

... of the times, and thereby renewing that former pleasant intercourse with its readers which has been temporarily interrupted by my professional avocations during the summer, it may not be out of place to take a retrospective review of the important topics I have already discussed in connection with the subject of these articles, since their commencement, twelve months ago. The selection of the broodmare was made the subject of the first article, in which her most essential and important qualifications were pointed out as comprising purity of blood, roomy conformation of frame, good temper, and a sound, healthy constitution, entirely free from hereditary predisposition to disease. Her treatment after having been bred to the stallion was then discussed; the selection of the stallion and his judicious management at the stud; the rearing and raising of the foal previous to and after weaning; his handling as a colt; and training preparation for his two and three-year-old engagements. Progressing with our subject the relation of speed to form; the comparative merits of stallions, and reminiscences of distinguished turfmen of the olden time, were successively discussed. In subsequent articles I shall again take up the latter subject, at the earnest solicitation of numerous correspondents, some expressing their pleasure in thus having brought up before their "mind's eye" the names and doings of men under the turf, whose sports, when living, they loved so well, and with whom they were acquainted in days past; while others write me acknowledging the enjoyment they have received in being thus made acquainted with men whose names at this distant date, are yet by tradition "familiar as household words" to the turfmen of the present time. In thus obliging both classes of my correspondents, I am conscious of gratifying a personal feeling, for as all will acknowledge, there is a peculiar pleasure in thus reviving those recollections of the past, associated as they are with the exciting sports of the turf, and the companionship of gentlemen of education and culture.

In renewing my connections with the readers of the Spirit at the close of the season's turf campaign, I trust I may be pardoned if I make a few comments on the most prominent features of the year's racing. We have witnessed Fellowcraft's great four-mile record of 7:19½ expunged from the scroll of fastest time, and the 7:15½ of Ten Broeck inscribed in its place; a reduction of three seconds and three quarters in the record at that distance. The vast merit of this achievement of the great son of Phaeton and Fanny Holton will be more clearly appreciated when we remember that, for a period of nineteen years, Lexington's four-mile memorable record of 7:19½ remained unequalled and unapproached, and even then was only reduced one quarter of a second by one of his own grandsons. Two years elapsed, and now we have seen Fellowcraft's record give way to Ten Broeck's, and we fully expect the latter to beat even his own surpassing performance. To detract from its merit by caviling Ten Broeck, although of the same age as Fellowcraft, carried four pounds less weight, is, I think, puerile and foolish. He carried the regular weight for age under the rules of the course on which the race was run; yet from his grand power and muscular development, rendering him a magnificent weight carrier, I feel perfectly assured that the additional four pounds to equalize his weight with that of Fellowcraft's, could have been carried without reducing his rate of going in the least, so great was the reserve of speed he had left, at the finish of the four miles. Ten Broeck's three-mile race at the same meeting, where his unequalled four-mile record was made, when, in his race against Add at that distance, he reduced the record from 5:27½ (Norfolk's),

successful sire, died at the commencement of the year in Kentucky, where he had been standing at the stud for some time previous. He was a horse of remarkably fine symmetry of form, and his action was beautiful. He beat some of the very best horses of his day, and the best of his produce were Cottrill, Sally Watson, and Billy Williamson the first named, a horse of extraordinary racing powers, which never had a fair chance of development and exhibition. The famous broodmare, Kitty Clark, by imported Gloucester, dam Miss Obstinate, by Sumpter, died in June last, at Woodburn Stud Farm, Ky., at the age of twenty-three years. She was placed at the stud when three years old, and with the exception of 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1871, was bred regularly, having altogether produced sixteen foals, most of which are living; she was the dam of Maiden, a wonderfully good racing nag, and the dam of James H. and Parole, both by imported Leamington. The fine race mare Nettie Norton, by Leamington, dam Loug Nine, by Lightning, died in May last, very suddenly. She had greatly distinguished herself by winning the four-mile heats Bowie Stake, at Baltimore, the previous fall; a race in which she distanced both her opponents, Shylock and Aaron Pennington, in the first heat in 7:37½. She was owned by Mr. John Coffey, of Sufferns, N. J., and in her unexpected death he sustained a severe loss, as her racing abilities were just beginning to be fully and fairly developed. In the death of Volga, one of the last of Glencoe's daughters, Mr. A. J. Alexander, of Woodburn Stud Farm, Ky., was deprived of one of his choicest bred broodmares. She was an own sister to that great racehorse and sire, Vandal, and was only twenty years old at the time of her death, which was the result of an accident in her pasture, by which her back was fatally injured. She was the dam of Barny Williams, Eminence, Evadne, Invoice and Tecalco. Another of the great Glencoe's get, and nearly the last of his sons, Wild Irishman, died about the same time as Volga, at Waldberg Stud, Rockland County, N. Y., aged twenty-six years. His death was the result of general debility, induced by old age. He was by Glencoe, out of Mary Morris, by Medoc, and was own brother to Franfort. He first distinguished himself as a racehorse by running second to Lexington (then called Darley), for the Association Stakes, or three-year-olds, at Lexington, Ky., May 28, 1858, for which twelve horses came to the post, comprising the most promising colts in Kentucky. A false start was made prior to the first heat, and Darley, Garret Davis (the favorite), and Madonna ran about two miles and three-quarters before they could be pulled up. This pumped out Garret Davis completely, and, with the consent of the judges, he was withdrawn. The track was fearfully heavy, and rain fell during the running of the race. Darley made the running from the start in the first heat, was never headed, and distanced all the field except Wild Irishman, Madonna, and a chestnut filly by Glencoe, dam Cub. In the second heat Madonna was distanced, and Wild Irishman again second. Of the twelve horses that started against Lexington twenty-three years ago, in that memorable race, Wild Irishman was the only survivor at the time of his death in October last. He was a successful performer at three and four years old at all distances. Trained and ran him during a portion of his career, and can, from experience, pronounce him an excellent racehorse. He never had any opportunity at the stud as the sire of thoroughbreds, his owner keeping him almost exclusively for trotting mares. With the solitary exception of France, out of a Wagner mare, now standing at Mr. E. L. Stratton's, Livingston County, Ill., Wild Irishman was the last of Glencoe's sons, on the brilliant list of which are inscribed the

of London, on behalf of the Jockey Club, for warrants against well-known racing men for conspiracy to defraud, by running a horse at the last Wolverhampton Meeting in an assumed name, and thereby obtaining a large sum of money. The warrants were granted, and a detective has been appointed to apprehend the parties concerned. The professional book-makers in London refuse to do any business on the coming Derby, as they have such an unpleasant remembrance of the investments of backers last year at this time, when nothing else but Kisber, Petrarch, and Skylark were backed. Such a state of the betting market is entirely unprecedented. Mr. James Smith has sold Rosebery, the Cesarawitch and Cambridgeshire winner, to Mr. Masque, for a large sum. The son of Speculum and Ludlike will continue to be trained by George Clement, at Labourne. Lord Falmouth has presented Col. Forester with the Repentance colt, who was third for Galopin's Derby. Several English jockeys, among them Chalouner, Shephard, Mills, and Carver, were recently tried before the Paris Tribunal of Correctional Police, for wounding by negligence in the accident which occurred during the race for the Prix de la Ville de Paris at the Paris races on the last Grand Prix day. M. Delamarre, Baron Schieckler, Count de Lagrange, and M. Moreau-Chaslon, proprietors of the horses ridden by the defendants, were also comprised in the prosecution, as being civilly responsible. It may be remembered that in the running for the handicap a number of persons were knocked down and trampled on, three of them having limbs broken. According to the statement of the police, who appeared at the public prosecutors, some of the jockeys took the wrong road, and, on discovering their error, rode through the spectators who crowded the intervening space, to reach the right track. This the defendants all denied, declaring that the accident was due to the crowd, which was very great on the spot, breaking through the cords and invading the course, which was never properly cleared by the police. A number of witnesses confirmed that account including the stewards of the meeting, and the tribunal, in consequence, dismissed the charge without costs. The steeplechase season has now fairly commenced. At Croydon the Grand National Handicap Hurdle Race was won by Lord Dupplin's Woodcock, beating Antidote (second) and twelve others. The Great Metropolitan Steeplechase was won by Capt. Bate's Pride of Kildare, beating Wild Monarch (second), Lancet (third), and six others. Some members of the Australian betting ring offered Mr. Chirside, the owner of Newminster, by The Marquis (the winter favorite for the Antipodean Derby), no less a sum than \$100,000 for that horse, which was, however, refused. The circumstance has caused a profound sensation in Melbourne.

#### CLOSE SEASON.

The following extract from a bill just issued by the Fish, Game and Insectivorous Birds' Society will be found of interest: Deer shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st December and 1st September. Wild turkeys, grouse, pheasants and partridges shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st January and 1st September. Quail shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st January and 1st October. Woodcock shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st January and 1st July. Snipe shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st May and 15th August. Water fowl, known as mallard, grey duck, black duck, wood or summer duck, shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st January and 15th August. Hares and rabbits shall not be hunted, taken or killed between 1st March and 1st September.

Lewis Jones br in Maria Barnes, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose. 1  
W P Barch's ch e Mainbrace, by Prussian, dam by Charley Ball. 9  
Time—1:50½.

### Athletic.

#### GREAT WRESTLING MATCH FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

Notwithstanding the supposed invincibility of Col. McLaughlin, of Detroit, it appears that he has recently suffered defeat at the hands of Joseph Owens, of Vermont. The match (which was in the collar-and-elbow style) came off at Boston, in the Music Hall of that city, on the 27th December, and was witnessed by over 4,000 people. The prize was a \$1,000 purse and the championship of the world. Strange to say, Owens threw McLaughlin twice, and was declared the winner. The match lasted five and a half hours. It needs scarcely be added that the result has astonished everyone, as Owens is comparatively an unknown and untrained man, and was regarded in the athletic world as an undisciplined, raw Vermont - wry and strong, but no match for such a superbly built, well-trained and immensely strong man as McLaughlin. Owens is five feet nine inches in height, and weighs 155 lbs. McLaughlin is 60 lbs heavier, and is described as the beau ideal of manly strength and comeliness. In his career as a wrestler he has met all the best men from New York to San Francisco, and he accepted this challenge with a record of thirty-four matches having only one against him. He is a person of exemplary habits, never using stimulants and always enjoying robust health. He claimed to be champion of the world. His contests with the best American wrestlers in Detroit in the spring of 1870, in which he was successful against all players, won for him the American belt and the American championship, and a short time after he claimed the championship of England, having placed a deposit with Bell's Life which, he avers, has never been covered. We might add, as a solution to this acknowledged cartel on the part of McLaughlin, that the wrestling there—at least among the Devon and Cornwall men—is entirely different from McLaughlin's style, and, furthermore, is not practiced by men of McLaughlin's herculean mould—the average English wrestler's weight not exceeding 160 lbs., whilst some of the best players in the ring have not even reached that maximum.

### Football.

#### CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

On the evening of the 29th ult., the members of the Carlton Football Club held their first annual supper at the Lakewood House, Toronto. After an excellent supper, prepared by Mr. Ayer, the host, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the Chairman, Mr. Robert Liddell, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Lowrey. The Chairman next gave the "Carlton Football Club," Mr. Goldie "Kindred Clubs," which was responded to by Mr. Aiken, of the University, Messrs Ross and Pomeroy, of the Toronto School of Medicine, and Mr. W. Ross, of the Toronto Lacrosse Club. "Visitors" was given by the Vice-Chairman, and was responded to by Messrs. Mowat and Mumford. The "Press" was given by the Chairman and responded to by the members of the Press present. The "Host" was given by Mr. Goldie and responded to by Mr. Ayer. The "Carlton Cricket Club" was given by Mr. DeGrassi and responded to by Mr. Strong. The "Ladies" was given by Mr. Mowat and responded to by Messrs. Denny and C. Coon. Other toasts followed, and during the evening songs were given by Messrs. Mumford, Boyd, Ayer, Peiman, Goldie, Brown, Lowery, Strong and Denny. The supper was in all respects a decided success.

at 49 3/4, and by ... in 18 1/2. The latter complained of leg weakness, and after toiling on to 240 miles, he gave up, when some hours behind. O'Leary went on to 230 miles, and was then told he need not finish. O'Leary's next walk venture is against Howe, of the city, on Dec. 26, for 300 miles, but there seems to be very little doubt about the affair. Among the general public, in fact, they scarcely realize where at Cambridge Heath the performance can be held. From Western some comical letters, in the true vituperative style of its queque correspondence have appeared about walking O'Leary, fabulous sums of money have been suggested, but nothing as yet has been settled. O'Leary's last letter offers to walk Weston for £500 a side, a fair and square race at Lillio Bridge, at Easter, when University men will have an opportunity of gauging the rival merits of the Americans on a well-known ground and recognized path.

#### MICHIGAN TROTTERS.

George Voorhes, proprietor of the Ham track Driving Park, Detroit, handles the following horses through the winter: Cosette, Voorhes, Harry Much-ut, Ned, Allen, Belle, Fleet, Gray Billy, Sam, Brown Tommy, Mary H., and Bashaw, Jr.; Tom, Hendricka, the pacer, is also in his care. Mrs. Irino Gift and one of his colts, that is thought well of, and Mambrino Kate, are at Flint. Jim Fisk is at Pontiac; Mollie Morris is stopping at Romeo; Fred Hooper is cared for at Almont; Lady Turpin is stall at Grand Rapids; Lady Vesta stays at Kalamazoo; and Lizzie Davis at Jackson. Brown Dick is cared for by his owner, W. E. Stearns, of Detroit; and Butcher Boy is at his home in Windsor.

### Horse Notes.

DEATH OF AN OLD BROODMARE—Mr. Chas Powers, of Bronson, Mich., lost by death recently a valuable brood mare 34 years old. She produced her last foal at 24 years.

SALE OF MADON AND VIRGINIA—Mr. H. O. Bernard, of New York, has purchased from Col. McDaniel his interest in the two above named well-known racehorses. Price not made known.

PURCHASE OF DICK SWIVELLER.—On the 20th ult. Mr. John F. Merrow, of Boston, bought from Mr. Hollingsworth, of the same place, the splendid young trotter, Dick Swiveller, by Walkill Chief. He is six years old, and trotted in 2:25 in his first race. The price was about \$6,000.

### To Correspondents.

We would particularly request our correspondents and advertisers to send their favors as early in the week as possible—so that they will reach us by Wednesday morning. We are unable to use many items sent us in consequence of not receiving them in time for the issue intended.

(No notice taken of anonymous communications or queries. No answer by mail or telegraph.)

STAKEHOLDER, Toronto—There were three candidates for the Mayoralty, and the gentleman who bet Morrison would not be elected loser.

D. G., St. Catharines—No charge for claiming names.

We have letters for Messrs. Sage Richardson, Joe Banks and Tom Daley.