

makes his home in Montebello Garden, and is a most beautiful bird, with red breast, back and wings, otherwise entirely white. I do not remember hearing of an Albino so peculiarly marked as this. The other is a pure white, and has for some years back frequented the premises of Thos. Merritt, Esq. If I mistake not Albinos of this species are very rare.

A little shoot took place on the old race track the other day, but from the fact that it was a "private affair," I do not feel inclined to give names nor full particulars. There were four contestants, shooting at 7 birds each, 21 yards rise. One party killed 7, and the other 9, out of 14.

A few snipe have been bagged lately in the vicinity of Beamsville. The weather continues chilly and disagreeable.

In the way of amusements the Masonic Fraternity are to have a literary and musical entertainment at the Academy of Music on the 17th inst., with Mrs. J. Billor Manger, in the lead; and later—the last of the season—a grand Masquerade by the Caledonians. But *quantum suff* for the present.

Yours, D.

FROM PRESCOTT.

To the Editor of the Sporting Times:

SIR,—But little of interest in this town worth mentioning; we have had three or four days of almost constant rain which has left the roads in a wretched state—notwithstanding, the horsemen are putting their running and trotting stock in the best possible shape for the summer campaign.

"Ella Wotten," is looking finely, and is said to be in the best of fix. She is being trained by Mr. Flynn, who is quite celebrated as a trainer, and she will take part at your meeting on Woodbine Park, the present month.

Mr. Brown, superintendent of the Rydyk Stock Farm, is putting Mr. Wiser's young ones in shape preparatory of the great sale, which is to come on the 9th May next, and promises to be a grand success.

We are informed that parties from a distance have already applied for rooms at Daniels' Hotel for that occasion. The catalogue has been out for some little time, and it comprises some of the best trotting blood that can be found on the American continent, numbering in all about sixty.

J. P. Wiser shipped one hundred head of fat cattle this morning by G.T.R., for Montreal and Liverpool, purchased by Messrs. Price Brothers, of Montreal.

This is a remarkable early season in this part of Canada; the farmers are making rapid progress in the spring work; ploughing has been going on for some little time, planting and sowing will be commenced next week.

A thousand pardons for trespassing on your valuable space.

Yours, very respectfully,
Augusta.

FROM OWEN SOUND.

OWEN SOUND, April 15.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

I see accounts of "flyers" from all over the Dominion in your valuable paper, but, up to this time, nothing from this vicinity has reached your columns. Owen Sound has some very good ones. Mr. John Warillow is the owner of the brown trotting stallion Tom Scott, by Toronto Chief. He is in fine condition, has no record, and is moving like a steam engine. Mr. W. in-

Str.—The magnificent weather of the past few days has set every horseman hereabouts thinking of early gallops afield over dew besprinkled grass in the fresh morning air that already carries upon its every breath the perfumes of early wild flowers. They think, too, of the stretches of sand and the oval of green sward lying within them, around which Bill Bruce galloped in 1:44, when the judges were afraid to give him a record. The old track looks very much as it did the first time I saw it, nearly ten years ago, when Bay Jack won the Queen's Plate, and when King Tom beat Sir Archibald and Tom Wolfolk. The stands look just as much like tumbling down now as they did then, and still they don't seem to fall. Perhaps it is because a certain individual, who shall be nameless, takes care of his own? quite possibly, the reporters' stand, especially, looks as though it belonged to him.

The veteran Dick Leary is quartered near the track, and is giving two of Mr. Peters' horses, King George and Prince Edward, moderately strong work. The latter of these, the "blue nose," is pretty well known to most of your readers, though he did not figure on the turf last year. Suffice it to say that the big chestnut (a good deal bigger than he was when Paul Woods had him), though perhaps a trifle high in flesh, is looking and going like a race-horse. Legs strong and firm, air passages and valves all wide open, eyes big and bright, hide loose and glossy, stride long and strong—what more would you have?

King George is a big stout four-year old colt, very much the cut of his great sire, King Tom. His dam was the dam of Nora B. He is a rich brown, with very little if any white about him. This is a very rugged, vigorous looking colt, and he ought to be a dangerous competitor in the struggle for the Queen's Plate this season. Abe Robinson is giving light work to another four-year old for Mr. Peters. This is a brown filly by King Tom, out of Lizzy Bug by Epsilon.

That marvel of horse flesh, Judge Curtis, is looking as well as ever this season, which is saying a good deal for him. It is not impossible that he may be offered at Grand's sale which takes place here next week.

Van Dorn is looking bigger and better than ever before, just now, and his leg has become so clean and strong that it is thought he might begin another turf career with perfect safety. It is quite possible that he may be offered at the forthcoming sale which, by the way, promises to a very pronounced success.

Nicolet, the Minnesota wonder, is now as good a horse as ever he was, if not, indeed, a little better. His fine size, very rich breeding, and elegant form ought to make him a valuable horse in the stud even should he prove unsuccessful on the turf. He will probably be offered at Grand's sale, and so will that game old race horse and sire Harper.—W. H. W.

Captain Barnaby was asked by his Turcoman guide which an Englishman loves best, his horse or his wife; but the Captain answered diplomatically: "That depends on the woman."

The gentlemen making up the Ottawa programme appear to have forgot that there were such Dominion-breds as Lady D'Arcy, Prince Edward, Pilot and John Logan.

The neighborhood of Port Hope is to be congratulated in the possession of such a fine horse as Oysterman, jr. He is the kind of a stallion to cross on our native mares to produce the class of horses so much in demand. Oysterman, jr.'s performances are too well-known and too lengthy to be reproduced here. Already two of his sons Dandelion (Dandy) and Doubtful have shown their cross country qualifications, so that breeders may know they are not experimenting with a horse of unknown merits. Dandy has beaten such horses as Deadhead, Problem, Dailgasian, Fredericktown and Capt. Hammer. He won a mile heat race over hurdles at Washington, D. C., last fall, handicapped, in 1:55, 1:54, 1:57, beating Deadhead, who was the favorite, easily.

ALMONT MARION.

Owing to the advertisement of this fine colt coming to hand just as we were going to press we are unable this week to give him the attention he deserves in this column, but refer our readers to the advertisement for particulars.

KRICK'S GUIDE.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. G. Crickmore, of the New York World, compiler of the work, we are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of his Guide to the Turf for 1877, for use in 1878. It comprises the races run in the United States, with a full index; owners and their racing colors; prominent race courses, and how to reach them; weights carried; list of pool-sellers and book-makers; dates of important events; rules of the various jockey clubs, &c., &c. It is a valuable work to the turfman, and to our Canadian horsemen would have been more so if events which occurred in the Dominion had been included in the work, an omission the compiler promises to supply in his next annual. It is clearly printed on good paper and bound in flexible boards, making it suitable for the pocket. The price is only \$1, and it may be obtained by addressing Mr. Crickmore, World office, 85 Park Row, New York.

Tur, Gun and Feather.

AN "OLD 'UN" TO THE FRONT.

St. Catharines, April 15, 1878.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR,—Seeing in your issue of the 12th that an old gentleman named Smith, aged 66, is willing to shoot a match with any person of his age in Canada, I am prepared to match an old man, aged 69, against him for \$100 a side, and will give Mr. Smith \$10 to shoot here; the match to be a trap and handle, and to shoot at 21 or 25 birds. We are prepared to shoot within a week from making the match. If Mr. Smith will put up a forfeit I will immediately cover it.

GEORGE RODGERS.

CAPTAIN BOGARDUS.—Captain Bogardus has gone to the West, his home, prior to his visit to England and France some time this summer. Eugene goes with his father abroad. Bogardus will give three exhibitions in Liverpool, London and Paris, breaking 1,000 in eighty minutes. Among Captain Bogardus' engagements is one to shoot at the State Fair of the Agricultural Society of Minnesota, to be held at St. Paul's in September next.

HORSE SALES.

(Toronto April 9 to 11
Grand's (Hamilton " 16 to 18
London " 23 to 25
J. P. Wiser, Prescott May 9

Liverpool meetings, they were not last appearances until yesterday.

Amusements.

CITY.

Mr. Barry Conlan, an Hibernian metec, commenced an engagement of one week at the Royal Opera House, on Monday evening, in the new Irish drama of Graunale which held the boards up to Wednesday. On Thursday a drama by Mr. Henderson, entitled Faugh-a-Ballagh was the bill. To-day, Friday, there will be matinee and evening performances; Kate Kearney this afternoon, and All That Glitters is not Gold and a new piece, written by Mr. Joe. H. Banks, for Miss Sallie Holman, entitled Bubbles, said to be full of fun, frolic and music, for the evening. To-morrow, Faugh-a-Ballagh, afternoon and evening, and last appearance of Mr. Conlan. Business has been good all week. On Wednesday of next week, Miss Genevieve Rogers, supported by Mr. Frank E. Aiken's company, commences a short engagement in the drama of Maud Muller from Whittier's poem. Miss Rogers and the company are highly spoken of by our American exchanges.

On Wednesday evening Miss Charlotte Thompson, supported by the Wallack Combination, opened in the Grand Opera House in the play of Jane Eyre, Miss Thompson appearing in the *title role*. The same bill was repeated on Thursday. This Friday evening there will be no performance on account of it being Good Friday. To-morrow, Saturday evening, the great play of Miss Mulron, in which Miss Thompson has achieved much success as the heroine. The usual matinee to-morrow afternoon.

At Albert Hall on Wednesday evening Lloyd & Hooper's Dramatic Company, played the Denouncer and the farce of the Virginia Mummy.

The Lyceum (Queen's) is being thoroughly renovated by Messrs. Redmond & Bailey, previous to their opening on May 6. A strong company has been engaged.

GENERAL.

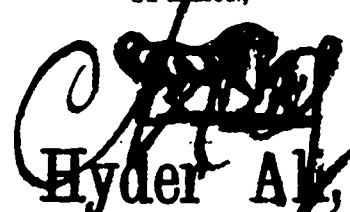
HAMILTON.—Grand Athletic exhibition by local amateurs, Mechanics' Hall, 19.

PETERBORO.—Sophie Miles and Star Dramatic Co., Opera House, 15th, for a short season.

GUELPH.—Minnie Doyle and Company, Town Hall, 20.

THE GREAT LONDON SHOW.—This great show will visit Canada during the coming season. The attractions consist of Made-moiselle Eliza Dockrill, with her stud of Turco-Servian horses, a large menagerie, a Laplander driving reindeers, a young lady being shot out of a cannon, an English mail coach, and a large troupe of some of the best bareback riders, leapers, tumblers, male and female acrobats in the world. The date of its arrival will be announced in due course.

THE THOROUGHbred RACE HORSE AND STALLION.



By imported Leamington, dam I. Duke by Lexington, will make the season of 1878 at the Graham Hotel, Brampton, Ont. Every care will be taken of mares from a distance, but all accidents and escapes will be at their owner's risk. Good pasturage. Further particulars in future advertisement.

M. DWYER,

347-um. Proprietor.

Will make the season of 1878 at the Graham Hotel, 4 miles west of Port Hope, and also at Cobourg and Victoria.

OYSTERMAR, Jr., is a bright bay, 16 hands, by Oysterman, dam by mare Paul Brown (See Bruce's American Stud Book, Vol. II, p. 159). Oysterman by Rev. Mr. Adam's Cattle by Boston. (See Bruce's American Stud Book, Vol. II, p. 92.)

OYSTERMAR, Jr., was the greatest cross-country horse ever in America, and during his career was one of the most successful horses of the flat. He is the sire of the noted steep-chase horses Dandy and Doubtful, the latter having won six races in 1877.

TERMS.—Common mares, \$16. horse, night, \$20 to insure, \$10 single service. Pasturage at reasonable rates.

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THE TROTting STALLION



Almont Marion,

Will make the season of 1878, at Thos. Hodgkin's Veterinary Stable, corner of Dufferin and Sherbourne streets, Toronto.

ALMONT MARION was bred by Gen. W. T. Withers, Lexington, Ky., foaled May 18, 1876, 15:3, bay, black points; by Almont, dam by Marion, a son of Mambrino Chief, 2nd dam by Capt. Gray, 3rd dam by Monplus, 4th dam by Sir Araby, 5th dam by Nimrod, Almont, the great sire of trotters, by Alexander Abdallah, dam by Mambrino Chief. Marion was bred by Gen. Todhunter, showed remarkable speed, and was sold to Sample Bros., Keokuk, Ia.; he is now known as Sample's Mambrino, with a record of 2:35, and is sire of the fast year-old colt Mambrino, 2:38.

TERMS.—\$40 to insure.

R. CHEYNE, Proprietor.

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Gold Dust Stallion.



GOLD DROP

Will serve a limited number of mares during the season of 1878, at the proprietor's farm, half mile west of Government farm, Mimico. Terms to insure, \$90.

PEDIGREE.—Chestnut horse, 16 hands, foaled 1874, got by Forest Gold Dust, dam Emma, by son of John Aiken, out of well-bred mare; John Aiken, by imported Yorkshire, out of Minstrel by Medoc, by American Eclipse, out of Miller's Damsel, by imported Messenger; g. dam a thoroughbred mare. Forest Gold Dust got by Dorsey's Gold Dust, dam by Alexander's Edwin Forest; g. dam by Wagner; g. g. dam Nancy, by Medoc. Alexander Edwin Forest, by Bay Kentucky Hunter, dam by Watkins Young Highlander; g. dam Durco; g. g. dam by imported Messenger. For further particulars, address W. D. LAFFERTY, Mimico.

Mimico, April, 1878.

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FOR SALE.

For Sale a very handsome dark bay Horse, full 15 hands, extra good and high life, 8 years old, sound, well broken and one of the best saddle horses in the service; also a mare of the same age, 15:4, sound, a good driver, and sound. Can be tried on a day's notice. Apply to

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