, except that he trotted his last quarter at a 2:11 gait. Edwin Forrest again, in his first exhibition heat, was content to do the half-mile pole in 1:06½, and then trotted his mile out on his courage, in 2:14½; while in his second exhibition heat, when he was hurried to the half in 1:05½, he finished in but 2:16. It is a nice study regulating the speed of these flyers to obtain the fastest possible heat.—Spirit.

FOWL SLAUGHTERING.

Immediately at the expiration of the close time for grouse in England—Aug. 12—our English exchanges contain glowing accounts of the glorious sport Smith, Jones and Harrison have had among the birds. Among others of the same tenor, we would call attention to the following-mentioned instances:—

"GROUSE SHOOTING EXTRAORDINARY.—Mr F. A. Millbank, Mr. Powlett Millbank, Capt Wade, Capt Vyner, and B. Pease, Esq., commenced shooting on Wemmerghill Moors on Monday. Sixteen hundred and ten (1,610) fell on the first day. On Wednesday eight hundred and three (803). The game was dispatched by a local dealer for the London markets, and the birds were in splendid condition."

Is this sport, or is it the bloody work of the butcher, whose familiarity with cruelty leads him to look upon the bleeding of an ox as sport and recreation? If this is the fashion abroad, we thank God it has not yet reached our sportsmen or been adopted by our shooting men. Twenty-four hundred and thirteen noble birds done to death in a brutal battle, redounding not a whit to the credit of those engaged in it! If these are your gentlemen shooters, we would ask where do you find your pot-hunters? No true sportsman, no man with a heart tender as it should be for all God's creatures—the more helpless, the more regard—would ever have been engaged in this killing, more worthy the butcher's assistant in the slaughter-house than a sportsman after game. We would none of it. All the journals of Great Britain teemed with articles during the early season as to the grouse disease. Yet here is a worse plague, from which none escape. The hardest and strongest, alike with the weakest, have to succumb to these, forsooth, gentle men sportsmen.—Turf.

lured mare has stood at the head of the record for two miles since 1859.

Let every farmer who desires to engage in the breeding of horses obtain the services of the best stallions in his neighborhood, and strive to rear only first-class animals, always bearing in mind that any colts that are reared with speed will not run far more if sold young, than after years of care and anxiety, with heavy outlays and loss of time; the animal, however good, is still at the mercy of horse-jockeys and the horse-trotting fraternity.

BALLANTRAE.—This once popular horse, to led 1871, by Asteroid, dam Schottische, by imp Albion, out of Dance, by imp. Glencoe, is again in training. It will be recalled that a violent attack of distemper compelled his temporary retirement from the turf. After recruiting from the attack he was relegated to the stud, but he has this year exhibited so fine a form, that Mr. Jennings, his owner, has deemed it advisable to train him again, and run him at the Fall meeting at Louisville.

AN ENIGMA OF VICTORY.—John Splan the driver of Harus in the Grand Central Trotting Circuit, has typified the victory of that horse in his great trial against time at Buffalo, by having one of the shoes worn by Harus gold-plated and handsomely framed, and enclosing a photograph of himself. At the bottom is the inscription: "One of the shoes worn by Harus at Buffalo, N.Y., when making the fastest time ever trotted—2:10½. Presented to R. B. Conkling, by his friend, John Splan."

Amusements.

CITY.

A sensational drama, entitled The Owl of New York, produced by the Albert W. Aiken combination, has been the attraction at the Grand Opera House this week. It is full of crime and incident, and took the gallery by storm. Our English Cousin; or, The Girls of New Orleans, is underlined. Grand Ladies' matinee to-morrow afternoon. Next week the Colville Folly Company.

At the Royal Opera House the Lizards closed their engagement on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Chanfrau, supported by her own company, commenced a short season on Wednesday, the bill being The Price of a Life. This (Friday) evening Jealousy; the regular matinee to-morrow afternoon; and Mrs. Chanfrau's specialty Christie Johnson for Saturday night.

The Lyceum has been doing a good business all week. The new people this week are Turner and Geyer, break neck song and dance. Along with Amy d. Brent, Annie Clark, Mary Wiggins, Alice Smith, and Smith Bryne, musical mokes, they give a good show. The usual matinee Saturday afternoon.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL.—The Dominion Theatre is rushing things with a vim. This week Holmes Grover, jr., and Miss May DeLorme in the sensational drama of I. O. U.—Concert in Academy of Music, Sept. 30, by Kellogg and Cary, assisted by a talented corps of artists.—Mr. Lucien Barnes will run a dramatic season at the Academy of Music.

HAMILTON.—Mechanics Hall—The Lizards, Sept. 12.—Farblish's Fifth Av. Combination, Sept. 18 and 14 in Light and False Shame.—The Owl of New York by the Aiken Co., Sept. 16. Cole's Circus, Sept. 20.

LONDON.—The benefit to Mrs. Holman on Friday last was a brilliant success, the opera of the Bells of Corneville being produced for the first time in London.—The Holman Opera Co. have gone to Elmsira, N. Y., to play during the State Fair week.—Joe Thompson, a clog dancer, formerly of London, was killed at Kinton, Ohio, while attempting to jump on a freight train. He was a native of Stratford, Ont.

BRANTFORD.—Cole's Circus, Sept. 18.