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American Turf.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Second Day, Dec. 6—The Orleans Stakes for colts and fillies then 3 years old; \$25 entrance, \$1000 prize, \$400 added; second horse to receive \$75. Two miles.

W. H. Higgins entered Ella Bowet, by Uncle Vic, dam Momona, by imp Sovereign; J. O & J. H. Phillips entered the General Phillips, by imp Glensig, dam La Polka, by Lexington.

K. Richards entered the Typhoon, by War Dance, dam Spindrift's dam, by Wagner.

W. H. Higgins entered the Little Sis, by Frogtown, dam by Yorkshire.

W. H. Higgins entered Aunt Betsy, by Longfellow, dam Lilly Ward, by Lexington.

W. H. Higgins entered the Vermont, by Virgil, dam Nannie Butler, by Lexington.

W. H. Higgins entered Belle Isle, by imp. L. Bonnen & Co entered the Blue Gown, by Scotland, dam by Asteroid.

W. H. Higgins entered the Blue Gown, by Scotland, dam La Bluetta, by imp Australia.

W. H. Higgins entered the Bradamante, by War Dance, dam Buena, by Knight of St. George.

Time—3:55.

Same Day—Purse \$250. One mile.

W. H. Higgins entered the Incommoda (3), by Melbourne, Jr, dam Income.

W. H. Higgins entered the Buff and Blue (4), by War Dance, dam Balloon.

W. H. Higgins entered the Startle (5), by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth.

W. H. Higgins entered the Tenpin, by Miss Tilton, H. Lucklin, Kilburn and Oily Cannon also started.

Third Race—Club purse \$500, for all ages. Two miles.

W. H. Higgins entered the St. Martins (5), by Phaeton, dam Toksy.

W. H. Higgins entered the Trumps (4), by West Roxbury, dam Nora Worth.

W. H. Higgins entered the Tenpin, by Miss Tilton, H. Lucklin, Kilburn and Oily Cannon also started.

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.

W. H. Higgins entered the Redding, 5 yrs, by Harry of the West, dam by Joe Stoner.

W. H. Higgins entered the Tenpin, 4 yrs, by Pillim, dam by Lunatic.

W. H. Higgins entered the Port Leonard, aged, by Voucher, dam Prunella.

W. H. Higgins entered the Lambay and Jim Hinton also.

Time—4:05.

Same Day—Club purse, \$500, for all ages; \$200 to first, 75 to second, and 25 to third. One mile and three-quarters.

W. H. Higgins entered the General Phillips, 3 yrs, by imp Glensig, dam La Polka.

W. H. Higgins entered the Vermont, 3 yrs, by Virgil, dam Nannie Butler.

W. H. Higgins entered the Buff and Blue, by War Dance.

Billiards.

TOURNAMENT IN MONTREAL.

Next Monday evening a handicap tournament will commence at Nordheimer's Hall, Montreal, under the management of Mr. Brand, the well-known billiard-room proprietor of that city. The names of the players to whom it is open and the figures given to each will be found in our advertising columns to-day. About all the players who would be likely to take part in a contest 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 0 5 13 30 22 7 7 15
 1 1 0 2 0 1 18 2 8 13 5 4 0 2 1 0 1 9 23
 0 8 0 32 39 6 98 11 0 0 1 0 21 0 2 6 1 4
 0 27 22 12 8 0 1 1 1 1. Total, 509.

Slosson.—5 0 1 0 8 4 7 14 4 85 0 27 0
 27 0 20 1 2 0 36 6 0 0 1 49 9 36 78 2 1
 7 1 5 13 4 1 1 8 16 0 3 3 1 0 7 0 8 0 0
 0 9 81 2 8 1 55 0 18 8 12 10 7 8. Total, 600.

Sexton—39 18 8 58 80 67 0 0 7 2 0 22
 0 30 1 19 2 0 12 0 5 0 58 5 0 24 4 48 0
 7 0 0 54 6 0 0 0 1 0 70 8 2 1 1. Total, 600. Average, 13 28-44.

Gallagher—2 9 0 16 0 0 2 1 22 85 20 1
 22 8 20 2 4 0 124 7 0 1 14 3 1 3 15 15
 8 15 57 0 11 1 3 0 5 4 6 3 4 17 0 114.
 Total, 594. Average, 15 22-44.

Slosson—0 3 80 53 1 11 0 9 6 45 0 134
 4 6 11 0 54 33 13 18 0 114. Total, 600.

race ensued to within twenty yards of the tape. Here Clark broke down, and McLeavy had all he could do to beat Wood by a yard. Time, 4m. 28½s.

A NOVEL RACE.—A very curious contest was decided at the Lillie Bridge grounds, London, Eng., on the 17th ult. Edward Turner and Thomas Hope were the contestants, and the conditions of the match were that Turner should run 100 yards while Hope hopped 69 yards, using one leg only. The former won by a yard and a half. Time, 10 8-5s. The next event was for the men to hop 80 yards on level terms. Again did Turner prove successful, doing the distance in 11½s.

A foot race took place near Sweaburg on a Sunday evening not long since between 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 re-puddled, 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 not a

A CANADIAN TRAINER'S EXPERIENCE WITH BITS.

CHATHAM, Ont., Nov. 24, 1877.

DEAR SPIRIT: The natural instinct of the horse causes him to fear man, and as he does not possess the power of reason can neither overcome this fear nor cause him to obey his commands, without the use of some kind of restraint. And as the horse possesses greater physical power than man, man is unable to restrain or cause him to obey his commands without the aid of some mechanical means. And on this account man has been forced to invent an instrument with which he could restrain the horse, and through which he could make impressions 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 bridles 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 the chief part of the effectiveness of the bridle lies. Owing to this, many different kinds of bits have been invented and used, to make the bridle more effective and useful.

If it was only necessary to use a bit on a horse for the purpose of restraining him, so 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 a 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. sulkey 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. Running 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 considered

tooth, or cause his neck to be curbed, so as to interfere with his breathing, consequently great injury may arise; and in this way a large bit on some horses may prove to be more injurious than a smaller one would. Many horses are made hard pullers by having large bits used on them. Some horses soon learn when a large bit is used on them, that their driver has but little control over them, and should they lose their gait, they will refuse to be pulled to it again, but on putting on a smaller bit, the same horse becomes a good breaker.

As man conveys many of his ideas to the horse through the sense of feeling, and as the bit is the chief medium through which the driver can reach the sense of feeling in the horse, it is necessary that the horse should take a firm and steady hold on the bit, yet it is not desirable that the horse should keep up a hard pull, and he does he will stop the circulation in the parts of his mouth that the bit comes in contact with, and by so doing he will leaden the muscles of his mouth, and thus, of course, will prove detrimental.

We may know the peculiar 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 on him. One horse may work well in a bit with a seven-eighths mouth-piece in it, while another horse will do away 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 on 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, and it is well to know. On this account it is necessary that a trainer should have various sizes of all the different kinds of bits he can use. Some horses have wider mouths than others and on this account the trainer should have bits of different lengths. When a horse is long for a bit he gives it too much play in his mouth, and when a bit has too much play in a horse's mouth it is more liable to be lost than when a bit is too short for a horse's mouth, and causes the cheek-piece to press in against the cheeks and lips, and consequently the horse becomes sore. If a horse's mouth is too small to have his bit fastened to drop the bit and make a break, I will say up until next heat.

Yours,
S. J. B.

SALE OF FINE TROTTERS.

An auction sale of trotters, belonging to the under the control of James Irving and J. S. Summons, came off on Wednesday of last week at the private stable, No. 127 West Front Street, N. Y. Considering the small number of fine trotters, they were nearly all sold at once. The mare Bella, however, attracted much attention, and was sold for \$2000. She had a record of 2:22. The mare and purchase were made by Mr. E. J. B. of New York.