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American Turf.

RACING AT RICHMOND, VA.

RICHMOND, Nov. 22—Purse \$100, for two-year-olds; half-mile dash.

W P Barcho's ch c Mainbrace, by Lyuchburg, dam by Congareo 1

J W Weldon's b f Flora, by War Dance, dam Flora McIvor 2

A B Lewis & Co's gr g Bosworth, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Meteor 3

Time—2:59.

Same Day—Purse \$135, for all ages; to carry 100 lbs; mile dash.

A B Lewis & Co's b c Pluto, by Planet, dam by Voltigeur 1

C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner 2

J W Weldon's ch c Coupon, by Lightning, dam Increase 3

Time—2:00.

Same Day—Purse \$100; mile heats, over four hurdles.

M McCallahan's b c Bay Rum, by Baywood, dam Goneril 2

J F Wilson's br g Jack Trigg, by Lightning, dam Allie Morgan 1 dis

Time—2:09, 2:11.

Nov. 23—Dash of a mile, for three-year-olds.

W Wycho's ch c Hobkirk, by Red Dick, dam by Tar River 1

Dr Weldon's ch c Coupon, by Lightning, dam Menace 2

C W Medinger's ch f Libby L, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner 3

Time—1:53.

Same Day—Mile and a half dash, for all ages.

W Wycho's ch c Hatteras, by Red Dick, dam by Planet, 4 yrs 1

B G Elerbe's b c Waterloo, by Prussian, dam by Charley Ball, 3 yrs 2

R Bradley's ch f Starlight by Doucalon, dam unknown, 6 yrs 3

Time—2:45.

Same Day—Mile and a quarter dash, for all ages.

J F Wilson's b g Tom O'Neil, by Lightning, dam Zingara, 5 yrs 0:01

C W Medinger's ch g First Chance, by Bayswood, dam Dot, 5 yrs 0:01

A B Lewis & Co's b c Pluto, by Planet, dam by Voltigeur, 3 yrs 3

Time—2:21, 2:23.

*Dead heat. Race to be decided to-morrow on account of carrying too much weight.

Nov. 24—Three-quarters of a mile dash, for two-year-olds.

C W Medinger's ch g Tampico, by Planet, dam Miranda 1

W P Barcho's ch g Mainbrace, by Prussian, dam by Charley Ball 2

Dr Weldon's b f Flora, by War Dance, dam Flora McIvor 3

Time—1:25.

Same Day—Dash of a mile, for all ages.

A B Lewis & Co's ch f Lady Clipper, by Hunter's Lexington, dam Carrie Cosby, 3 yrs 1

Dr Weldon's ch c Coupon, by Lightning, dam Increase, 3 yrs 2

C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner, 3 yrs 3

Time—1:49.

Same Day—Dash of a mile and a half, for all ages.

M McCallahan's b c Bay Rum, by Baywood, dam Goneril 2

Same Day—A dash of a mile and a quarter, for all ages.

C W Medinger's ch f Libby S, by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner, 3 yrs 1

J F Wilson's b g Tom O'Neil, by Lightning, dam Zingara, 5 yrs 2

Time—2:18.

ENCORE.

If there is one nuisance in New York and throughout generally, more tiresome than another, that nuisance's name is Encore! Encore is a French word derived from the Latin, and signifies again. In theatrical parlance it means, do it over. It is usually supposed that the highest compliment an audience can confer on a performer is to make him repeat his song or his speech. Unquestionably, if people do not admire a song or a speech they don't usually wish to hear it once more, but it does not always follow that the clamoring, by a boisterous few for a repetition, is the expression of wishes of all the spectators. And, in New York the clamorous few are the tyrants who command, much to the annoyance of the sensible minority.

To such a pit of absurdity has this nuisance of encoring grown, that we have recently attended two concerts in which, positively, every piece was repeated. The unfortunate artists and amateurs were obliged to sing and play over every individual song and piece put down for them. The consequence was the concert announced to close at ten o'clock, terminated at twelve. Several of the vocalists were, moreover, mere amateurs, and sang exceedingly ill, but they were, nevertheless, indiscriminately and persistently encored, and naturally with the vanity peculiar to human nature all over the earth, complied much to the horror and disgust of nine-tenths of the assembly.

The slightest applause will now provoke an encore, and Miss Titis and Mr. Tother are apparently only too well pleased to show how amiable they are, by hastening to the front and repeating their performance. It is thus impossible to test the genuineness of the popular sentiment and appreciation, since good, bad, and indifferent are alike rewarded. When that great artiste, M'le. Titiens, sang in concert here they not only encored her, but actually encored the several, more than incomplete, amateurs who appeared with her. The compliment intended for the great singer was, of course, marred in the making, since the like was extended to the unmeritorious.

It is unquestionably pleasant to a singer to be encored, but the encore should be demanded at a right and fitting season. When, for instance, a great artiste has just executed an elaborate and fatiguing piece, common sense ought to teach us that it is absurd to insist upon its repetition. Indeed, the public should remember that often singers and musicians are paid so much for each piece, and it is, therefore, forcing them to work gratuitously to oblige them to repeat. An encore should never be bestowed unless for the most meritorious and exceptional performances, and never when the said performance is of unusual length and difficulty. We remember once to have heard Rubenstein encored after playing the 106th sonata by Beethoven, one of the most elaborate and fatiguing pieces imaginable. Little M'lie Paladino, the popular danseuse at Booth's, has been encored after her fatiguing exhibitions, and the encore has been so persistent that, notwithstanding her gracefully pantomimed reluctance to re-execute her figure, she has been compelled to do so by a stupid and, we may add, almost brutal public and has afterwards fainted dead away from over-exertion. Had she not complied with the demand she would have lost her reputation, and possibly have been encored for all ages.

it will be best to announce, that "at the close of the performance, it will begin over again, in obedience to frequent and persistent encores." This arrangement will enable those who are not eager to hear a double dose of bad singing to leave before the encores begin." It might also be suggested that it would not be a bad plan if the encores went out and purchased their seats over again, in full payment for a double work of the performers. Encore, thou art a nuisance!—Spirit.

Lacrosse.

LACROSSE IN BRITAIN.

Mr. Alex. A. Arthur, Hon. Secretary of the Caledonian Lacrosse Club, of Glasgow, has the following letter in The Field, of Oct. 28th: It has been suggested by some of the leading players of lacrosse in Scotland and Ireland that, to strengthen the hold the game has taken amongst us, and to further increase its popularity, an association similar to the National Lacrosse Association in Canada should be formed by the clubs of England, Scotland and Ireland; that it should be called the Lacrosse Association of Great Britain and Ireland, having its headquarters in London or Glasgow, and holding annual conventions in London, Glasgow and Dublin, alternately; and that the laws and constitution of the Canadian Association, as far as practicable should be adopted. Of course the subject has only been mooted as yet, but it is hoped that next year will see the proposal carried out successfully. In the meantime I shall be happy to receive the co-operation of the secretaries of all those clubs favoring the idea. In connection with this the associated clubs would be asked to subscribe each so much towards the purchase of a set of champion flags, which would become the property of the club winning them for three years successively. The competition for the flags would take place respectively in England, Scotland, and Ireland, each country's club competing amongst themselves; then the winning club of each country will meet, say, on the day of the annual convention, at London, Glasgow, or Dublin, as the case may be, and there play the final game; the proceeds of the meeting going to the funds of the Association.

When the matter is more matured circulars will be sent to each of the known existing clubs, inviting their co-operation: but in the meantime I shall be happy to learn the views of captains and secretaries upon the subject.

In the same issue of The Field appears the following lacrosse paragraphs: "The success attending the establishment of the Croydon Lacrosse Club has been, notwithstanding the very recent introduction of the game to the locality, so great that another club is already talked of. We understand that a match between the Croydon Lacrosse Club and the Fireflies (Clapham) Lacrosse Club is being arranged. "On Wednesday evening last there was a large number of lacrosse players, for the purpose of establishing the London Lacrosse Club, and electing officers, committee, etc. Twenty-five names were enrolled, and the following gentlemen were elected to serve:

Pedestrianism.

WOMAN vs. MAN.

The series of matches between Miss Marshall and P. Van Ness were brought to a conclusion in the presence of a fair audience at Central Park Gardens, New York, last Saturday night. The matches were best two in three, twenty miles each night, for \$500, commenced on Thursday night, and the first of the series was won by Miss Marshall, who beat her opponent by a mile and eight laps. She walked the whole twenty miles without a stoppage in 5h. 7m. On Friday night the order of things was reversed, and Miss Marshall was defeated, her opponent covering twenty miles, while his female competitor could only succeed in covering a little more than sixteen miles. The betting on the last night was \$80 to \$20 in favor of Miss Marshall. The two started out at a good pace, Van Ness finishing his first mile in 11m., lapping his opponent six or seven times. Miss Marshall's first mile was walked in 14m. 30s. Van Ness kept steadily gaining until the beginning of the tenth mile, when he retired from the track and rested for some 40 or 50m., which enabled his antagonist to make up her leeway, and when he again appeared upon the track she was some distance ahead. They both kept pretty close together, but Miss Marshall, walking very strongly, forced him to again "quit." As soon as she saw him retire she also stopped for a change of shoes, and re-appeared again in a few minutes, which was the signal of a general outburst of applause. She kept up a steady, swinging gait until she had placed over two miles to her credit, when Van Ness again appeared upon the track, and, walking at a very rapid rate, succeeded in diminishing her lead (walking his sixteenth mile in 10m. 15s.), and keeping on at a good pace until commencing his nineteenth mile; he was then one mile and three laps to the bad, but by a series of magnificent spurts he got within three-quarters of a mile of her, but was never able to catch her, and she won very easily. Her fastest mile, seventh, was walked in 13m. The twenty miles were walked in 5h 5m. Van Ness walked his last mile in 10m.

LONG-DISTANCE WALKING.

TO THE EDITOR OF BELL'S LIFE IN LONDON.—Seeing that some influential members of some turf club have expressed a desire of backing E. P. Weston against me for a six days' walk, I beg to say I am willing to accept their offer, and walk Weston from one mile to 500, for from £100 to £500 a side, the match to take place in the month of January or February next. I only stipulate that the sporting press of London have in full control of the walk, and I will wager all my share of admission money on the result. One thing I strongly object to, viz., that I will not walk at Little Bridge under present management, having no wish to be initiated in the "milking business" at present. In reply to Mr. Lewis' offer to give £250 if all champions try their powers, I beg to say that with health...

and a splendid struggle ensued until within ten yards of the finish, when Clark, who was completely exhausted, cracked up. Time—4m. 25s.

A RACK.—A lady and gentleman in Ottawa, coming home from a party at 2 o'clock, one morning last week, got arguing about the swiftness of foot of the sexes to such an extent that a spirit of rivalry was aroused, and they ran. The gentleman held his own till he came to Sapp's Bridge, when he stumbled and fell, and the lady gained the lamp post first, which was the winning goal and objective point.

A LITTLE TOO FAST.

A despatch from Ottawa says one day last week two young men walked out to Aylmer and back on a wager of \$50, and accomplished the distance—18 miles—in two hours and a half; Mr. Rattan beating Mr. John Stewart about one hundred yards. The time is altogether too fast for the distance. If Mr. Rattan can accomplish this feat he is a prodigy in the pedestrian world, and probably could beat any man living. If it had been three hours and a half it would probably have been nearer the correct thing.

Billiards.

FRANK DION BEATS JOHNNY HICKEY.

Nordheimer's Hall, Montreal, was filled on the evening of the 23rd inst., to witness a game of billiards between John Hickey and F. Dion, for \$100 a side, Dion receiving 100 points out of 500. Betting was greatly in favor of Hickey, who led for half the game. Dion, however, played with more skill and more than his friends anticipated, and finally won, amidst much excitement. The score stood at the close—Dion, 500; Hickey, 465. Highest break for Dion, 29; for Hickey, 31. Mr. McDougall acted as referee. Mr. Hickey's backers, at the close of the game, offered to match him against the winner, on the same terms, for \$200 or over.

Hickey, who is a Montrealer, and well known in his native city, has achieved renown in the States as a first-class knight of the cue. He is undoubtedly almost scientific player, and for nailing the balls as well as bringing them into position he has few superiors. Being a very young man, steady and well connected, he has only to persevere to become a rival to any player on the continent. His antagonist is the youngest of the now celebrated Brothers Dion. Whilst being far behind his brothers as a player, yet he is no more an antagonist, as his excellent play has proved. He had the advantage in the game both in points and luck, whilst Hickey's ball rolled throughout with great activity. We are inclined to think that Hickey's coming out behind is greatly to be attributed to a run of bad luck.

A MATCH AT HAMILTON.