



American Turf.

RACING AND TROTTING AT MOBILE, ALA.

Grounds, Mobile, Ala., March 7.—Purse for all ages; \$30, \$10; half-mile dash. Cannon Steptoe, 5 yrs, by Fanny Bugg, dam Lucy Fowler, 1. Blarney's brg Dalgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney's dam Lucy Fowler, 2. Risk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Barry, 3. Time—0:58.

Day—Purse \$50, for all ages; \$40, \$10; one mile. Cannon Steptoe, 5 yrs, by Fanny Bugg, dam Lucy Fowler, 1. Blarney's brg Dalgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney's dam Lucy Fowler, 2. Risk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Barry, 3. Time—1:55.

Day—Purse \$50, for 2:50 class; \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5 in 5, in harness. Fred Taylor, 1 1 1. Mamie, 2 2 dis. Springfield, dis. Time—3:11, 3:14, 3:05.

Grounds, Mobile, Ala., March 8.—Purse \$100, handicap, one and a half miles, over one mile. Cannon Steptoe, 5 yrs, by Fanny Bugg, dam Lucy Fowler, 1. Blarney's brg Dalgasian, 5 yrs, by Blarney's dam Lucy Fowler, 2. Risk, 6 yrs, by Revolver, dam Egypt, aged, by Planet, dam Barry, 3. No Time.

Day—Purse \$—, for all pacers, half-mile in 5, in harness. Frosty, 2 2 2. Billy Grimes, 3 3 8. Time—1:23, 1:23, 1:32.

CAN COTSWOLD ASSOCIATION.

Following is a list of the officers of the Cotswold Association, as reorganized: President—T. L. Miller, Beecher, Ill. Vice-Presidents—John O. Snell, Edmonton, Minn.; P. M. Mottocks, Portland, Mo.; Robert J. C. Lee, Lexington, Ky. Treasurer—Charles P. Willard, Ill. Directors—Samuel E. Prather, Sherburne, Minn.; Charles A. Dugraff, Janesville, Minn.; J. W. Mills, Springfield, Ill.; T. L. Miller, Ill.; Charles P. Willard, Chicago, Ill.

the city will meet to form a Base Ball Union, under which the championship will be played for.

The Kingston Base Ball Club will enter for the amateur championship for 1878. Hunter, once catcher of the Tecumseh Base Ball Club, is in Guelph, working at his trade, and will join the Maple Leafs.

LONDON.—At a meeting of the Atlantic Base Ball Club, the President (Mr. H. Smyth) was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the Ontario association, which meets in Toronto on the 2nd prox. W. Reid 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; Do-scher, third base; Dinnen, 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. Audott; Lieutenant, Commander, William Ray; Ensign, 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 Robinson. (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.

stroke which he thinks will enable him to stay longer than he could last year. If he can learn to keep up his extraordinary speed to the end of the race, Hanlan will find him a tough customer.

CHARLEY COURTNEY WANTS TO ROW.—The Auburn Advertiser is authorized to announce that C. E. Courtney, of Union Springs, will row a single-oar race against any man in the world on Owaseo Lake, for \$5,000, \$10,000, or more, and allow liberal expenses. Any man who can beat Courtney, can win a fortune on one race, and save himself the trouble of training and rowing year after year.

IS THIS PLUCK OR CHEER?—A certain 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 Club have beaten the Sho-wae-cae-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, however, with Beauclerc that I have chiefly 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 hind heel white, and the moment or looks him over, it becomes apparent how happily the coarseness of the Blacklock tribe has been toned down by an alliance with Rosicrusan, 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 fore arms which is so characteristic of Rosicrusian'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

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LONDON GAME PROTECTIVE SOCIETY.

The second annual meeting of the London District Fish, Game and Insectivorous Birds Protective Society was held in the Revere House on the 18th, a large number being in attendance. The President, Dr. Niven, occupied the chair.

Mr. B. C. Marshall, Secretary, read the annual report, of which the following is a synopsis:—

The organization had operated most successfully 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 maskinonge have 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 lark 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 spoilt, 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 16th 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 GLASSES.

A correspondent sends us a question which concerns such a large class of our citizens, that we judge it best to insert the answer in these columns, where it will be sure to meet the eye of lovers of rifle shooting. He writes as follows:—

"Will not Prof. Gildersleeve or some other competent expert, tell an old chap, who has had to do night office-work with glasses on his nose till the back sight of a rifle has a disgusting look to him, what he is to do? Must he quit shooting? The writer has knocked off many squirrels' heads, also birds, etc., off hand, but, alas! unless there is some help in the way of glasses for the purpose, he must give up rifle-shooting. I have a muzzle-loader, made to order, with a long barrel, and the back sight 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 from reading and writing till artificial aid has to be called in. 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 Geiger, one of the best long-range shots at Croodmoor, won his way to the top rank shooting with glasses, so 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. 8, 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.