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RUNNING TIME TABLE.

FASTEST AND BEST TIME AND MOST CREDITABLE PERFORMANCES ON RECORD AT ALL DISTANCES, TO END OF YEAR 1876.

[From the Turf, Field and Farm.]

Half mile, Olltipa, 2 yrs, by imp Leamington, 97 lbs; Saratoga, July 25, '74... 0:47
Half-mile, Idalia, 2 yrs, by imp Glenelg, 107 lbs; Jerome Park, June 8, 1876... 0:49
Half-mile, Leona, 2 yrs, by War Dance, 89 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 12, 1874... 0:49
Half-mile, Idalia, 2 yrs, 107 lbs; Long Branch, July 4, 1876... 0:49
Five-eighths of a mile, Palmetto, 2 yrs, by Narragansett, 107 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 10, 1876... 1:03
Five-eighths of a mile, Rhadamanthus, 4 yrs, by Leamington, 118 lbs; Saratoga, July 25, 1876... 1:03
Five-eighths of a mile, Aristides, 2 yrs, by Leamington, 100 lbs; Jerome Park, Oct. 7, 1874... 1:04
Three-quarters of a mile, First Chance, 5 yrs, by Baywood, 110 lbs; Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 17, 1876... 1:15
Three-quarters of a mile, Bill Bruce, 4 yrs, by Enquirer, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 12, 1876... 1:15
Three-quarters of a mile, Madge, 3 yrs, by imp Australian, 87 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 21, 1874... 1:15
Three-quarters of a mile, Alarm, 3 yrs, by imp Eclipse, 90 lbs; Saratoga, July 15, 1874... 1:16
Three-quarters of a mile, Belle of the Meade, 2 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 77 lbs; Nashville, Tenn, Oct. 9, 1876... 1:16
Three-quarters of a mile, Tom Bowling, 2 yrs, 100 lbs, by Lexington; Long Branch, 1872... 1:16
Three-quarters of a mile, McWhirter, 2 yrs, by Enquirer, 90 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept. 22, 1876... 1:17
Three-quarters of a mile, Countess, 3 yrs, by Kentucky, 97 lbs; Saratoga, 1873... 1:17
Three-quarters of a mile, Beatrice, 2 yrs, by Kentucky, 97 lbs; Long Branch, ... 1:17
One mile, G. G. Plauet, 6 yrs, by Plauet, 110 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 18, 1874... 1:42
One mile, Alarm, 3 yrs, by imp Eclipse, 90 lbs; Saratoga, July 17, 1872... 1:42
One mile, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 103 lbs; Utica, N. Y., June 25, 1874; best second heat over run... 1:42
One mile, Belle of the Meade, 3 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 87 lbs; Louisville, Sept. 25, 1876... 1:44
One mile, Belle of the Meade, 2 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 97 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27, 1876... 1:44
One mile, Austral, 3 yrs, by Asteroid, 86 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 12, 1873... 1:44
One mile, Searcher (Leander), 3 yrs, by Enquirer, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 13, 1875... 1:44
One mile, Parole, 3 yrs, by imp Leamington, 97 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 10, 1875... 1:44
One mile, Aristides, 2 yrs, by imp Leamington, 100 lbs; Baltimore, Oct. 22, 1874; best for a two-year-old... 1:44

One and one-eighth miles, Fanny Ludlow, 4 yrs, by imp Eclipse, 105 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 10, 1869... 1:56
One and one-eighth miles, Experience Oaks, by Lexington, 3 yrs, 107 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 20, 1872... 1:57
One and one-eighth miles, Phyllis, 4 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 151 lbs; Louisville, Sept. 25, 1876... 2:01
One and a quarter miles, Grinstead, 4 yrs by Gilroy, 108 lbs; Saratoga, July 24, 1875... 2:08
One and a quarter miles, Frogtown, 4 yrs by Bonnie Scotland, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 10, 1872... 2:09
One and a quarter miles, Mate, 5 yrs, by Australian, 116 lbs; Jerome Park, Oct. 3, 1874... 2:11
One and a quarter miles, Preakness, 7 yrs by Lexington, 123 lbs; Jerome Park, June 13, 1874... 2:12
One and one-half miles, Tom Bowling, 4 yrs, by Lexington, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 12, 1874... 2:24
One and one-half miles, Aristides, 3 yrs, by Leamington, 100 lbs; Louisville, Ky., May 17, 1875... 2:37
One and one-half miles, imp Glenelg, 4 yrs, by Citadel, 100 lbs; Long Branch, Aug. 2, 1870... 2:37
One and one-half miles, Shylock, 5 yrs, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Jerome Park, Oct. 31, 1874... 2:38
One and one-half miles, imp Saxon, 8 yrs, by Beadman, 110 lbs; Belmont stakes Jerome Park, June 13, 1874... 2:39
One mile and five-eighths, Ten Broeck, 3 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 9, 1875... 2:49
One mile and five-eighths, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 114 lbs; Jerome Park, June 20, 1874... 2:53
One mile and five-eighths, Harry Bassett, 3 yrs, by Lexington, 110 lbs; Belmont stakes, Jerome Park, June 10, 1871... 2:56
One mile and five-eighths, Katie Pease, 3 yrs, by Planet, 107 lbs; Ladies' stakes, Jerome Park, June 11, 1873... 2:58
One and three-quarter miles, Reform, 3 yrs, by imp Leamington, 83 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 20, 1874... 3:05
One and three-quarter miles, Mate, 5 yrs, by Australian, 100 lbs; Long Branch, July 15, 1875... 3:06
One and three-quarter miles, D'Artagnan, 3 yrs, by Lightning, 110 lbs; Saratoga, July 24, 1875... 3:06
One and three-quarter miles, Emma O, 3 yrs, by Planet, 97 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept. 23, 1875... 3:06
One and three-quarter miles, Frogtown, 4 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 18, 1872... 3:07
One and three-quarter miles, Neely Hale, 3 yrs, by Lexington, 102 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 14, 1876... 3:07
One and three-quarter miles, Catesby, 4 yrs, by imp Eclipse, 99 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 15, 1874... 3:07
One and three-quarter miles, Joe Daniels, 3 yrs, by imp Australian, 110 lbs; Traversers' Stake, Saratoga, July 13, 1872... 3:08
One and three-quarter miles, Preakness, 7 yrs, by Lexington, 125 lbs; Baltimore, Oct. 21, 1864... 3:08
One and three-quarter miles, Atilla, 3 yrs, by imp Australian, 110 lbs; Traversers' Stake, Saratoga, July 13, 1872... 3:08

July 4, 1874; Rocket won first heat; best average three heats on record... 3:38
Two mile heats, Eolus, 6 yrs, by Leamington, 118 lbs; Baltimore, May 28, 1874, the fastest third heat... 3:40
Two mile heats, at Lexington, Ky., Sept. 12, 1867, Lancaster, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 104 lbs, the fastest first heat... 3:35
Two and one-eighth miles, Aristides, 4 yrs, by imp Leamington, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 10, 1876... 3:45
Two and one-eighth miles, Mate, 6 yrs, by imp Australian, 114 lbs; Saratoga, July 31, 1875... 3:46
Two and one-eighth miles, Monmouth, 4 yrs, by War Dance, 104 lbs; Louisville, Ky., May 19, 1875... 3:48
Two and one-eighth miles, Big Fellow, 3 yrs old, by War Dance, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 15, 1874... 3:50
Two and one-eighth miles, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 108 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 8, 1874... 3:56
Two and one-eighth miles, Vandalite, 3 yrs, by Vandal, 107 lbs; Jerome Park, October, 1874... 4:00
Two and a quarter miles, Preakness, aged, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Springbok, 5 yrs, by imp Australian, 114 lbs, (dead heat)... 3:56
Two miles and a quarter, at Saratoga, N. Y., July 16 1872, Harry Bassett, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 108 lbs... 3:59
Two miles and a quarter, Wanderer, 6 yrs, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Saratoga, Aug 13, 1874... 4:00
Two miles and a quarter, Kentucky, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 104 lbs; Saratoga, August, 1865... 4:01
Two miles and a quarter, Muggins, 4 yrs, by Jack Malone, 118 lbs; at Saratoga, August, 1867... 4:08
Two and one-half miles, Aristides, 4 yrs, by imp Leamington, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 13, 1876... 4:27
Two and one-half miles, Katie Pease, 4 yrs, by Planet, 105 lbs; Buffalo, Sept 10, 1874... 4:28
Two and one-half miles, Balankeel, 3 yrs, by Asteroid, 90 lbs; Baltimore, Oct 22, 1874... 4:31
Two and one-half miles, Helmhold, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 108 lbs, Long Branch, July 30, 1870... 4:35
Two and five-eighths miles, Ten Broeck, 4 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept 16, 1876... 4:58
Two miles and three-quarters, by Hubbard, 4 yrs, by Plauet, 108 lbs; Saratoga, 1873... 4:58
Two miles and three-quarters, at Jerome Park, Oct. 3, 1866, Kentucky, by Lexington, 5 yrs, 124 lbs... 5:04
Three miles, Ten Broeck, 4 yrs by imp Phaeton, 104 lbs; Louisville, Ky, Sept 23, 1876... 5:26
Three miles, Monarchist, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 108 lbs, at Jerome Park, 1872; first mile, 1:45... 5:34
Three mile heats, at New Orleans, April 10, 1855, Brown Dick, by imp Margrave, 3 yrs, age from May 1, 86 lbs; the best second heat on record, and second best three-mile-heat race... 5:30
Three-mile heats, at Sacramento, Cal. Sept. 24, 1872... 5:28

lian, 3 yrs, 95 lbs; Jerome Park, Fall 1871; best time for a three-year-old... 7:33
Four miles, Monarchist, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 108 lbs; at Jerome Park, 1872. First two miles, 3:39; first three in 5:36... 7:33
Four-mile heats, Silent Friend, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 101 lbs; New Orleans, April 31, 1878... 7:30
Four-mile heats, Lecompte, 3 yrs, by Boston, at New Orleans, April 8, 1854, beating Lexington and Heube, age from May 1, 86 lbs; best average two heats... 7:26
Four-mile heats, Rupee, by Voucher, 8 yrs, 86 lbs, April 10, 1853; age from May 1... 7:39
Four-mile heats, Miss Foot, by imp Consul, 3 yrs, at New Orleans, March 26, 1842, second heat... 7:35
Four-mile heats, Fashion, 5 yrs, by imp Trustee, 111 lbs, over Union Course, L. I., May 10, 1842, beating Boston, match... 7:32
Four-mile heats, Morgan Scout, by John Morgan, 4 yrs, 104 lbs, at Lexington, Ky, 1870; best race ever run in Kentucky... 7:32
Four-mile heats, George Martin, 5 yrs, 114 lbs, by Garrison Zingano, beating Hannah Harris and Reel. March 29, 1843. Reel broke down in first heat... 7:38
Four-mile heats, Tally-ho, by Boston, 4 yrs, 104 lbs, at Union Course, L. I., Oct 8, 1849. Free Trade won the first heat, Boston the third and Tally-ho the second and fourth... 7:33, 7:43, 7:52
HURDLE RACES.
One mile, Lobelia, by Bonnie Scotland, carrying 143 lbs; Fashion Course, L. I., Sept 11, 1869, over four hurdles, best on record... 1:51
Two miles, over eight hurdles, Tom Leathers, by Camp's Whale, 117 lbs; New Orleans, April 16, 1876... 3:47
Two miles, over eight hurdles, Redman, by War Dance, 4 yrs, 132 lbs; Louisville, Ky, May 19, 1876... 3:48
Two miles, over eight hurdles, Captain Hutchinson, aged, by Voucher, 144 lbs; Columbus, Ohio, July 3, 1875... 3:50
Two miles, over eight hurdles, welter weights, New Orleans, April 11, 1868, Jonesboro, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 132 lbs; best on record... 3:51
Two miles, over eight hurdles, welter weights, 154 lbs, Mileian, by imp Mickey Free; Long Branch, Aug 8, 1872; best on record with full weights... 3:29
Steeple-chase, about 3 1/2 miles, thirty-six leaps, at Saratoga, Aug 5, Duffly, aged, by Hunter's Lexington, 160 lbs; best on record... 5:48
Steeple-chase, about 2 1/2 miles, thirty-six leaps, Trouble, 6 yrs, by Ulverston, 154 lbs, Saratoga, N.Y., Aug 19, 1876... 5:34
*Tom Bowling was permitted to extend the run to two miles. He ran the first mile in 1:41 1/2, mile and a half in 2:34 1/2, one and three-quarter miles in 3:07, and two miles in 3:27 1/2; the last two unofficial.
Katie Pease came in first, but was disqualified and race given to Lizzie Lucas.
The fastest mile run during the year 1876 was by Redman, 4 yrs, 103 lbs, at Lexington, Ky, March 12, 1876, 1:41 1/2. Chearwater, 4 yrs, 104 lbs, at Lexington, Ky, Sept 10, 1874, 1:45.

purses in 1878, at the summer and fall meetings \$78,000. Only one meeting, that of 1875, has exhibited a loss, which was owing to Poughkeepsie holding races on the same days, dividing horses and attendance, and to persistent bad weather. The small sum of \$954.60 went that year to the wrong side of the balance-sheet.
As an item of extra interest, we give the details of receipts from all sources, except entrance-fee, for the year 1876:

Rents, saloons, club-house, etc.....	\$4,632 63
Rents, private boxes.....	1,420 00
Sales, yearly tickets.....	708 50
Sales, season (four day) tickets.....	2,019 00
Sales, tickets, first day.....	1,546 00
Sales, tickets, second day.....	2,321 00
Sales, tickets, third day.....	7,687 00
Sales, tickets, fourth day.....	1,608 00
Profits from all other sources.....	5,305 67

We presume this last item includes pools and peacans, pop and petty privileges.
The Association now owns, in fee simple, seventy acres of land, admirably located within the city limits, with a magnificent track, nice club-house, spacious stands, and abundant stabling. It is a truly magnificent property, constantly appreciating in value, yet it now represents a cost to its owners of only \$4,500. There are now but forty-three shares outstanding, as the Association in 1878 purchased two shares from a turbulent member for \$8,800. As it stands the figures show it to be one of the best speculations, considered purely from a pecuniary point of view, ever made in Buffalo. The stock is held by leading citizens, all business men, and all lovers of the trotting horse. The largest shareholders are Messrs. C. J. Hamlin, J. H. Metcalfe, and M. P. Bush, and the former gentlemen is credited with holding thirteen of the forty-three outstanding shares.—Spirit of the Times.

Billiards.

THE INVENTION OF THE GAME.

A pawnbroker, named William Kew, invented the game of billiards about the middle of the sixteenth century. During wet weather, he was in the habit of taking down the three balls and with the yard measure pushing them, billiard fashion, from the counter into the stalls; in time an idea of a board with side pockets suggested itself. A black letter M.S. says: "Master William Kew did make one board whereby a game is played with three balls, and all the young men were greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the young clergymen from St. Paul's, hence one of ye strokes was named a cannon, having been by one of ye said clergymen invented. This game is now known by ye name of billiard, because William or Bill Kew did first play with his yard measure. The stick is now called a cue."

Half-mile, Idalia, 2 yrs. by imp Glenelg, 107 lbs; Jerome Park, June 9, 1876....	0:49 1/2
Half-mile, Leona, 2 yrs. by War Dance, 89 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 12, 1874....	0:49 1/2
Half-mile, Idalia, 2 yrs, 107 lbs; Long Branch, July 4, 1876.....	0:49 1/2
Five-eighths of a mile, Palmetto, 2 yrs. by Narragansett, 107 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 10, 1876.....	1:03 1/2
Five-eighths of a mile, Rhodam-nthus, 4 yrs. by Leamington, 118 lbs; Saratoga, July 25, 1876.....	1:03 1/2
Five-eighths of a mile, Aristides, 2 yrs. by Leamington, 100 lbs Jerome Park, Oct. 7, 1874.....	1:04 1/2
Three-quarters of a mile, First-Chance, 5 yrs. by Baywood, 110 lbs; Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 17, 1876.....	1:15
Three-quarters of a mile, Bill Bruce, 4 yrs. by Enquirer, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 12, 1876.....	1:15 1/2
Three-quarters of a mile, Madge, 3 yrs. by imp Australian, 87 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 21, 1874.....	1:15 1/2
Three-quarters of a mile, Alarum, 3 yrs. by imp Eclipse, 90 lbs; Saratoga, July 15, 1872.....	1:16
Three-quarters of a mile, Belle of the Meade, 2 yrs. by imp Bonnie Scotland, 77 lbs; Nashville, Penn., Oct. 9, 1876....	1:16
Three-quarters of a mile, Tom Bowling, 2 yrs, 100 lbs, by Lexington; Long Branch, 1872.....	1:16 1/2
Three-quarters of a mile, McWhorter, 2 yrs. by Enquirer, 90 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept. 22, 1876.....	1:17
Three-quarters of a mile, Countess, 2 yrs. by Kentucky, 97 lbs; Saratoga, 1873.....	1:17 1/2
Three-quarters of a mile, Beatrice, 2 yrs. by Kentucky, 97 lbs; Long Branch, ..	1:17 1/2
One-mile, Gey Planet, 5 yrs, by Planet, 110 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 13, 1874.....	1:42 1/2
One mile, Alarum, 3 yrs, by imp Eclipse, 90 lbs; Saratoga, July 17, 1874.....	1:42 1/2
One mile, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 108 lbs; Union, N.Y., June 23, 1874; best second heat ever run.....	1:42 1/2
One mile, Belle of the Meade, 2 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 87 lbs; Louisville, Sept. 25, 1876.....	1:44 1/2
One mile, Belle of the Meadow, 2 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 97 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept. 27, 1876.....	1:44 1/2
One mile, Astral, 2 yrs, by Asteroid, 86 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 12, 1873 ..	1:44 1/2
One mile, Searcher (Alexander), 3 yrs, by Enquirer, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 13, 1875.....	1:41 1/2
One mile, Parole, 3 yrs, by imp Leamington, 97 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 10, 1875....	1:44 1/2
One mile, Aristides, 2 yrs, by imp Leamington, 100 lbs; Baltimore, Oct. 22, 1874; best for a two-year-old.....	1:44 1/2
One mile, Buchanan's, 2 yrs, by imp Leamington, 97 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 8, 1876.....	1:45
One mile, Brother to Bassett, 3 yrs, by Lexington, 118 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 17, 1876.....	1:45
One mile, Finowork, 2 yrs, by Lexington, 97 lbs; Baltimore, 1874.....	1:45
One mile, Hamburg, 2 yrs, by Lexington, 90 lbs; Cincinnati, 1869.....	1:45
One mile, Battie Axe, 2 yrs, by Monday, 100 lbs; Saratoga, 1875.....	1:45 1/2
One mile, Tom Bowling, 2 yrs, by Lexington, 105 lbs; Long Branch, Aug. 9, 1872.....	1:47
Mile heats, Kudi, by Lexington, 6 yrs. catch weight, about 90 lbs; Hartford, Conn., Sept. 2, 1875; fastest mile, fastest second heat and fastest two heats ever run.....	1:41 1/2, 1:41 1/2
Mile heats, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian; Union, N. Y., June 23, 1874.....	1:45, 1:49 1/2
Mile heats, Camargo, 3 yrs, by Jack Malone, 100 lbs; Louisville, Ky., May 20, 1875.....	1:44 1/2, 1:49 1/2
Mile heats, Tom Bowling, 3 yrs, by Lexington, 100 lbs, Lexington, Ky., May 1873.....	1:43, 1:49 1/2
Mile heats, Thornhill, by Wounded, 4 yrs, 103 lbs, ran first two heats in 1:43, 1:43; best second heat, by Wounded, aged, 115 lbs, won the third, fourth and fifth, in.....	1:43, 1:46, 1:45
One and one eighth miles, Bub Woolley, 3 yrs, by imp Leamington, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 6, 1875.....	1:54
One and one eighth miles, Fadladeen, aged, by War Dance, 101 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 19, 1874.....	1:56
One and one eighth miles, Picolo, 3 yrs, by Concord, 81 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 15, 1874.....	1:56
by imp Bonnie Scotland, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 10, 1872.....	2:09 1/2
One and a quarter miles, Mate, 5 yrs. by Australian, 116 lbs.; Jerome Park, Oct. 3, 1874.....	2:11 1/2
One and a quarter miles, Freakness, 7 yrs by Lexington, 128 lbs; Jerome Park, June 18, 1874.....	2:12
One and one-half miles, Tom Bowling, 4 yrs, by Lexington, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 12, 1874.....	2:84 1/2
One and one-half miles, Aristides, 3 yrs, by Leamington, 100 lbs; Louisville, Ky., May 17, 1876.....	2:37 1/2
One and one-half miles, imp Glenelg, 4 yrs, by Citadel, 100 lbs; Long Branch, Aug. 2, 1870.....	2:37 1/2
One and one-half miles, Shylcock, 5 yrs, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Jerome Park, Oct. 31, 1874.....	2:38
One and one half miles, imp Saxton, 8 yrs, by Headsman, 110 lbs; Belmont stakes Jerome Park, June 18, 1874.....	2:39 1/2
One mile and five-eighths, Ten Broeck, 8 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 9, 1875.....	2:49 1/2
One mile and five-eighths, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 114 lbs; Jerome Park, June 20, 1874.....	2:53
One mile and five-eighths, Harry Bassett, 5 yrs, by Lexington, 110 lbs; Belmont stakes, Jerome Park, June 10, 1871.....	2:56
One mile and five-eighths, Katie Pease, 3 yrs, by Planet, 107 lbs; Ladies' stake, Jerome Park, June 11, 1873.....	2:58 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Reform, 3 yrs, by imp Leamington, 83 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 20, 1874.....	3:05 1/2
One and three quarter miles, Mate, 5 yrs, by Australian, 100 lbs; Long Branch, July 16, 1875.....	3:06 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, D'Artagnan, 3 yrs, by Lightning, 110 lbs; Saratoga, July 24, 1875.....	3:06 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Emma C, 3 yrs, by Planet, 97 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept. 23, 1875.....	3:06 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Frogtown, 4 yrs, by imp Bonnie Scotland, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky., May 16, 1872.....	3:07
One and three-quarter miles, Nezy Hale, 8 yrs, by Lexington 102 lbs; Lexington, Ky., Sept. 14, 1876.....	3:07 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Catesby, 4 yrs, by imp Eclipse, 99 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 16, 1874.....	3:07 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Joe Daniels, 8 yrs, by imp Australian, 110 lbs; Travers' Stake, Saratoga, July 13, 1872 ..	3:08 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Freakness, 7 yrs, by Lexington, 125 lbs; Baltimore, Oct. 21, 1864.....	3:08 1/2
One and three-quarter miles, Atilla, 3 yrs, by imp Australian, 110 lbs; Travers' Stake, Saratoga, July 25, 1874.....	3:09 1/2, 3:08 1/2
The first was a dead heat with Acrobat	
Two miles, Katie Pease, 4 yrs, by Planet, 105 lbs; Buffalo, Sept 9, 1874.....	3:32 1/2
Two miles, True Blues, 4 yrs, by Lexington, 108 lbs; Saratoga, July 30, 1873	3:32 1/2
Two miles, Jack Frost, 4 yrs, by Jack Malone, 108 lbs; Cleveland, Ohio, July 31, 1874.....	3:33 1/2
Two miles, Lizzie Lucas, 4 yrs, by Australian, 105 lbs; Saratoga, Aug 21, 1874	3:33 1/2
Two miles, Creedmoor, 3 yrs, by Asteroid, 100 lbs; Louisville, Ky., Sept 20, 1876	3:34
Two miles, George Graham, 3 yrs, by Rogers, 100 lbs first heat, Louisville, Ky., Sept 25, 1875.....	3:34
Two miles, King Alfonso, 3 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 110 lbs; Louisville, Ky, Sept 20, 1875.....	3:34 1/2
Two miles, at New Orleans, La., Nov. 23, 1850, Hegira, by imp Ambassador, 4 yrs, 71 1/2 lbs.....	3:34 1/2
Two miles, Littleton, by imp Leamington, 4 yrs, 104 lbs; Lexington, Ky, May 23 1871.....	3:34 1/2
Two miles, Brother to Bassett, 3 yrs. by Lexington, 110 lbs; Saratoga, Aug. 10, 1876.....	3:35
Two miles, Vandalite, 3 yrs, by Vandal, 107 lbs; Dixie Stake, Baltimore, Oct 20, 1874.....	3:35 1/2
Two miles, Harry Bassett, by Lexington, 3 yrs, 110 lbs; Saratoga, N. Y., Aug 16 1871.....	3:35 1/2
Two miles, Vigil, 3 yrs, by Virgil, 115 lbs; Baltimore, Oct. 23, 1876.....	3:37 1/2
Two mile heats, at Lexington Ky, Sept 18, 1872, Aureola, by War Dance, 4 yrs, 101 lbs, the fastest second heat and best average two heats.....	3:37 1/2, 3:35 1/2
Two mile heats, Mollie Jones, aged, 112 lbs, by West Roxbury; Galeburg, Ill,	
by imp Australian, 114 lbs; Saratoga, July 31, 1875.....	3:46 1/2
Two and one-eighth miles, Monmouth, 4 yrs, by War Dance, 104 lbs; Louisville, Ky., May 19, 1875.....	3:49 1/2
Two and one-eighth miles, Big Fellow, 8 yrs old, by War Dance, 90 lbs; Lexington, Ky, May 15, 1874.....	3:50
Two and one-eighth miles, Springbok, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 108 lbs; Saratoga, Aug 3, 1874.....	3:56
Two and one-eighth miles, Vandalite, 3 yrs, by Vandal, 107 lbs; Jerome Park, October, 1874.....	4:00 1/2
Two and a quarter miles, Freakness, aged, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Springbok 5 yrs, by imp Australian, 114 lbs, (dead heat).....	3:56 1/2
Two miles and a quarter, at Saratoga, N Y, July 16 1872, Harry Bassett, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 108 lbs.....	3:59
Two miles and a quarter, Wanderer, 6 yrs, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Saratoga, Aug 18, 1874.....	4:00 1/2
Two miles and a quarter, Kentucky, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 104 lbs; Saratoga, August, 1865.....	4:01 1/2
Two miles and a quarter, Muggins, 4 yrs, by Jack Malone, 118 lbs; at Saratoga, August, 1867.....	4:03
Two and one half miles, Aristides, 4 yrs, by imp Leamington, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky, May 19, 1876.....	4:27 1/2
Two and one-half miles, Katie Pease, 4 yrs, by Planet, 105 lbs; Buffalo, Sept 10, 1874.....	4:28 1/2
Two and one-half miles, Balankeel, 3 yrs, by Asteroid, 90 lbs; Baltimore, Oct 22, 1874.....	4:31 1/2
Two and one-half miles, Helmbold, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 108 lbs, Long Branch, July 30, 1870.....	4:33 1/2
Two and five-eighth miles, Ten Broeck, 4 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 108 lbs; Lexington, Ky, Sept 16, 1876.....	4:58 1/2
Two miles and three-quarters, by Hubbard, 4 yrs, by Planet, 108 lbs; Saratoga, 1873.....	4:58 1/2
Two miles and three-quarters, at Jerome Park, Oct. 3, 1866, Kentucky, by Lexington, 5 yrs, 124 lbs.....	5:04
Three miles, Ten Broeck, 4 yrs by imp Phaeton, 104 lbs; Louisville, Ky, Sept 23, 1876.....	5:26 1/2
Three miles, Monarchist, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 108 lbs, at Jerome Park, 1872; first mile, 1:45.....	5:34 1/2
Three mile heats, at New Orleans, April 10, 1855, Brown Dick, by imp Margrave, 3 yrs, age from May 1, 86 lbs; the best second heat on record, and second best three-mile-heat race.....	5:30 1/2, 5:28
Three-mile heats, at Sacramento, Cal, Sept 23, 1865, Norfolk, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 100 lbs, best average two heats.....	5:27 1/2, 5:29 1/2
Three-mile heats, at Louisville, Ky, May 25, 1861, Mollie Jackson, 4 yrs, 101 lbs, by Vandal; Sherrad won the second heat. The last two miles of the first heat were in 3:35; the last two of the second heat in 3:36 1/2; the ninth mile in 1:48 1/2. This is the best three heats and the best third heat on record.....	5:35 1/2, 5:34 1/2, 5:38 1/2
Four miles, Ten Broeck, 4 yrs, by imp Phaeton, 104 lbs, vs Fellowcraft's time, (108 lbs); Louisville, Ky, Sept 27, 1876.....	7:15 1/2
Four miles, Fellowcraft, 4 yrs, by imp Australian, 108 lbs; Saratoga, Aug 20, 1874.....	7:19 1/2
Four miles, at New Orleans, La., April 2, 185, vs Tim, Lexington, by Boston, 5 yrs, 103 lbs.....	7:19 1/2
Four miles, at New Orleans, La, April 14, 1855, Lexington, 5 yrs, by Boston, beating Lecompse, drawn after first heat, 103 lbs.....	7:23 1/2
Four miles, Wildidle, 5 yrs, by imp Australian, 110 lbs; San Francisco, Cal, Oct 28, 1875.....	7:25 1/2
Four miles, Idlewild, 5 yrs, 117 lbs, by Lexington, over Centreville Course, L I, June 25, 1863.....	7:26 1/2
Four miles, best second heat, Thad Stevens, aged, by Langford, 115 lbs, in California, Oct 18, 1873.....	7:30
Four miles, Kentucky, 5 yrs, by Lexington, 114 lbs; Saratoga, 1866.....	7:31 1/2
Four miles, 1667, Kentucky, by Lexington, 6 yrs, 120 lbs, against time at Jerome Park. First two miles, 3:36; first three, 5:29.....	7:31 1/2
Four miles, Abd-el-Kader, 4 yrs, by Australian, 108 lbs. Saratoga, 1869.....	7:31 1/2
Four miles, Abd-el-Koree, by imp Ausra-	

Four-mile heats, Rucee, by Voucher, 8 yrs, 86 lbs, April 10, 1858; age from May 1..... 7:39, 7:35
Four-mile heats, Miss Foot, by imp Consul, 3 yrs, at New Orleans, March 26, 1842, second heat..... 7:35
Four-mile heats, Fashion, 5 yrs, by imp Trustee, 111 lbs, over Union Course, L I, May 10, 1842, beating Boston, match..... 7:39 1/2, 7:45
Four-mile heats, Morgan Scout, by John Morgan, 4 yrs, 104 lbs, at Lexington, Ky, 1870; best race ever run in Kentucky..... 7:39 1/2, 7:43 1/2
Four-mile heats, George Martin, 5 yrs, 114 lbs, by Garrison Zingane, beating Hannah Harris and Reel, March 29, 1843. Reel broke down in first heat..... 7:33, 7:43
Four-mile heats, Tally-ho, by Union, 4 yrs, 104 lbs, at Union Course I, Oct 3, 1849. Free Trade won the heat, Boston the third and Tally-ho the second and fourth..... 7:39 1/2, 7:43 1/2, 7:52, 8:10 1/2

HURDLE-RACES.

One mile, Lobelia, by Bonnie Scotland, carrying 143 lbs; Fashion Course, L I, Sept 11, 1869, over four hurdles, best on record..... 1:51 1/2
Two miles, over eight hurdles, Tom Loathers, by Camp's Whals, 117 lbs; New Orleans, April 16, 1875..... 3:47 1/2
Two miles, over eight hurdles, Redman, by War Dance, 4 yrs, 132 lbs; Louisville, Ky, May 19, 1876..... 3:48 1/2
Two miles, over eight hurdles, Captain Hutchinson, aged, by Voucher, 144 lbs; Columbus, Ohio, July 8, 1875..... 3:50
Two miles, over eight hurdles, welter weights, New Orleans, April 11, 1868, Jonesboro, by Lexington, 4 yrs, 132 lbs; best on record..... 3:51 1/2
Two miles, over eight hurdles, welter weights, 164 lbs, Milesian, by imp Mickey Eric; Long Branch, Aug 5, 1872; best on record with full weights..... 3:52 1/2
Steeple-chase, about 2 1/2 miles, thirty-six leaps, at Saratoga, Aug 5, Duffy, aged, by Hunter's Lexington, 160 lbs; best on record..... 5:48 1/2
Steeple-chase, about 2 1/2 miles, thirty-six leaps, Trouble, 6 yrs, by Ulverston, 154 lbs, Saratoga, N.Y., Aug 19, 1876.... 5:54 1/2
*Tom Bowling was permitted to extend the run to two miles. He ran the first mile in 1:41 1/2, mile and a half in 2:34 1/2, one and three-quarter miles in 3:00 1/2, and two miles in 3:27 1/2; the last two unoffical.
† Katie Pease came in first, but was disqualified and race given to Lizzie Lucas.
The fastest mile run during the year 1876 was by Redman, 4 yrs, 103 lbs, at Lexington, Ky, May 18, in 1:42 1/2. Chesapeake, 4 yrs, 100 1/2 lbs, won second heat in 1:43, but was ruled out and the race awarded to Carrie Anderson, Redman being distanced in second heat.

BUFFALO PARK—ITS FINANCIAL SUCCESS.

It will be interesting to many of our readers to obtain an insight into the financial success of one of our leading trotting associations, that at Buffalo, and as we are able to give a rough outline of the results attending its meetings through a series of years, we know no reason why curiosity should not be gratified. An association of this character is a public institution, like a railroad, a bank, or an insurance company, and there will be no impropriety in our unfolding what we know, as a hint to other places of what they may reasonably expect if they conduct their trotting affairs with similar wisdom and enterprise.
While meetings were given on a grand scale for the times, at Buffalo, in 1866 and 1867, it was not until 1868 that the Association was chartered, and from that date we present the results. It was organized on a basis of forty five shares of \$1,000 each, upon each of which \$500 was called. Of this sum \$400 has been paid, up to date, in dividends, to each share of stock. The profits of the nine meetings, from 1868 to 1876 inclusive, for a total amount of \$114,279.41. Of this amount \$84,466.06 has been disbursed for construction and repairs of buildings and track, and the remainder for real estate, taxes, &c. The most successful meetings, financially, were those of 1871 and 1872, at each of which the profits amounted to nearly \$25,000. The largest sum was given in

Rents, saloons, club house, etc..... 34,682 61
Rents, private boxes..... 1,420 00
Sales, yearly tickets..... 769 80
Sales, season (four day) tickets... 2,010 00
Sales, tickets, first day..... 1,546 00
Sales, tickets, second day..... 2,821 00
Sales, tickets, third day..... 1,687 00
Sales, tickets, fourth day..... 1,563 00
Profits from all other sources..... 6,805 67

We presume this last item includes pools and peanuts, pop and petty privileges.
The Association now owns, in fee simple, seventy acres of land, admirably located within the city limits, with a magnificent track, nice clubhouse, spacious stands, and abundant stabling. It is a truly magnificent property, constantly appreciating in value, yet it now represents a cost to its owners of only \$4,500. There are now but forty-three shares outstanding, as the Association in 1878 purchased two shares from a turbulent member for \$8,800. As it stands the figures show it to be one of the best speculations, considered purely from a pecuniary point of view, ever made in Buffalo. The stock is held by leading citizens, all business men, and all lovers of the trotting horse. The largest shareholders are Messrs. C. J. Hamlin, J. H. Metcalfe, and M. P. Bush, and the former gentlemen is credited with holding thirteen of the forty-three outstanding shares—*Spirit of the Times*.

Billiards.

THE INVENTION OF THE GAME.

A pawnbroker, named William Kew, invented the game of billiards about the middle of the sixteenth century. During wet weather, he was in the habit of taking down the three balls and with the yard measure pushing them, billiard fashion, from the counter into the stalls; in time an idea of a board with side pockets suggested its if. A black letter M.S. says: "Master William Kew did make one board whereby a game is played with three balls, and all the young men were greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the young clergymen from St. Paul's, hence one of ye strokes was named a canon, having been by one of ye said clergymen invented. This game is now known by ye name of bill-yard, because William or Bill Kew did first play with his yard measure. The stic' is now called a kew or kus." It is easy to comprehend how "Bill-yard" has been modernized into Billiard, and the transformation of "kew" or "kus" into cue is equally apparent.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

The Barrie Examiner of Feb. 1st, speaks thus of the game of billiards and its introduction into the Mechanics' Institute, here:—
We regard the action taken by the Mechanics' Institute, of Toronto, the present season, in providing billiard tables in connection with it, as a great stride in the right direction. This course of placing within the reach of the young men of the city the opportunity of enjoying, take it altogether, the best game of modern times, was not adopted without a strong fight against old prejudices, and the result has shown the good judgment of the promoters. Here, now, assemble nightly, a large number who were it not for the provision, would, as regards the majority, be scattered over the city at the various places where the game could be indulged in, but where, too, unfortunately, they would be within the influence of its baneful concomitants.

SUCCESSFUL.—The Directors of the Mechanics' Institute, here, have found their billiard room so successful, that they have determined to add two more tables, making six in all.

HAMILTON.—Mr. Hickey, of Boston, Mass. and Mr. James Bennett, of Toronto, were announced to give a billiard exhibition, in Hamilton, on Wednesday evening.

DIGBY GRAND.

CHAPTER I.—Continued.

THE MORNING OF LIFE.

'He's no flincher,' said old-Brevet-Major Hubbard, a veteran tanned into mahogany by hard service, and a most reliable adherent to port wine and brandy-and-water in every climate of the globe—'he's no flincher, that lad,' as he eyed, with marked approbation, the steadiness with which I filled my eleventh tumbler of port.

'I think he'll do, at least for a young one,' replied Ensign Spooner, a beardless warrior, some two years my junior, but whose six months' seniority in the Army List gave him all the advantage of comparatively an old hand.

I marked his flushed countenance and wandering eye, as he made his remark, and thought to myself, 'Dandy Grand will see you out, my boy, or his Elton education and his bill at "The Christopher" goes for nothing.'

'But, Major,' said Captain Levanter, resuming a conversation that our move to the fireplace had interrupted, 'you never finished that outpost story; and I dare say Mr. Grand and some of our young ones would like to hear it.'

'By all means, Major,' was the unanimous cry; 'let us have a yarn of the Peninsula.'

If the proverb, *In vino veritas*, has any truth, the officers of the British army must be most devoted to their profession, as when they exceed their ordinary moderation in the pleasures of the table, their discourse invariably turns to what they call 'pipe-clay,'—a term which must be explained to the civilian to mean all and everything connected with the stirring scenes, the lights and shades of military life.

'Well,' said the Major, 'if you young fellows like to hear it, you are welcome to the story, though it tells sadly against myself, since I was outwitted, by Gad!—outwitted by a Frenchman! But this was the way it came off. You were all children then, except my old friend Spirit; and he looked older than he does now, for he had not mounted a pig in those days. But I was, even at that period of history, a lieutenant in a regiment of light infantry; which, from one cause and another, was so short of officers, that I found myself, one fine morning, in command of an important outpost, close to the enemy's line. There was a mill near my position, and a rapid stream, pretty deep, too, which looked to me a tempting sort of a place to throw a fly—a sport, my boys, that, in my humble opinion, beats cock-fighting! Well, I was smoking my weed, after a light and wholesome dinner off a piece of black bread and the outside of an onion, when a brown dirty-looking fellow, who swore he was a miller, and who talked Spanish, and stunk of garlic like a true "patriot," asked to have an interview with "my Excellency;" and with many compliments, and a great deal of translating by signs—for my knowledge of Spanish was not equal to my taste in sherry—he begged of me to allow him to place a couple of planks across the stream, to enable him to carry my sacks to the mill. I never suspected a "plant" of any kind, and gave the beggar leave to do what he wished, more particularly as I could see the man grinning at his cursed volubility, and my bad Spanish and queer gestures, and I was in a hurry to get rid of him. Off he went, apparently well satisfied; and in an hour's time I saw a couple of planks had been placed across the mill-stream, and a very commodious foot-bridge constructed by their means. Whether my old comrade thought me too young for "the situation," or whether it was accidental, I know not; but I was providentially relieved that very evening by my own captain—poor fellow. I saw him afterwards killed at Badajoz—and the very first thing he did, on reconnoitring his ground, was to kick the miller's planks into the stream, and put two extra sentries within sight of the spot where he made his foot-bridge. Would you believe it?—the very

would exclaim this warlike enthusiast; 'half an inch, sir, makes all the difference; and no object in nature is more beautiful than a well-carried musket.' How people's ideas of the picturesque must vary!

However, the two months soon passed over, and as I was judged capable of being dismissed my drill; and taking my duty; but in the short period which I had spent in the society of my brother officers, I had gained an insight into their several habits, and into the character of the regiment, which convinced me that 'Dandy Grand' was destined for a higher flight than a marching corps in country quarters; and already I had formed hopes of obtaining an exchange into some crack cavalry regiment, or—some of my ambition!—an appointment to the 'Guards.' The fact is, the 101st was a slang regiment; even the best of them, as I considered him, Captain Levanter, the only officer who, in my secret heart, I deemed a fit companion for Sir Peregrine's son—even he was given to driving tandems, and such other vulgar accomplishments; and one of my first triumphs was the winning 'a pony' of the captain, as to the feasibility of driving a pair of hired horses, harnessed tandem-fashion, in and out of the barrack gate, a very awkward turn, placed at an acute angle with the street, a feat which I accomplished in a trot, according to the terms of the wager. Levanter never paid me, but was good enough to grant me his friendship ever after,—a boon, of which I have no doubt he over-estimated the value, and we soon became inseparable companions. The older officers shook their heads at our escapades, but amongst the young ensigns and lieutenants we were perfect demi-gods. I bought two very clever horses, which he and I drove by turns, to the admiration of the High Street. I won a pigeon-match of Mr M'Dookie, the sporting lawyer of that locality. I rode Major O'Toole's black mare, for a bit of half-a-crown, backwards and forwards over the gate that led to our parade-ground; and, as I was better dressed, smoked better cigars, and drank more wine than any member of the mess under the rank of a field officer, it is no wonder that I was considered rather 'a great card' at the depot of a marching regiment in country quarters.

The weeks slipped away pleasantly enough: one day will serve for a specimen of the rest, as they varied but little in the nature of the pursuits and amusements they afforded. A struggle to get up and be dressed in time for parade at nine, was the invariable commencement. I buckled my sword-belt and tie my sash as I run downstairs, and make my appearance on parade in time to salute the Major before the officers proceed to inspect their respective companies. The rear-rank of No. 2 is my especial charge, and I walk down the front and tap the rear with the air of a perfect marabout. Brown's knapsack is hung too high, Smith's pouch is put on too low, and Murphy is sent to drill 'for unsteadiness in the ranks.' The Major walks down, and compliments me on the progress I make in my duty. The bugles sound—the band plays—the four companies we boast of form, and march past, saluting Major O'Toole as if he were the Duke of York; and the officers fall out, the parade is dismissed, and I go to breakfast. When that elaborate meal is finished, Levanter kindly accepts one of my cigars, links his arm in mine, and we proceed down the town to play out our match at billiards in which he gives me five out of a hundred, and wins by a stroke. (Levantier can play billiards better than any man in England and what I have learnt of this crafty game I owe to his tuition, though I must confess my instructor did not teach me gratis). The admiring Spooner looks on, and in his regard and affection for myself, loses a five-pound note, or as he calls it, 'a fiveer,' to my antagonist. We return to the barracks to readjust our toilets before appearing at 'the gardens,' where our drums and fifes will delight the fair admirers of the military with all the last year's waltzes and polkas, and an occasional quick-step or gallop; and here I devote my attentions to Miss Jones, the fort-major's daughter, a crafty young lady of two or three and thirty, with whom I fancy myself in love. Miss Jones hovers undecided between Levanter and myself, but thinks she has the most chance with the young one, and, as she herself would say, 'rather in-

vantor to me; you and I dine with this provost because it suits us, but he is a very vulgar dog, and I should cut him if I were to meet him in London.'

'I do not agree with you,' was my reply. 'This man is an unaffected business-like fellow, a good specimen of a plain, hospitable Scotch tradesman, and he has up for nothing more. Where there is no pretension there can be no vulgarity; Levanter; and where I respect such a man as Mr Intyre, there is nothing I have such a contempt for as a fellow who likes to be thought a greater man than Nature and position have made him.' This, I fear, was an unintentional thrust that my companion did not half relish, as I saw the colour settle for an instant in his cheek, and his brow darken with a scowl I had before noticed when anything occurred to displease him; but he was a man of the most perfect self-command, and if my unlucky observation had made him an enemy for life, he would not have allowed his feelings to be discovered for an instant by the expression of his countenance. He was facetious and as agreeable as ever during our drive, and ere we arrived at the ex-provost's villa, we were chatting in our usual familiar and unobtrusive manner.

The dinner went off as dinners do when sped by highland hospitality; and Levanter and I got into our tandem to drive home, with heated brains, and spirits somewhat too much exhilarated for that particular mode of progression.

As we rattled along by moonlight on our way to the barracks, and smoked our cigars at an hour when a cigar is most enjoyable, the conversation unfortunately turned upon the merits of my leader, a high-bred impetuous animal, that I fondly imagined would be capable of distinguishing himself in a hunking-country, and of whose jumping prowess I now boasted to my companion with intemperate eloquence. Levanter, who seemed more inclined to be argumentative, and less good-humored than usual, rather nettled me by the taunting manner in which he doubted the powers of my horse, and, I imagined, by implication, the nerve of his owner. Young, reckless, and excitable; and more particularly now, when my blood was heated by the unusual strength of my potations, my spirits half-maddened by the exhilaration of 'the pace,' the moonlight, and the night air, this was more than I could stand; and I felt the devil rising within me, I only longed for some opportunity of giving vent to the wild excitement that was boiling in my veins. Hotter waxed our argument as we galloped on, and ere we neared the town, personalities were freely exchanged, though with a sort of mock-civility, that to a listener would have been inexpressibly ludicrous. At last, stung to the quick by the cool reply of Levanter to some proposition I made about the horse in question—'Perhaps he might, if you had nerve to ride him'—I burst out, 'Nerve! will you have nerve to sit still, if I drive him at the turnpike gate? I'll show you whether he can jump.'

I thought Levanter's cheek turned a shade paler in the moonlight, as he caught sight of the gate we were now rapidly approaching, looking most forbidding with its series of strong white-painted bars; but though his lip quivered for an instant, he only said, 'Drive on, and try; but hold them straight.' And ere the words were spoken, we were too near to be able to pull up at the pace we were going, even had we wished it. I shouted to my horses, and flogged the wheeler, who appeared inclined to waver in his desperate career; the calumniated leader pulling hard, and pointing his ears at the obstacle which he seemed determined to overcome. We were close upon the gate—I heard Levanter draw his breath hard, and felt the tension of the muscle of his leg against mine, I saw my leader's back, as he rose high in the air, and surmounted the barrier; I heard a tremendous crash, and two fearful bangs against the bottom of the dog-cart, as my wheeler strove to follow his example—and in another instant I was lying in the middle of the road, the surface of which, white as chalk in the moonlight, seemed spinning round and round—one grasp with my hands, to endeavor to keep my position on what appeared a sloping and revolving plane, and that is all I can recollect of my ill-advised attempt to jump a turnpike-gate in a tandem.

I felt her breath upon my brow, as she busied herself upon my couch. I was not sure that all this was real; nor was it till at least a week afterwards that I was able to recollect any of the circumstances connected with the accident, or strange illness, that took place some three weeks later.

By degrees, I got better, then stronger, and at last, thanks to Squirt's skill and Fanny's nursing, I was able to sit up; but healed as were the outward wounds in my attenuated frame, an internal injury had been inflicted during my recovery, which it took me many a long day to get over—ay, which embittered as it did my earlier years, was remembered as a gloomy warning in after life, to the stifling and destruction of the purest, holiest feelings of my heart.

I need not now be ashamed to confess that I loved Fanny Jones—ay, loved her with an energy, an infatuation, in my then state of weakness, which was little short of insanity. What was she?—an old barrack-master's daughter, a garrison flirt, hardly a lady by birth, and certainly no fitting mate for haughty Sir Peregrine's son. Good heavens! he would have sunk into the earth could he have suspected the truth; and yet I loved her. With all the enthusiasm of boyhood—with all the sincerity and single-heartedness of a child—with the romantic admiration of a dreamer, I loved Fanny Jones. She managed it very cleverly. I have since learnt it was her last recourse. But she was playing with edge tools, and came not herself scatheless out of the unequal contest. In vain Major O'Toole, performing what he considered his duty, warned me repeatedly that I was much too thick with Miss Jones. In vain old Halberd came to sit with me, for some time after parade, and laughed at me for being 'such a spoon.' In vain the young ensigns quizzed, and whispered, as much as they dared, 'Whret's flat Grand was, to be hooked by such a flirt as that!' The only person that seemed to encourage me in my folly, and to assist me with his counsel and friendship, was Levanter; and I found out in time that his was no disinterested aid.

It was some weeks before I could return to my own quarters in the barracks; and as I sat with Fanny, drinking in the summer air at the open window, and enjoying the fragrance of the flowers she knew so well how to dispose about the room—as I watched her graceful head bending over the work that those long, drooping ringlets half concealed—as I noticed the smothered sigh that would sometimes break upon these long delicious silences—as I almost shrunk from that upward glance that thrilled to my very soul—the poison gradually but surely worked its insidious way into my being; and ere my convalescence was declared established—ere I was removed by the doctor's fiat from that cherished scene, I had poured my love-tale into no unwilling ear, and had pledged my faith, the faith of a scapegrace of eighteen, to Fanny Jones. Well might I have said, with the st. yard who so quaintly reproves the undue punctuality of his valet: 'You have waked me too soon; let me slumber again.' Well might I have wished to dream on, though ruin and disgrace had been the penalty, rather than be awakened so roughly, as was my lot, from that delirious trance.

I have said that Levanter assisted me much in arranging that my interviews with my lady-love might be uninterrupted; and many a time did he detain the old fort-major over his eternal backgammon-board, while he and I enjoyed our lover-like tete-a-tetes in what was now considered my own apartment. The captain generally appeared after parade, and kindly relieved the tedium of my convalescence by a quiet game at 'ecarte' or 'lanquenot,' which, in the impossibility of the 'billiard lesson,' served well enough as a pastime to the instructor, who repaid himself to a very sufficient tune for his time and trouble. After this, he would good-naturedly devote himself to backgammon and the fort-major; by which means we were left in uninterrupted bliss; as my brother officers who would otherwise have kindly come to sit with me, though I was in very good hands during the long visits of Levanter.

Things went on in this way prosperously enough. Fanny and I talked over our loves and our future message: I quite made up

ever is. Full of the happy surprise I should give Fanny, I stole noiselessly past the maid who was cleaning the major's white door-steps, and who was so accustomed to my presence that she never remarked me, and on tiptoe I crept up-stairs, and through the drawing-room, to the door of Fanny's boudoir. It was ajar, and on my startled ear broke the sob of one who loved one in distress. Another step in silence, and my young blood-rushed to my brain, till I heard each pulsation like the stroke of a church-clock upon the heart. My heart sickened; I gasped for breath; but I would not fall. With my hand grasping the back of a chair (her work), I steadied myself to gaze upon a sight that will high broke my boyish heart. Fanny in the arms of Levanter!—her head upon his shoulder, and weeping as if in the bitterest anguish and despair. We have all a certain degree of energy—call it rather pluck—which, if we will but summon it, nerves us to bear; and, like an Indian at the stake, heedless of the dishonor that might be imputed to the act,—heedless of all but my burning, quenchless, eager thirst for the truth, to know the whole, to know the worst—I stood, unobserved, near the treacherous pair, and listened to her pleading voice. Sentence after sentence fell like ice upon my heart—sentence after sentence disclosed a scheme of guile and perfidy, of which I, the devoted, the true, the faithful, was to have been the victim. Levanter's low tones would occasionally grate upon my ear in exculpation or commentary, proving him not only an accomplice, but the originator of the plot. Between her broken sobs and caresses, she told her guilty tale; and when, at the conclusion of a passionate appeal to his honor, to his love, to his better feelings, to marry her while there was yet time to save her from an alliance with myself—to let her stray with him, her first, her only love, in any place, in any climate, she added, with a touch of womanly feeling that half redeemed her perfidy, 'Otherwise, dear, dearest Richard, I must marry him before it is too late. Poor Grand! poor fellow, so young, so handsome, and so devoted! Ah, Richard! had we never met I could have loved him dearly and faithfully; but now—I rushed from the house ere a burst of grief should unman and discover me, and speeding back to my barrack-room I locked the door, and threw myself on the bed in a passion of misery which well nigh approached madness. The whole of that day and night appear to me now to have been passed under the influence of some horrid night-mare, and it was not till the bugles sounded the Reveille the following morning that I returned to a thorough consciousness of my identity and my position. The worldling may sneer at woes such as were then mine—the boarding-school miss, with her overwrought sensibility, may wonder that I ever recovered from them; but he who studies human nature carefully—who looks below the surface—while he appreciates and pities my boyish agony, will see in my very youth the best restorative, the most potent antidote to despair.

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of a friend's spirit; and he looked older than he is now, for he had not mounted a horse in three days. But I was, even at that period of inactivity, a lieutenant in a regiment of light infantry, which, from one cause and another, was short of officers, that I found myself one fine morning, in command of an important outpost, close to the enemy's line. There was a mill near my position, and a rapid stream, pretty deep, low, which looked to me a tempting sort of a place to throw a bridge across, my boys, that, in my humble opinion, beats cock-fighting! Well, I was sucking my wood, after a light and wholesome dinner of a piece of black bread and the outside of an onion, when a brown dirty-looking fellow, who swore he was a miller, and who talked Spanish, and stunk of garlic like a true "patriot," asked to have an interview with "my Excellency;" and with many compliments, and a great deal of translating by signs—for my knowledge of Spanish was not quite to my taste in sherry—he begged of me to allow him to place a couple of planks across the stream, to enable him to carry his sacks to the mill. I never suspected a "plant" of any kind, and gave the beggar leave to do what he wished, more particularly as I could see the man grinning at his queer volubility, and my bad Spanish and queer gestures, and I was in a hurry to get rid of him. Off he went, apparently well satisfied; and in an hour's time I saw a couple of planks had been placed across the mill-tread, and a very commodious foot-bridge, constructed by their means. Whether my old colon thought me too young for "the situation," or whether it was accidental, I know not, but I was providentially relieved that very evening by my own captain—poor fellow, I saw him afterwards killed at Badajoz—and the very first thing he did, on reconnoitring his ground, was to kick the miller's planks into the stream, and put two extra sentries within sight of the spot where he made his foot-bridge. Would you believe it?—the very next morning his post was threatened by a squadron of chasseurs, who, finding themselves unsupported, retired, after exchanging a shot or two; and a large body of French infantry marched down to the exact spot where the foot-bridge had been erected, commanded by the Spanish miller in person, attired in the uniform of "Capitaine of the Deuxieme Leger." The clever rascal had disguised himself as a Spaniard, and a miller to boot, and having to do with a young one, almost succeeded in his ingenious plan of forming a means of transport for his company, which he hoped on the morrow to lead to victory, in a brilliant affair of outposts. "That fellow was born to be an actor," concluded the Major; "and I daresay he is one by this time, for a Frenchman can turn his hand to anything. Pass the liquor, Spooner, talking always makes me so devilish thirsty."

That evening, like many others in the 101st Foot, concluded with broiled bones, brandy and water, cigars, songs, and choraf accompaniments, woefully out of tune. I have, even at this distant period, a dim recollection of an imposing war-dance, performed round the mess-table, to the heroic air of the British Grenadiers; and of our carrying Spooner to bed, in a sort of triumphal procession, in which, as the soberest of the party, I bore the huge silver candelabrum and its load of wax-lights. After parade at nine the next morning, I again met my comrades, Spooner included, clean, fresh, and merry, as though they lived on toast-and-water, and went to bed at ten o'clock.

Let me pass over the first two months of military life, taken up, as it was, with my initiation into all the mysteries of war,—"goose-step," "extension motions," "manual and platoon exercises," and all the other intricate and varied terms termed "squad drill." My principal instructor was a stalwart sergeant of the light company, whose heart and soul were bound up in the profession he had adopted. "Carry the butt of your firelock half an inch more to the rear, Mr. Grand,

nature of the parents and amusements they afforded. A struggle to get up and be dressed in time for parade at nine, was the invariable commencement. I buckled my sword belt and tied my sash as I run down stairs, and made my appearance on parade in time to salute the Major before the officers proceeded to inspect their respective companies. The rear-rank of No. 2 is my special charge, and I walk down the front and up the rear with the air of a perfect martinet. Brown's knapsack is hung too high, Smith's pouch is put on too low, and Mar-py is sent to drill 'for unsteadiness in the ranks.' The Major walks down, and compliments me on the progress I make in my duty. The bugles sound—the band plays—the four companies we boast of form, and march past, saluting Major O'Toole as if he were the Duke of York; the officers fall out, the parade is dismissed, and I go to break fast. When that elaborate meal is finished, Levanter kindly accepts one of my cigars, links his arm in mine, and we proceed down the town to play out our match at billiards in which he gives me five out of a hundred, and wins by a stroke. (Levantier can play billiards better than any man in England and what I have learnt of this crafty game I owe to his tuition, though I must confess my instructor did not teach me gratis). The admiring Spooner looks on, and in his regard and affection for myself, loses a five-pound note, or as he calls it, 'a fiver,' to my antagonist. We return to the barracks to re-adjust our toilets before appearing at 'the gardens,' where our drums and fifes will diligit the fair admirers of the military with all the last year's waltzes and polkas, and an occasional quick-step or 'gallop'; and here I devote my attentions to Miss Jones, the fort-major's daughter, a crafty young lady of two or three and thirty, with whom I fancy myself in love. Miss Jones hovers undecided between Levanter and myself, but thinks she has the most chance with the young one, and, as she herself would say, 'rather inclines to Grand.' Like all boys, I am not very good at love-making, and the more I find I care for Miss Jones, or 'Fanny,' as I began to call her to myself, the greater difficulty I have, notwithstanding much encouragement on her part, in telling her so. On the afternoon I am now describing, I got rather further than usual, and found courage to inquire 'for what fortunate individual Miss Jones intended the small nosegay of violets she was carrying?' 'Oh, my! Mr. Grand, I'm sure I don't know. Pa asked me for one, and I wouldn't give it him. Are you fond of violets?' Of course ere I escorted Miss Jones to her home, with its green blinds and brass knocker, one of the half-withered, early smelling violets had found its way to the inside of my blue coat. But we had not yet got much farther than this sort of harmless flirtation.

'Are you nearly dressed, Grand?—the trap is at the door,' said Levanter, some half-hour after our return from the gardens, as he made his appearance in my barrack-room, 'got up' most elaborately, in plain cloth, adapted for a very smart dinner party. He was a fresh-coloured, good-looking man, above the middle size, and inclined to be stout; and as, with the dark hair immensely brushed, his whiskers curled to the very tips, a stupendous white neckcloth, gold-embroidered waistcoat, and blue coat with gilt buttons, he burst into my room, he looked a handsome fellow enough, but wanted a something I could not describe—a sort of finish, to give him the real air of a gentleman.

'Let me put on my driving coat,' was the reply, 'and then forward.' Another five minutes saw us bowling along outside the town with two quick, high-stepping horses, my property, the leader of an easy canter, the wheeler trotting some twelve miles an hour, on our way to ex-provost M Intyre's villa, to which he had been invited, on the occasion of one of that municipal grandee's great fods.

'What snobs these fellows are,' said Le-

and I felt the opportunity of giving vent to the wild excitement that was boiling in my veins. Hotter waxed our argument as we galloped on, and ere we neared the town, personalities were freely exchanged, though with a sort of mock-civility, that to a listener would have been inexpressibly ludicrous. At last, stung to the quick by the cool reply of Levanter to some proposition I made about the horse in question—'Perhaps he might, if you had nerve to ride him'—I burst out, 'Nerve! will you have nerve to sit still, if I drive him at the turnpike gate? I'll show you whether he can jump.'

I thought Levanter's cheek turned a shade paler in the moonlight, as he caught sight of the gate we were now rapidly approaching, looking most forbidding with its series of strong white-painted bars; but though his lip quivered for an instant, he only said, 'Drive on, and try; but hold them straight.' And ere the words were spoken, we were too near to be able to pull up at the pace we were going, even had we wished it. I shouted to my horses, and flogged the wheeler, who appeared inclined to waver in his desperate career, the calumniated leader pulling hard, and pointing his ears at the obstacle which he seemed determined to overcome. We were close upon the gate—I heard Levanter draw his breath hard, and felt the tension of the muscle of his leg against mine, I saw my leader's back, as he rose high in the air, and surmounted the barrier; I heard a tremendous crash, and two fearful bangs against the bottom of the dog-cart, as my wheeler strove to follow his example—and in another instant I was lying in the middle of the road, the surface of which, white as chalk in the moonlight, seemed spinning round and round—one grasp with my hands, to endeavor to keep my position on what appeared a sloping and revolving plane, and that is all I can recollect of my ill advised attempt to jump a turnpike-gate in a tandem.

If there is a dangerous period for youth—if there is a time when the morbid feelings of a false and fevered passion—the creature of the imagination, and not of the heart—exercise their most unbridled sway, it is surely when the frame is languidly recovering from a violent and dangerous illness; when the brain has been excited by fever, the reason weakened by debility, and the affections roused by conscious helplessness. Heaven help the youth, if, in addition to all this, his recovery should take place, as mine did, during the balmy sunny days of a late spring, and be attended, as mine was, by a handsome woman, who has made up her own mind on a subject in the carrying out of which it requires two to constitute a 'quorum.' Let the victim, besides all this, drink green tea and read Byron; let him find himself quoting largely from The Giaour, Parisina, and the Bride of Abydos, whilst he eschews with a conscious sensitiveness the bawling pages of Beppo and Don Juan, and we may safely vote him in that hopeless, helpless state which our estate brother Jonathan describes by the graphic title of 'gone coon.' And so it was with me. Picked up by the turnpike man and Levanter, with a fractured wrist, a sprained shoulder, and a concussion of the brain, I was carried into the fort-major's house, which overlooked the scene of action, and to which the master happened to be returning from a late sitting at mess. My companion escaped, as was but just, with no greater injury than a black eye and a scraped shin; but the unfortunate wheeler was so much damaged that it was found necessary to destroy him; whilst the leader, the *tertium quid* of all, kicked himself clear of everything, and galloped scathless home to his own stable. Of all these facts I was informed in due course of time; as my first attempt at consciousness was some six and thirty hours after the 'smash,' when I found myself lying bandaged and helpless on a sofa bedstead, in the major's sitting-room; while Fanny's long dark ringlets trailed over my face, and

ed her graceful head bending over the work that those long, drooping ringlets half concealed—as I noticed the smoothed sigh that would sometimes break upon these long delicious silences—as I almost shrank from that upward glance that thrilled to my very soul—the poison gradually but surely worked its insidious way into my being; and ere my convalescence was declared established—ere I was removed by the doctor's fiat from that cherished scene, I had poured my love-tale into no unwilling ear, and had plighted my faith, the faith of a scapegrace of eighteen, to Fanny Jones. Well might I have said, with the sluggard who so quaintly reproves the undue punctuality of his valet: 'You have waked me too soon; let me slumber again.' Well might I have wished to dream on, though ruin and disgrace had been the penalty, rather than be wakened so roughly, as was my lot, from that delirious trance.

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After my thorough recovery left no excuse for remaining any longer under the fort-major's roof, I returned to my own barrack-room—no, how dreary a solitude!—but morning after morning, directly the parade was dismissed, I sped, like a bird to its mate, down to the well-known house, there to spend the long summer's day with Fanny in her boudoir; and how wearily passed the dull hours of that on which my duty as orderly confined me to the barracks, when my only consolation was a crossed and re-crossed epistle from my fiancée.

One bright May morning, it was again my turn of duty to remain a close prisoner within the barrack-gate, to see the men's dinners properly cooked, their rooms and passages properly cleaned, and dismiss their afternoon parade *in propria persona*, when, as luck would have it, Spooner, whose expectation of some visitor would keep him all day in his quarters, kindly volunteered to take the irksome duty off my hands, and the major, contrary to custom, allowed the exchange to take place after guard-mounting at ten o'clock; consequently I was not expected at the fort-major's, and thither I sped with even more than my usual alacrity, as soon as Spooner was installed in my place. The birds sang, the flowers bloomed, and the fresh breeze blithely fanned my cheek, as I hurried down to the dwelling of my love. How happy I was! I might have known by that very fact, by the exuberance, the bounding delight of my excited spirits, that a damp must be in store for this excess of joy. So has it ever been with me—so, I suppose, in this equally-balanced world, it

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It cured me of love for many a day; and when I embarked with a draft to join the head-quarters of my regiment in America, I was once more as devil-may-care an ensign as ever made a rally from sea-sickness at the commencement of his 'life on the ocean wave.'

(To be Continued.)

INTERESTING TO HUNTERS.

A correspondent of an exchange, writing from the back part of the County of Essex, says:—'There is no doubt that this winter (at least in this section) will be very destructive to game, &c. Foxes have been killed that were so poor that, as a hunter expressed it, "the skin stuck to the bones." Quail are "snowed under," and when found can be caught easily and are driven into the barnyards and stacks, where the cats and boys destroy them. Partridges are obliged to "bud" for a living. Turkeys cannot travel on the snow, as there is no crust, and when it does come will easily fall prey to all four-footed animals that can manage to survive until then. Deer at this time are driven into the "choppings" to browse for a living, and if the snow continues to fall will be destroyed in spite of the "game law." It is believed, also, that along the rivers and creeks the muskrat will be destroyed, as the ice covers most of the cabins, and being solid—no air-holes, and some days the water is over ice—so the muskrat must drown, as they can live under water a short time only. All this is bad for the trapper and sportsman.'

THE FISHERY LAWS.

DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Mr. Mackenzie, Hamilton, called attention to the necessity of assimilating the fishery laws, rules and regulations of those parts of the United States bordering on the Dominion, with the laws in force on our own inland lakes and rivers.

Mr. Hayes, Detroit, said, Mr. Wilnot had met Seth Green, the fish breeder of New York, and they were agreed as to the importance of protecting the fisheries.

Mr. Mackenzie said the difficulty was the fisheries in the United States were controlled by the several States. The annual value of the produce of the Canadian fisheries reaches the considerable sum of \$11,000,000.

The wind and the waves in fierce conflict arose, With tumult the heavens were rife, All fell, rent and roar was the Bay of Tramore, And the strand seemed to shake with the strife.

REMEMBER THE MARE, YOUR HONOR.

[From the London Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News].

"Valor uncelebrated," say Horace, "differs little from cowardice in the grave." An act of valor has lately come to the ears of the writer, which he endeavored to snatch from so undeserved a fate.

Neptune's artillery boomed 'long the shore, In cavern, 'gainst rock, and o'er shallow; The blast snatched the spray and whirled it away Right inland, o'er cottage and fallow.

Hopelessly battling with wind and with wave, A vessel appears in the bay, God help her, for now, from her stern to her bow She's doomed, so the inhabitants say.

A French ship from Cadiz, deep laden with wine, The Storm Fiend he shows her no quarter; In each timber she creaks, she strains and she leaks, And her cargo is now wine and water.

Two days and two nights and another day yet, She tacks to regain the clear offing; But foul wind and tide her efforts deride, And each tack is a nail in her coffin.

Nearer and nearer the sandbank she dove, Till she struck on the treacherous shoal, Mast and rigging the board, the sea o'er her passed, And a very burst from each stricken soul.

Of Punchestown, talk I or of Howth and Baldoyle!

Or the Carragh of sporty Kindare! What's a steeplechase course to a man on a horse, Compared to Tim's ride on that mare!

Now high on the crest, now deep in the trough Of the wave, they all watched her with horror, And a cry wild and loud often broke from the crowd; You've heard it before 'twas "Begorra!"

And sometimes another expression they'd use, As excitement half drove them all mad, I think you are sure to have heard that before: 'Tis frequently used; 'twas "Bedad!"

A loud, ringing cheer, from Tramore's crowded strand Now rises to Heaven's black dome, Tim stands on the deck of the wave washed wreck, And the brave little mare's swimming home.

He launches their boat, and then in it leaps The tempest-worn crew one by one, And seizing the oar he sculls for the shore, By Heaven, 'twas gallantly done!

Huroosh for brave Tim! Huroosh for Mounseer, He's saved from a watery grave! Huroosh! and to spare, for the brave little mare That so gallantly brasted the wave.

"Name your reward now," the magistrate said, As, dripping, Tim stood on the strand, 'Twas splendidly done, Ould Ireland's son, I'm proud of you, give us your hand."

"Tell us the way we can serve you, my lad, Come, what can I do for you, Connor!" "Och, sure!" Tim replied, "all I did was to ride; Remember the mare, please your honor!"

But Franco values valor wherever 'tis found, The help of the brave light upon her! Though Tim couldn't write, she made him a knight— A Knight of the Legion of Honor.

R. MOUNTAIN JERSON.

THE HALIFAX ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING AND ITS FITTINGS.

The new Academy of Music, Halifax, N. S., the dedication of which was recorded in our past issue, fronts on the east side of Barrington street. It is built entirely of brick and freestone. The front of the building is to be done in brown mastic, and the sides and rear will be covered with cement.

wings, etc. The size of the scenes is 30 feet high and 26 feet wide. All of the scenery was painted by F. Stanfield of Buffalo, N.Y., and the architect was T. B. Jackson, of New York.

AN OLD RIFLEMAN ON RIFLE SHOOTING.

Somehow, as a sportsman, I don't see the utility of shooting at these long ranges. I have shot the rifle for about 40 years, and although my eyes begin to fail and I have to use spectacles, I find these crack shots at Creedmoor ranges don't beat me at a proper distance for all practical purposes.

The sight of a deer or turkey is usually a surprise; they put in an appearance just when and where least expected, and the first view is either the bounding away with erected plume of the deer, or the skulking swift run of the turkey, dodging behind everything for a screen.

Obituary.

SIGNOR BLITZ, PRESTIDIGITATEUR.

This world-renowned and highly gifted prestidigitateur and ventriloquist died at his late residence in Philadelphia, on the 24th ult., after a long and painful illness.

In private life Signor Blitz was no less esteemed than in his public one. Always a high-toned and honorable gentleman, his dealings with his fellow men were always characterized by those qualities, while his jovial disposition, ready wit and unbounded fund of anecdotes rendered him a companion to be sought after.

OF SAT FEATS IN SKATING.

The record of feats of skill in skating is unusually full. The famous Chevalier de St. George, who was marvelously expert in all exercises of the body, was able to sign his name on the ice with the blade of his skate.

artificial system of fish culture which has been so successfully prosecuted in some parts of Europe, and is now extensively pursued in the United States. There are seven or eight public fish hatching establishments now in operation in Canada. These have turned out during the three or four years past the immense quantity of 15,000,000 young fish bred by the artificial process, and there are now in course of hatching at these establishments about 18,000,000 more, of different kinds of fish. Such an enormous addition to the chances of fish increase must certainly result in heavy returns from our inland fisheries within a short time, and as many of the districts within which these young fish have been liberated are situated between Canada and the United States, it seems probable that our neighbors will benefit nearly as much as ourselves by the improvement. From all the inquiries made, it appears that Canadian fishermen, whose pursuits are confined to these border waters, have hitherto labored under some disadvantages, by being obliged by our laws to quit fishing, in conformity with our fishing laws, during the spawning seasons, whilst their competitors in the neighboring States continue their fishing throughout the seasons, without being subject to any legal restrictions. This is felt by Canadians engaged in the fisheries to be somewhat invidious. Mr. White, the Canadian Fisheries Commissioner, sets this forth very fully in his reports, and urges the necessity for assimilating the fishing laws on both sides of the boundary line. He apprehends that otherwise Canada may be forced, in justice to her own fishermen, to relax or abandon entirely the wise provisions hitherto adopted to protect and increase the fish frequenting these border waters, so as to place the fishermen of both countries on an equal footing; such a contingency would be deplored by those disinterested parties who feel the importance of all our fisheries as a source of good supply and a valuable article of commerce. If the breeding of vast quantities of fish in these Government establishments is also likely to be a benefit to the United States citizens, in common almost with our own people, the other grievance will be aggravated. The bare possibility of such a result is cause for regret, because it might have the effect of discouraging such successful efforts as we have been already making to improve our fisheries, both by natural and artificial means. Hence, I think it very desirable that the Government should be strengthened in their endeavors to negotiate a fair approximation on the part of the United States. There have been communications on the disjunction between the Federal and the Dominion Governments, but what practical advance has been made does not appear. It is probable that the delays of dealing with several States, each having control of fishing rights, and the possible powerlessness of the Federal authority to influence the action of the State Legislatures, will retard the accomplishment of any such purpose as that which seems so very desirable; but there can be no doubt that public opinion on both sides of the line will eventually produce its effect in leading to the assimilation of our fishery laws.

THE INVENTION OF CARDS.

Sir Walter Scott said that the alleged origin of the invention of cards produced one of the shrewdest replies he had ever heard given in evidence. It was made by the late Dr. Gregory, at Edinburgh, to a counsel of great eminence at the Scottish Bar. The doctor's testimony was to prove the insanity of the person whose mental capacity was the point at issue. On a cross-interrogation he admitted that the person in question played admirably at whist. "And do you seriously say doctor," said the learned counsel, "that a person having a superior capacity for a game so difficult, and which requires in a pre-eminent degree memory, judgement, and combination, can be at the time deranged in his understanding?" "I am no card player," said the doctor with great address; "but I have read in history that cards were invented for the amusement of an insane king." The consequences of this reply were decisive.

A meeting of the leading B. B. clubs of the States and Canada will be held in Philadelphia early in the month of February, for the purpose of arranging an International Base-Ball Association.

short, every detail connected with the incident, except the name of the hero himself. The writer has called him "Tim Connor. When asked to name his reward, this gallant pool-pooler his own share in the transaction, gave the mare all the credit, and all he asked was that she might be remembered and well cared for for the remainder of her life. The French Government, however, took a higher view of the exploit, and, though the man was an illiterate peasant, unable to read or write, they made him a Knight of the Legion of Honor. Our own Government offered him a good berth in the Customs, but his want of education precluded his employment in that capacity.

The wind and the waves in fierce conflict arose,
With tumult the heavens were rife,
All ferment and roar was the Bay of Tramore,
And the strand seemed to shake with the strife.

Neptune's artillery boomed 'long the shore,
In cavern, 'gainst rock, and o'er shallow;
The blast swatched the spray and whirled it away
Right inland, o'er cottage and fallow.

Hopelessly battling with wind and with wave,
A vessel appears in the bay,
God help her, for now, from her stern to her bow
She's doomed, so the inhabitants say.

A French ship from Cadiz, deep laden with wine,
The Storm Fiend he shows her no quarter;
In each timber she creaks, she strains and she leaks,
And her cargo is now wine and water.

Two days and two nights and another day yet,
She tacks to regain the clear offing;
But foul wind and tide her efforts deride,
And each tack is a nail in her coffin.

Nearer and nearer the sandbank she dove,
Till she struck on the treacherous shoal,
Masts went by the board, the sea o'er her poured,
And every burst from each stricken soul.

For miles all around the intelligence flies
That a ship in the bay is ashore,
And the people, in flocks, crowd the beach and
the rocks,
To helplessly gaze by the score.

With work and well watching, exhausted, her crew
Are lashed to the stump of the mast,
Their cries to the shore are drowned in the roar
Of the wave and the shriek of the blast.

No boat could be forced thro' the fierce raging surf,
Then out spake a magistrate true,
"I'll give a reward to the man who will board
That doomed ship and bring off her crew."

Then answered Tim Connor, "Your honor I'll try,
I'll be no loss to anyone livin';
There's her Jem Coffey's mare, sure she'd take me
there,
If the loan of her Jem would be givin'."

The loan of her Jem Coffey willingly gave,
"Sure a big little mare" was the mare;
Tim jumped on her back, in what's called "half
a crack";
His demeanor was "devil-me-care."

Amidst friendly shouts he rode off, it might be
To failure and Death, not dishonor,
And last, but not least, spake his reverence the
priest,
"God's blessin' be on ye, Tim Connor!"

Tossing the foam from their high-curling manes
The "white horses" charged with a roar,
"Och, Thunder and Turf! he'll be drowned in
the surf;
We'll never see Tim any more!"

The mare never swerved to the right or the left,
But onward she pressed without fear;
Tim's hands on her neck, to soothe, not to check,
And his voice whispers soft in her ear.

The rufianly billows with might and with main
To part-serve those gallant hearts tried;
But that partnership true they couldn't undo,
For Tim was "a devil to ride."

The new Academy of Music, Halifax, N. S., the dedication of which was recorded in our past issue, fronts on the east side of Barrington street. It is built entirely of brick and free stone. The front of the building is to be done in brown mastic, and the sides and rear will be covered with cement. The lot on which it is built is 90 feet front by 146 ft. deep, the entire building covers 78 ft. by 164 ft. The vestibule is 37 ft. by 24 ft. and is divided by double doors from the entrance to the auditorium and balcony staircase, the entrance from the street being by three doors, respectively 5 ft. wide and one 6 ft. Immediately on entering, on the south side, is the manager's room and ticket-office, from which there is an underground passage to the stage, and also the necessary speaking-tubes to control the house. Adjoining these is the staircase descending to the gentlemen's saloon, which is in the basement; and then, on the same side, after passing through the doors, which are a trifle larger than those on the front, is the balcony-staircase, 8 ft. wide. This gives easy access to the lobby of the balcony, which is 27 ft. by 13 ft. Passing the foot of the staircase, you enter the auditorium, which is 62x61, and has at each side ladies' and gentlemen's cloakrooms. The auditorium has a capacity of 250 orchestra chairs, and the parquette-circle, which is under the dress-circle, has 200 chairs. The last is raised and formed so as to correspond with the balcony, being laid in similar manner, with an iron roll-rail, and in white and gold, with a purple plush top. The chairs are of the most approved pattern of opera chairs. Returning to the balcony-lobby, we find a large cloak room on the south side, and the north a ticket office for the upper gallery. The entrance to the balcony is by three large doors. The balcony is furnished with 300 upholstered sofa-seats, in scarlet cloth, with arms and ornamental iron tops, with medallions containing the numbers of the seats, finished in white and gold. At the north end of the front is the main entrance to the upper gallery, and also another large door, which will be used as a means of exit. The staircase and landings to the gallery are entirely built of stone, inclosed in solid walls of brick and covered with cement. The entrance door to the gallery is 8 feet wide. This gallery will seat 300 to 400 people. Off the gallery is a store room 9x10. There is also a door opening from the lobby of the balcony into this staircase, which can be used as a means of exit in case of fire. The interior of the building is handsomely decorated. The balcony and gallery rails are the same in style and finish as the parquette-circle, which gives it, from the stage. Its appearance of three galleries, except that around the top of the upper gallery rail is a brass rod supported by neat uprights, attached to the railing to insure its strength, giving at the same time a very pretty appearance. The walls are painted in oil, the tints being in keeping with the frescoed ceiling. There is a handsome border in colors below the cornice, which is heavily ornamented in colors. The ceiling, a half-round, is of thin pine, covered with canvas, which forms a complete sounding-board, and is beautifully laid off in the form of four-corner panels, inclosing the dome, in which are painted allegorical representations of Tragedy, Comedy, Music and Love. The dome is frescoed to represent a clouded sky above a handsome ballustrade, with elegant chandelier supports. The centre of the dome contains the sunlight. Between each support on the ballustrade are large vases containing flowers, festooned to the circle of the dome. The proscenium-arch is a fine specimen of carving. The design is ornamented with pillars, with nymphs supporting vases, and a cornice, in the centre of which are crouching figures supporting a lyre and other emblems. The whole is finished in white enamel and gold, with relief tints. The wall on each side of the pillars, extending to the balconies, forms a panel 12 feet broad by 88 feet high. In the centre of each is a large medallion, from the centre of which projects a handsome cluster chandelier, 8 feet high. The orchestra is 35x7 feet, and will have two entrances into the music-room, and from this is a stair to the trap-room, etc., under the stage.

The stage is 35 feet 6 inches in depth, and the entire width of the building. The proscenium-curtain opening is 36 feet wide and 38 feet high, and is provided with a very elaborate drop-curtain, displaying a view of Lake Como; also a green damask curtain. The stage is fitted and furnished with five sets of double elbow-grooves and three sets of arched borders, comprising sky, foliage and drapery. It has also sixteen complete acts of scenery, with all the necessary

country. I saw two deer within 75 yards of the lying down. "Now, said I, 'Charley, take your time, don't get flustered, they don't see us, be careful. You shoot the buck and when the doe jumps up I'll kill her.'" Charley fired and the deer jumped to their feet, standing perfectly still. Said I, "Charley, put in another shell and give it to him again." Bang went his rifle and away bounded the buck. The doe stood just half a second too long, and received my ball. Says Charley, "What the devil is the reason I didn't kill him?" "Oh!" said I, "He wants a Creedmoor target." Charley had two more good shots, one at a deer and one at a turkey, before he killed, and said it was one thing to shoot at a target and quite another to kill game.

The sight of a deer or turkey is usually a surprise; they put in an appearance just when and where least expected, and the first view is either the bounding away with erect plume of the deer, or the skulking swift run of the turkey, dodging behind everything for a screen, with no time to take rest or call shots. Thirty or forty years ago we rifle-men used to practice in this way: Take three barrel heads and nail them together, then select a billside where they would roll swiftly down, and at the foot of the hill drive two stakes thirty feet apart, shooting at the wheel while it is going between these stakes. Then stand off 60 or 75 yards, and if you can hit the wheel near the centre most every time you stand a good chance to kill a deer on the jump between the trees, as they strike into an opening or cross a road. The bounding of the wheel compares with the running of the deer.

One seldom shoots at a deer or a turkey at over 100 yards, and usually within 50 yards. Seventy-five yards in the woods seems farther than 150 out on an open field. One old hunter told me he killed a deer over 800 yards; afterwards, he showing me just where he stood, I packed it, and it was only about 90 paces. I will allow that when one paces his own shots he steps only, say two feet and four inches, and when he paces the shots of others he generally straddles or steps at least three feet and two inches.—G. F. W. in *Forest and Stream*.

USE OF FLIES.

Although flies are, in summer, the pest of our lives, and we wonder why they were ever made at all, it should be remembered that they have an infancy as maggots, and the loathsome life they then lead as scavengers cleanses and purifies the August air, and lowers the death-rates of our cities and towns. Thus, while stables and piggeries and filth are tolerated by city and town authorities, the young of the house-fly and flea, and blow-fly, with their thousand allies, are doing something toward purifying the pestilential air and averting the summer brood of cholera, dysentery, and typhoid fever, which descend like harpies upon the devoted towns and cities. It may be regarded as an axiom that where flies most abound, there filth, death-dealing and baneful, is most abundant, and filth-diseases such as we have named most do congregate. A fly which is born in August generally lives a month or six weeks, and dies at the coming of frost, either of cold or from the attacks of fungoid plants. A few, probably, winter over and survive until midsummer, and thus maintain the existence of this useful species, to which civilized man owes more than he can readily estimate, and with which he can dispense only when the health of cities and towns is looked after with far greater vigilance and intelligence than is perhaps likely to be the case for several centuries to come.

A CARD.—To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City. 250 em

cepted a challenge to a contest upon the ice, and in a few minutes a question and answer were written down with a pen, unsurpassed by handwriting upon glass with a diamond. There was a Swede who was able with one foot to design portraits on the ice. Strutt, in "Sports and Pastimes of the People of England," speaks of four skaters who were able to dance a minuett upon the ice with as much elegance as if they had been walking on the floor of a ball-room, and William Hou, in his "Every Day Book," speaking of the skating on the Serpentine River, says—"The elegance of skaters on that sheet of water is excellently exhibited in quadrilles, which some parties go through with a beauty scarcely imaginable by those who have not seen graceful skating." Mr. Sam Weller, as we learn from the same history in which Mr. Pickwick figures so prominently, was an adept at the beautiful feat of fancy skating known as "knocking at the cobbler's door," which was achieved by skimming over the ice on one foot and occasionally giving a double knock with the other. Tracing the letters of the alphabet on the ice has long been a favorite exercise, but with us, in these degenerate days, the execution of the figure eight is about the severest test of skill. In Germany, particularly, there are many graceful skaters. Bar on de Brincken, who was patron of the King of Westphalia, was able, while moving over the ice at a great pace, to leap a distance of two yards and clear two or three hats placed one above the other, or some of the little sledges which the ladies used. Klopplock not only wrote fiery lyrics in praise of the art of skating, but was an expert at the exercise even in his old age. "What the least active among his countrymen would exclaim, 'the author of the Misanthropie linger over pleasures no longer suited to his age!'" When he and Goethe met the conversation for the most part was about skating, and the latter is said to have found in the exercise a relief from the tortures of what he suffered in consequence of the breaking of the love link which had existed between him and Frederick of Saxe-Weimar. In Friesland the people skate more than they walk, and skating races, especially for women, are frequently in all the towns. The course is always carefully laid out, long strips of wool being ranged in line to keep the competitors separate, and as it is sometimes more favorable to swift progress on the one side of this demarcation than on the other, the skaters are required to change sides every time they turn. The lists are enclosed by ropes, which run round by the sides of the canal, along which there is always a multitude of excited spectators. The prizes are valuable, but to obtain them it is necessary to win from sixty to eighty races. As a matter of course, the races in which women alone engage are more interesting than those open only to men. First, there is the honor of attaching the skates to the feet of the fair contestants; and second, the reward of a kiss to the fortunate swim. In these countries, if the women are not as swift as the men, they are at least more expert, and excel them in lightness and beauty of style. "The races on the ice," says Palati, "are carnivals of the Dutch; they are their fetes, their operas, their dissipations. At this season, during which many fashionable people in different parts of the world are running themselves in their extravagance, the only expense by which the Hollanders are put in the seat of a pair of skates, and the outlay is called for only once or twice during their lives."

At Mr. Samuel Wilson's North Brother-fer, Ont., on the 24th September last, while threshing, a large sow was covered up under a straw stack. She was missed, and supposed to be stolen. On the 26th of December the sow was discovered. The cattle had eaten away the straw, and the sow made her appearance, a perfect skeleton, but alive. She was cared for, and slowly recovered.



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AMERICAN.

Medina, N. Y.	June 5 to 7
Freeport, Ill.	May 29 to June 1
Cleveland, O.	July 24 to 27
Springfield, Mass.	July 24 to 27
Buffalo, N. Y.	July 31 to Aug. 3
Freeport, Ill.	July 31 to Aug. 8
Rochester, N. Y.	2d week in Aug.
Prophetstown, Ill.	2d " "
Tiskilwa, Ill.	2d " "
Utica, N. Y.	8d " "
Earlville, Ill.	4th " "

CANADIAN.

Whitby.....May 24

IOE RACES.

Brookville	Feb. 8 to 10
Oshawa	Feb. 14 to 15
Trenton, Ont.....	Feb. 14 to 15
Ottawa.....	Feb. 15 to 17
Brighton.....	Feb. 20 to 21
Bell Ewart.....	Feb. 22 to 28

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oshawa.....	Feb. 18
Ottawa.....	Feb. 19
Trenton.....	Feb. 18
Brighton.....	Feb. 19
Bell Ewart.....	Feb. 22

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which increases the danger to an alarming extent to the horses regularly engaged in the events of the day. This is obviated in the new system. To the spectator there is no comparison in the merits of the different styles. On the regular track there is a degree of comfort and pleasure which can not be approached in the old way, and anyone who has attended a meeting like Woodbine, will not care much for open ice meetings. Wherever practical, by all means, the regular track should be used, and if once attempted, will, we feel assured, always be maintained.

While on this subject it might be stated, it would be well if all our racing events were as cleverly managed as the late Woodbine meeting. The most perfect order was maintained, and the management was industrious in seeking to contribute to the comfort of their patrons. The purse money was paid on each evening of the day it was won, which is commendable in itself; but the whole of this affair was in keeping. Everybody was delighted—horsemen as well as spectators—and all were not slow in giving expression to their feelings. Everything moved like clock-work, and the advantage of organization, with competent men at the helm, insured success in all departments. Winter or summer, we should like to see all our meetings give the degree of satisfaction which this one earned for itself.

ENTRIES FOR OSHAWA WINTER RACES CLOSE FEB. 18.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Lately, reports have been circulated to the effect that Mr. Ed. Hanlan, the champion oarsmen, was about to remove from this city, on account of the apathy exhibited towards him in his efforts to get on matches with some of the best men of England and America. That Mr. Hanlan has been treated with a coolness, which amounted to offence, by some of our blue-blooded amateurs, since his return from his victorious career at Philadelphia, last fall, does not admit of a doubt. The coveted visit of Mr. Morris, the Pittsburgh oarsman, to this city, last week, and the concealed sale of the boat in which Hanlan achieved his triumph, in Philadelphia, to the Pittsburger, does not do note the best of feeling of some of our oarsmen towards the champion. The story of this sale may furnish the subject of another article. However, it may be said that although Hanlan was a part owner of the boat, it was sold without his knowledge, and he had no intimation of the transaction until the boat was safe on the other side of the lines. It would be too bad to place a false construction on this matter, but its *prima facie* appearance is strongly suggestive of an attempt to impede the champion in his training, and thwart him in his commendable efforts to maintain his proud position. The whole affair requires explanation, to show that there is not a strong underhand feeling, to lose no opportunity of giving Hanlan the worst of the deal at every stage of the game. The motive that prompts this ungenerous treatment to the young man can not be concealed, and in due time will have to be explained.

It is not to be expected that Hanlan is in a position to find the whole of the money to make good his propositions, and it is only in accordance with the usual custom that he expects outside assistance. This had been promised him, but was subsequently withdrawn, leaving him with the proposals on his hands while the promise of the funds.

es that the sculling championship of England is at Hanlan's mercy whenever he chooses to try for it. The fortune of the heats kept Luther and Brayley apart, and it is hard to guess which is the better man. Morris, who from previous record, should be better than Luther, apparently did not persevere, and seemed but a ghost of the powerful young athlete who sculled at Boston in 1874 and 1875, and rowed that magnificent five-mile race with George Brown on the Kennebecasis. He was infamously rigged, and, moreover, rumor said, was "pulled" in the race, with ulterior designs on Luther's pocket-book through a private match. In fact, the entire professional atmosphere was murky with alleged bargain and sale, and we could only see through the gloom that Hanlan won all his heats with ridiculous ease, and was the best professional sculler ever seen in America; that in the sculling races, Canada honestly won all the honors, the United States made a poor showing, and England out no figure whatever."

A NEW ILLUSTRATION.

When the regular daily press, with one exception, dabbles in sporting matters, it is liable to mix things in a ludicrous sort of a way. Instances have been given in our columns where replies to correspondents on sporting questions have been very faulty, and last week another illustration was presented. The Montreal Star is one of our most valued exchanges in the way of news, and the enterprise of its proprietor has worked it up to the position of one of the leading journals in the Dominion. Lately it has started an "Answer to Correspondents" column, and the following reply to a query on Euchre is found in its issue of Feb. 8. Where it could have obtained information to furnish such an answer is a mystery, as the merest tyro in the game should be better informed of the rules. However, it is but another illustration of the adage "A little learning is a dangerous thing."

"J. Pass" writes: "A. D. C. & D. are playing a four-handed game of straight euchre. A. and B. partners, and it is A.'s deal. He is ordered up by his opponent C., who plays it alone and says that he will also play it alone against C., and euchres C. Please first say whether A. has a right to play alone against C., and, if he euchres C., how many points it will count."—A. has the right to play alone, and, in euchring C. he has all the points which C. would have obtained had he made a march, viz., four. The idea of playing alone represents double profit in the shape of points.

OSHAWA WINTER RACES.

The winter races at Oshawa, announced for the 14th and 15th inst., will take place over the very well appointed half-mile track there. We have been informed the track is in first-rate order, and the stands will be heated and enclosed to make spectators comfortable. The open races consist of a 2:40 and a free-for-all; the balance of the programme being made up of local events. The entries close on the 13th, a fact owners of eligible horses should not lose sight of. There can be no doubt of the meeting being a very successful one, as there is a material advantage to owners, owing to the absence of risk, in trotting over a regularly appointed track in preference to the open ice.

RYSDYK STOCK FARM.

We have the announcement this week of this noted breeding establishment, and the stallions in-use here. The celebrated trotting horse PHIL SKEERIDAN takes precedence in the list. On Jan. 26, we drew attention to the great merits of this horse, which doubtless did not escape our readers. Along with him are RYSDYK, the son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian and Lady Duke (thoroughbred), by Lexington; CHESTNUT HILL, by Rysdyk, dsm the Miller mare, by Bully King (a son of Geo. M. Patchen); and Wm.

of investing in such should make immediate application, as they will undoubtedly be sold, and such another opportunity may not occur in a lifetime. Fancy prices will not be demanded. We hope they may be retained in this country, as our turf cannot afford to lose two such shining lights as Bruce and Vicksburg.

Sporting Gossip.

York State did not take part in the free-for-all at Woodbine, on account of being out of fit, Mr. George Forbes, his driver, being away from home.

Messrs. Love & Brown, of Hay, Co. Huron, have sold their fine imported heavy draught stallion Wellington, six years old, bred by Colonel McDougall, of Logan, Scotland, to Mr. Wm. Eadie, of the County of Russell, near Ottawa, for the sum of \$2,000 cash.

Mr. Bingham, of Bradford, has secured the pool privileges at Bell Ewart, for the coming winter meeting.

Mr. J. B. Lepine, owner of Lepine Park, Hochelaga, and hotel-keeper, Montreal, has gone into insolvency. No definite statement of his liabilities has been made, but they are not supposed to be large.

A fine trotting horse is advertised in today's paper for sale. He has a record of 2:37, but can get close to the twenties. He has a good disposition, perfectly kind, and can be driven by a lady without any danger.

Brockville Winter Races commenced on Thursday and are to conclude to-morrow. The secretary will probably forward us a summary of the different events in time for next week's issue.

Mr. C. Wallis' gray mare Dolly was seized at Woodbine Park, on Friday last, for taxes due by the former lessees of the track. This legal action is severe on Mr. Wallis, and does not redound to the credit of the Association in default. The managers of the winter meeting are blameless in the matter. The amount due is about \$105.

A trotting meeting was held at Brantford yesterday. The entrances were confined to horses belonging to members of the County of Brant Horse Breeder's Association. The races were a three and five-year old colt trot, and a gentlemen driver's trot.

The Montreal Horse Market has been quiet during the past week. At Mr. Elwes' a few were sold, at rather low prices. Mr. J. C. Richardson purchased 17 head for shipment to Boston, the lot costing him \$1,405. At the American House yard a number were sold on American account at prices ranging from \$60 to \$125.

In our issue of the 26th ult., an article appeared on American and English Racing, which was credited to the Lexington Record, whereas it was clipped from the Kentucky Live Stock Record, published in Lexington, one of the best of our turf exchanges. The error is regretted, as the article was a good one, and friend Bruce is entitled to the fullest credit for it.

Mr. Elisha Slipp, of Jacksonville, N. B., has a colt twenty months and fifteen days old which weighs 1,200 lbs; girls six feet, and stands fifteen hands and a-half.

During the late Woodbine Meeting, ex-alderman Nowlan, the owner of St. Patrick, offered to match him, against Deck Wright for a stake which would pay the latter for getting a record, providing he could beat the Milesian. The proposition was declined on

Mr. Eph Morris, the celebrated sculler of Pittsburgh, Pa., was in the city last week, and purchased a shell boat from Mr. Louden.

The reported sale of Alexander, the winner of the 2:37, 2:38, and free-for-all races at Woodbine last week, to an Ottawa gentleman, is premature. Some little indiscretions committed by Alexander, on the other side, through the agency of his driver without Mr. Gregory's knowledge, proved to be a bar to what might have been a profitable transaction. Thus chickens come home to roost.

A pigeon match will take place at Clifton on the 18th inst., for \$120, between three shooters from Niagara Falls, N. Y., and three from St. Catharines, 15 birds each, trap and handle for each other. It is causing considerable talk in that locality, and our correspondent says speculation will be lively.

The St. Catharines pigeon shooting tournament will probably take place in the last week of February.

The objection to insuring his life made by a veteran gambler, "I don't like to play a game where I've got to die to win," is thus delicately paraphrased by a fastidious writer: "Men instinctively dislike the contemplation of a contract in which death is a necessary incident to give it value to their estate."

The officers of the Grand Rapids, Mich., Horse Association for the present year are: T. H. Lyon, President; M. Boorlem, Treasurer; Geo. S. Ward, Secretary; Jas. S. Kennedy, Superintendent of the grounds and track.

Last Tuesday week, Mr. H. Bruce Gordon, of Mitchell, had five horses for sale by auction. He succeeded in disposing of four of them for \$23, and paid some one 50 cents to take the other one away.

Mr. Scott Hastings, of last year's Louisville nine, and formerly of the old Bookford team, has been engaged by the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club, of Guelph, as catcher for 1877.

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Prophetstown, Ill.	2d	"
Tokilwa, Ill.	2d	"
Utica, N. Y.	3d	"
Earlville, Ill.	4th	"

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ICE RACES.

Brockville	Feb. 8 to 10
Oshawa	Feb. 14 to 15
Trenton, Ont.	Feb. 14 to 15
Ottawa	Feb. 15 to 17
Brighton	Feb. 20 to 21
Bill Ewart	Feb. 22 to 23

ENTRIES CLOSE.

Oshawa	Feb. 18
Ottawa	Feb. 12
Trenton	Feb. 18
Brighton	Feb. 19
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NEWSPAPER DECISIONS:

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3. The Courts have decided, that refusing to take newspapers or periodicals from the Post Office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

WINTER MEETINGS.

We have all along advocated the advisability of holding winter meetings on regularly constituted tracks, deeming they had many advantages in their favor. This was fully illustrated at the late Woodbine meeting in this city, and anyone who was present will bear testimony to the pleasure and comfort with which the contests could be witnessed. In fact, the whole affair compared favorably in interest with any of our first-class summer meetings. In one point alone, if they possessed no other, they demand the support of horse owners, and that is, in the safety to the horses engaged in the races. During past years quite a number of horses have been disabled, and some killed, by collision on open tracks, a contingency which is almost provided against by using a regularly fenced and railed track. On the open ice numerous outside drivers use the track for the purpose of showing off their horses,

offence, by some of our blue-blooded amateurs, since his return from his victorious career at Philadelphia, last fall, does not admit of a doubt. The covered visit of Mr. Morris, the Pittsburg oarsman, to this city, last week, and the concealed sale of the boat in which Hanlan achieved his triumph, in Philadelphia, to the Pittsburger, does not do note the best of feeling of some of our oarsmen towards the champion. The story of this sale may furnish the subject of another article. However, it may be said that although Hanlan was a part owner of the boat, it was sold without his knowledge, and he had no intimation of the transaction until the boat was safe on the other side of the lines. It would be too bad to place a false construction on this matter, but its *prima facie* appearance is strongly suggestive of an attempt to impede the champion in his training, and thwart him in his commendable efforts to maintain his proud position. The whole affair requires explanation, to show that there is not a strong underhand feeling, to lose no opportunity of giving Hanlan the worst of the deal at every stage of the game. The motive that prompts this ungenerous treatment to the young man can not be concealed, and in due time will have to be explained.

It is not to be expected that Hanlan is in a position to find the whole of the money to make good his propositions, and it is only in accordance with the usual custom that he expects outside assistance. This had been promised him, but was subsequently withdrawn, leaving him with the proposals on his hands, while the promise of the funds, necessary to carry them out, had been withdrawn after the challenge appeared. It is said the rowing clubs, of this city, have now taken the matter in hand, and have promised to use their efforts to bring the matches to a satisfactory conclusion. It is to be hoped this is true, and that no feelings of individual jealousy will be permitted to interfere with their action. Toronto people were willing enough to share in Hanlan's triumphs, and it is hard to believe he will be deserted by such enthusiastic friends as cheered themselves hoarse at his reception last fall. Time will tell. It would be a standing disgrace to the patrons of aquatic sports in this city if the matches proposed should be allowed to lapse by default of ways and means for the only great oarsman this province has ever produced.

And now a word from an outside source respecting our champion's abilities. Mr. Wm. B. Curtis, of Chicago, probably the best informed aquatic writer on the continent, in last week's New York Sportsman, in comparing the relative qualities of the English and American oarsmen, at Philadelphia, concludes a long letter with the following paragraph.

"In sculling the Englishmen made a miserable exhibit. Green, Thomas, and Spencer were beneath criticism, and the only way the boats could have been drawn, so as to allow either of the three to win a first trial heat, would have been to put all three in one heat. Higgins only pulled three-quarters of a mile, and in that distance showed himself just about equal to Louthier, and Louthier could not keep up with Hanlan for a foot. Higgins claims to be the best man in England, and is undoubtedly one of the best there, and it is as sure as death or tax-

C. he has all the points which C. would have obtained had he made a march, viz., four. The idea of playing alone represents double profit in the shape of points.

OSHAWA WINTER RACES.

The winter races at Oshawa, announced for the 14th and 15th inst., will take place over the very well appointed half-mile track there. We have been informed the track is in first-rate order, and the stands will be heated and enclosed to make spectators comfortable. The open races consist of a 2:40 and a free-for-all; the balance of the programme being made up of local events. The entries close on the 18th, a fact owners of eligible horses should not lose sight of. There can be no doubt of the meeting being a very successful one, as there is a material advantage to owners, owing to the absence of risk, in trotting over a regularly appointed track in preference to the open ice.

RYSDYK STOCK FARM.

We have the announcement this week of this noted breeding establishment, and the stallions in use there. The celebrated trotting horse PHIL SHERIDAN takes precedence in the list. On Jan. 26, we drew attention to the great merits of this horse, which doubtless did not escape our readers. Along with him are RYSDYK, the son of Rysdyk's Hambletonian and Lady Duke (thoroughbred), by Lexington; CHESTNUT HILL, by Rysdyk, dam the Miller mare, by Bully King (a son of Geo. M. Patchen); and Wm. B. SMITH, a Royal George, by Thomas Jefferson, dam imp. Heatherbloom, by Tallyho. This is a stable of horses which will compare favorably with any on the continent; and one of which Canadians are deservedly proud. The reduction of prices at this establishment this season is a move which will be appreciated by its patrons. The books for the different horses are now open, and applications should be made at as early a date as possible to prevent disappointment. From the very favorable terms offered, the lists will be rapidly filled, and those who desire to share in the benefits of such fine stock should not lose the opportunity.

STALLIONS FOR SALE.

Our advertising columns, to-day, contain the announcements that Bill Bruce and Vicksburg are offered for sale, as their owner proposes to retire from the turf, at least, so far as running his horses is concerned. It is unnecessary to speak of the great running qualities possessed by these two remarkable stallions. They are known to every turfman in Canada, and it is not required of us to say anything in the way of puffery. They are both in good condition and feeling as well as ever they did, and will be sold cheap. Vicksburg especially should make a great stock-horse, from his fine breeding and great size and bone, and he has never been broken down, but is as sound in wind and limb as the day he was foaled. Bruce is a noble race-horse, as fleet as any man's, and as sound as a bell. Any gentleman desirous

in default. The managers of the winter meeting are blameless in the matter. The amount due is about \$105.

A trotting meeting was held at Brantford yesterday. The entrances were confined to horses belonging to members of the County of Brant Horse Breeder's Association. The races were a three and five-year old colt trot, and a gentlemen driver's trot.

The Montreal Horse Market has been quiet during the past week. At Mr. Elwes's a few were sold, at rather low prices. Mr. J. C. Richardson purchased 17 head for shipment to Boston, the lot costing him \$1,405. At the American House yard a number were sold on American account at prices ranging from \$60 to \$125.

In our issue of the 26th ult., an article appeared on American and English Racing, which was credited to the Lexington Record, whereas it was clipped from the Kentucky Live Stock Record, published in Lexington, one of the best of our turf exchanges. The error is regretted, as the article was a good one, and friend Bruce is entitled to the full credit for it.

Mr. Elisha Slipp, of Jacksonville, N. B., has a colt twenty months and fifteen days old which weighs 1,200 lbs; girls six feet, and stands fifteen hands and a-half.

During the late Woodbine Meeting, ex-alderman Nowlan, the owner of St. Patrick, offered to match him, against Deck Wright for a stake which would pay the latter for getting a record, providing he could beat the Milesian. The proposition was declined on behalf of Deck Wright.

Mr. A. D. Gillies, of Duart, Co. Kent, has sent his horse Dexter to Detroit, to be fitted for the spring campaign. Just before going away he showed him to a heavy cutter, in deep snow, a mile and three-quarters in 4:50.

Mr. Archie Fisher, the owner of Kelso, Katie P., and Maritime, was taken suddenly ill on Friday last. Prompt attention brought him around, and he is once more himself again.

Mr. John Smith, of Raglan, Co. Ontario, has sold his two-year-old filly Dash, which obtained a medal at the Centennial, to Messrs. Coakson & Sand, of Iowa, for a high figure.

Mr. Merry, the owner of the Derby winners Thormanby, 1860, and Doncaster, 1878, died on Feb. 8. He was a wealthy iron master, and was for many years member of parliament for Falkirk, Scotland. He was one of the most successful men on the turf in the United Kingdom.

John F. Chamberlain, the well-known sporting man of New York, has gone into voluntary bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$215,000; nominal assets, \$17,000.

A match of a hundred games of cribbage, between Mr. S. Marshall, of Yorkville, and Mr. G. E. Ford, of Seaton Village, was concluded on Friday evening last, the latter winning by 8 games. At 50 games they were tie. The loser paid for the supper and trimmings for the winner and a few invited friends.

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FROM INGERSOLL.

INGERSOLL, Feb. 5th, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR,—One of the most exciting curling matches ever played in this town, came off on Smith's pond, last week. The stakes played for was five hundred weight of flour, to be given to the poor of the town. The game lasted three hours, and after three ties the following was the result:

P. Mairs	Wm. King
R. A. Woodcock	Dr. Kerns
James M. Wilson	T. S. Paton
Jas. Lawson, skip 14	G. Walley, skip 15

Majority for Walley's rink, 1 shot.

There is quite a list of matches to come off next week, viz:

Clear Grits	versus	Conservatives
Bankers	"	Lawyers
Dunkin	"	Anti-Dunkin

Also a game for a leg of mutton and trimmings; also a game with the Sarnia Club, two rinks. Ingersoll is going to play Simcoe for a Caledonia medal, on the covered rink, at Woodstock, and also to play Woodstock for the County medal.

Yours, etc.,
TOE WEIGHT.

To Correspondents.

St. CATHERINES.—Many thanks.

M. D., Woodstock—Address Ed. James, Clipper Building, 88 & 90 Centre Street, New York. He has advertised them, we believe.

Canadian Turf.

WOODBINE PARK WINTER MEETING.

In our report last week we were only able to give the winners of the two first races. Our report proper concluded with the doings on Tuesday. On Wednesday the weather in the morning threatened to stop the sport, as a cold rain commenced falling. However, about the time the horses were called up the rain ceased, and the afternoon remained pleasant. In the Butchers and Drivers' Race Lady Robinson captured the first heat on its renewal, but the gray pacer came to the front in the subsequent ones, capturing the race. In the 2:38 class Barlow placed a heat to his credit, but Alexander led the way in the second and final heat trotted on Wednesday. The 2:50 class were called up and trotted three heats, of which Honest Billy got two, and there was a dead heat between Geo. Betts and Ives' b m. The attendance, notwithstanding the unfavorable state of the weather about noon, was very flattering to the managers, who spared no exertions which might contribute to the amusement or pleasure of their patrons. Alexander was the favorite in the 2:38 class, and Gray Dan in the Butchers' Race. The following is a summary of the events concluded:

WOODBINE PARK, Toronto, Jan. 30 and 31, 1877. Snow racing. Open to all trotters and pacers owned by Butchers or Drivers within ten miles of Toronto that have never beaten 3 minutes. \$30 to first, 15 to second, 5 to third.

T Robinson's g g Gray Dan (pacer) 2 1 3*4 1 1
W J McClelland's br m Lady Robinson 4 2 1 1 2 2
D Lambert's blk m Avenue Girl.. 1 3 2 2 3 3
C Wennan's bg Gen. Might (pacer) 3 4 4 3 4 dr
Frank Rogers' g g Gray Dan..... dr
Time—2:59, 2:55½, 2:56½, 2:56, 2:56½, 2:59½.
* Three heats trotted on the 30th.

Same Days—Snow trotting—\$175, open to all horses of the 2:38 class. \$125, 25, 15, 10. Mile heats, best 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J Bradburn's b g Alexander..... 8 1 1*2 1
R H Read's b g Barlow..... 4 4 2 1 2
P Collins' g g Grey Eddie..... 1 3 4 5 8
A F Lee's ch g Little Ethan..... 2 2 3 3 4
J Forbee' br g Little Angus..... 5 6 5 4 5
E A Jones' b g Caratascus..... 6 5 6 dia
J P Cook's gh Detective..... 7 dia
A Fisher's b g Tecumseh Boy..... dr
T W Eck's b g Governor..... dr
Time—2:39½, 2:36½, 2:34, 2:38½, 2:38.
* Three heats trotted on 30th.

The first event on Thursday was the completion of the 2:50 trot. The first heat of the continuation was taken by Ives' b m; the second was a dead heat between Honest Billy, Betts, and Ives' b m, and the third was won by the favorite, Honest Billy. During the race there were two "no heats," which do not appear in the summary, caused by reckless driving and jockeying.

Deck Wright was a very warm favorite for the 2:37 race, and he was backed quite heavily, by his friends, to win. Astonishing reports were circulated of his speed, but when he came on the track, it was seen he was too rank to be played as a sure winner. He showed great speed in spots, but could not hold the gait. The consequence was, the sure-footed Alexander won handily in three straight heats. Even after the first heat the friends of Deck Wright did not despair, but fancied he would become settled, and go to the front. The result showed they were disappointed in their calculations. The day's summaries follow:

January 31st and Feb 1st—Snow trotting—\$150—2:50 class. \$100 (3) first, 25 to second, 15 to third, 10 to fourth. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

O Kellert's b g Honest Billy..... 1 6 1*2 0 1
T Ives' b m..... 2 0 3 1 0 2
H Becker's b g George Betts..... 3 0 4 3 0 3
J Fleming's ch m Jenny Vincent 4 4 5 4 4 r
G Clarkson's b m Lady Clarion... 6 3 3 5 dr
W Kennedy's ch g Avenue Boy..... 5 7 dr
W Long's b g Freddy Clay..... 7 7 6 dr
Time—2:45½, 2:47½, 2:40, 2:45½, 2:47½, 2:49½.
* First three heats trotted on the 31st.

Feb. 2 & 3—Snow Trotting—\$100; local trot, open to all horses owned within 10 miles of Toronto that have never beaten 3 minutes. (bar Lady Clarion, Jenny Vincent, Lookout, Fred Clay, and the Bruce mare). \$50 to first, 20 to second, 15 to third, 5 to fourth. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

R Crow's gr g Norway Boy..... 1 4 1 3 6*1
Mr Wilson's b g Ed. Wright..... 8 2 5 1 4 0
O Wallis' g m Dolly..... 4 6 3 4 1 3
J W Ramor's b m Leslieville Girl. 5 1 4 6 8 3
A B Fisher's g g North Star..... 3 9 8 2 3 2
J Mitchell's g m Lady Tartar... 7 8 7 7 2 5
L Palmer's b m Sarah Palmer.... 2 5 2 5 dr
J Harris' g h Charleston..... 6 7 6 dr
Time—2:57½, 2:57, 2:58. No time taken after third heat.
* Five heats trotted on 2nd.

TROTTING AT LEPINE PARK, MONTREAL.

This favorite resort was well patronized on the 1st inst. The track was a little soft from the late thaw, but the going was good. A free-for-all race was the attraction, and it had three entries, White Cloud, Denis, and Ada Gray, the purse being \$150. Ada won the first heat, but Denis captured the final three. The judges were: Messrs. Melvin Smith, C. Quinlan and M. Paquette. The following is the summary:—

LEPINE PARK, Hochelaga, Montreal, Feb. 1.—Snow Trotting. \$150. Free for all. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.
D Gervais' Denis..... 2 1 1 1
Horace Bleu's Ada Gray..... 1 2 2 2
Mr Hunt's White Cloud..... 8 3 3 3
Time—2:46, 2:47, 2:41½, 2:52.

PRESCOTT WINTER RACES.

Prescott races commenced on the 5th. The Hack race was won by Mr. Byron's Cole, in 2:50, 2:45, 2:48. Ada Gray won the 2:50, beating W. H. C., Lady Grenville, and others, in 2:35, 2:38, 2:38½. The free-for-all was started on Tuesday. Capt. Smith got two heats, Deceit one, White Cloud one, and Dennis one. Charley Mack and Colborne also started. It was adjourned until Wednesday.

A ROYAL GEORGE FOR SALE.

The finely bred Royal George stallion Whirlwind is offered for sale, as will be seen by an advertisement in another column. Whirlwind is not only a trotter himself, but is a sire of trotters. Some of his get have developed speed rapidly. He is the sire of Clifton, record 2:38; Bismark, 4 years, 2:40; Bay Bill, who can trot in 2:40, and many other speedy ones. He is an in-bred Royal George, of fair size, good color, great bone and muscle, and has a record of 2:37. His owner, being in other business, has not the time necessary to devote to the horse. Whirlwind was entered in the Stallion Race last year, but unfortunately met with an accident which prevented his starting. At the price at which he is held, he should not be long in changing hands, especially when it is considered he has always been able to command large books, and his success as a foal-getter.

FROM LOCKPORT, N.Y.

LOCKPORT, N.Y., Feb. 5, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Wm. Bedford, of the town of Cambria, died on Thursday, the 1st inst., after an illness of less than a week, of inflammation of the bowels. He was for years strongly identified with the breeding and training of the trotting horse in our county, and was universally esteemed for his liberal and social qualities in every-day life, and his opinions in horse matters were duly respected. He was the owner of the dun mare Gargling Oil, record 2:42; also the breeder of a fine three-year-old stallion by Niagara Chief, and the bay mare Cambria Girl, whose sale to eastern parties I have previously reported.

business on Jan. 22; Lockport Dramatic Combination to poor house on Feb. 1. Buffalo Bill and Haverly's Adelphi are billed for this week.

Yours, &c., ELL.

Veterinary.

ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

Professor Smith, the President of the Society, was unavoidably absent from the usual weekly meeting, which was held on Thursday, 1st February. In his absence he requested Mr. J. T. Duncan, V. S., of Goderich, to take the chair.

The preliminary business having been gone through, the chairman called on Mr. H. Hamilton for his essay on Pneumonia or Inflammation of the Lungs. The matter of the essay and the style of its delivery reflected credit on the author. His instructions for the treatment of this very frequent disease were good. A debate followed which was instructive, as it was sought to gain more information on certain points—pathological and physiological—which the essayist entered very heartily into.

The chairman in conveying the vote of thanks that was unanimously passed by the meeting to Mr. H., complimented him upon his paper. The necessary arrangements for the next time having been made, the meeting was adjourned.

We may state that the attendance at these meetings is larger than any previous year, there being upwards of fifty students of this college alone enrolled.

Amusements.

CITY.

At Mrs. Morrison's Grand Opera House, on Monday evening, was presented the comedy of Ours, for the benefit of the Queen's Own. A large house witnessed the performance. On Tuesday the same bill was repeated. Wednesday evening Mr. Alf. Hudson took his benefit, with Our Boys and the farce of Peter the Actor, to a fine house. Boucicault's Forbidden Fruit Combination is announced.

At the Royal Opera House, on Thursday, a billiard match was played between Messrs. Hickey and Jakes. At the time of going to press the result had not yet reached us. This Friday and Saturday evenings the Nashville Colored Jubilee Singers.

Mr. John B. Gough will deliver a couple of Lectures at Shaftesbury Hall, on Friday and Monday evenings, 9th and 12th inst.

Blind Tom was at Shaftesbury Hall, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, to fine houses.

Mrs. Coudock, the wife of Mr. C. W. Coudock, the well-known actor, died very suddenly of apoplexy here on the 31st ult.

Miss Neilson will shortly commence her second engagement at the Grand Opera House here.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL—Mr. Dominick Murray commenced an engagement at the Academy of Music, on Monday, appearing as Murry McNally in the Gambler's Crime. The same bill for Tuesday night; Wednesday and Thursday, The Gold-n Bubble; Friday and Saturday, Mr. Murray's new piece, Shoddy Society.

OTTAWA—The Amateur Dramatic Club at Gowan's Opera House on Tuesday, 5th, the bill being Dearest Mamma and Checkmate.

HAMILTON—Mr. John Townsend takes a benefit at Mechanics' Hall on the 27th. He will be assisted by the members of his family and a number of amateurs.

Royal George Stallion | BYSDYK STOCK FARM

FOR SALE

WHIRLWIND
Is offered for sale at a very low price.

Whirlwind, 16-3, dark chestnut, with one white hind foot, will weigh about 1,200 lbs., immense bone and muscle, and fine trotting qualities; record 2:37, foaled 1863, by Tempest, he by old Royal George (the Dougherty horse), dam Topsey, by old Royal George; 2nd dam a well-bred mare used for racing purposes. Whirlwind is one of the most valuable trotting stallions in Canada, his book has always been large, a sure foal-getter, and a producer of trotters.

For price, &c., address this office. 285-11

FOR SALE.

The fastest untrained trotting horse in Ontario will be shown for sale, at the Woodbine Driving Park, Toronto, on Tuesday.

FEBRUARY 3, 1877.
AT 10 A.M.

Is 7 years old, 16 hands high, dark bay. Possesses great strength, combined with beauty and ease of gait.

Bred—Sir Talbot, dam Herkaway.
284-ht WM. HULL, Lockville P.O.



OSHAWA

WINTER RACES!

The following Races will take place on the Oshawa Driving Park, on

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

February 14 & 15

FIRST DAY.

1st Race, open to all horses that never beat 2:50 \$50 to first, 25 to second, 10 to third.
2nd Race, open to horses owned in the counties of Ontario, Durham and Simcoe, near Honest Bill. \$50 to first, 20 to second, 10 to third.

SECOND DAY.

1st Race, open to all. \$75 to first, 25 to second.
2nd Race, open to horses owned in Whitby and Oshawa, gentlemanly drivers to cutters. Half-mile heats. \$125 to first, 5 to second, 3 to third.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Races to be mile heats, 3 in 5; four to enter, three to start. Entrance fee 10 per cent. of purse. Entries to be made with the Secretary before 9 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, 13th. Judges—Messrs. John Stangon, Whitby; Wm Taylor, Oshawa; N. Bay, Whitby. The track will be kept clean from date of bill. The stands will be enclosed and comfortably heated. Admission 25 cents to all parts. W. J. HINMAN, V.S., Secretary. W. H. DONANT, Treasurer. Oshawa, Feb. 5, 1877. 285-11

The following Stallions will make the season of 1877, at Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont.

Rysdyk, \$50.

Rysdyk, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Lady Euko, by Esplanade.

Chestnut Hill,

Chestnut Hill, by Rysdyk's Hambletonian, dam Mare, by Bully King, by Geo. M. Patchen.

Wm. B. Smith,

Wm. B. Smith, by Thomas Jefferson, dam Imp. Leatherstocking, by Tally Ho.

Terms payable at the time of service. Mares not proving in foal can be returned the following season. All escapes and accidents at risk of owner. Address the proprietor, J. P. WISER, Prescott, Ont.; or

H. W. BROWN, Supt. Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont 285-11

Phil Sheridan.

The books of this celebrated Stallion for the Spring season are now open. Parties wishing to secure his services should apply at once, as he will be limited to fifteen (15) mares, season to close April 15, 1877.

TERMS: \$100.

Payable at time of service. Mares not proving in foal can be returned for the Fall, or next Spring season, free of charge. Will be found at the Rysdyk Stock Farm, Prescott, Ont., communications addressed there, or to H. Dalzell, Waddington, N.Y., will receive immediate attention. Keeping, \$2 per week. All escapes or accidents at risk of owners.

Phil Sheridan is the sire of Adelaide, record 2:21½; Commonwealth, 2:22, and many other fast trotters.

J. P. WISER, Owner. B. DALZELL.

THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSES & STALLIONS

FOR SALE



BILL BRUCE,

Br. horse, foaled 1874, by Enquirer, dam A. Baby, by Imp. Australian; 2nd dam Ultima, by Lexington; 3rd dam, Utilla, by Imp. Margrave; 4th dam, Too Soon, by Sir Leslie; 5th dam, Little Peggy, by Galatin; 6th dam, Trampeter, by Hephaston, &c. (See Bruce's Am. Stud. Book, Vol. I., p. 202). Enquirer by Imp. Lexington, dam Lida, by Lexington; 2nd dam Liza, by American Eclipse; 3rd dam, Portella, by Archy, &c. Bill Bruce is the best racehorse ever imported into Canada, and is a sound and fast runner as ever. His performances would fill up a vast space, but intending purchasers are referred to the racing Calendar for 1875 and 1877.

A F Lewis's ch g Little Angus 6 6 5 4 5
J Forbes' br g Little Angus 6 6 5 4 5
E A Jones' b g Caractacus 6 5 6 dis
J P Cook's g h Detective 7 dis
A Fisher's b g Tecumseh Boy dr
T W Eck's b g Governor dr
Time—2:39½, 2:36½, 2:34, 2:38½, 2:33.
• Three heats trotted on 80th.

The first event on Thursday was the completion of the 2:50 trot. The first heat of the continuation was taken by Ives' b m; the second was a dead heat between Honest Billy, Butte, and Ives' b m, and the third was won by the favorite, Honest Billy. During the race there were two "no heats," which do not appear in the summary, caused by reckless driving and jockeying.

Deck Wright was a very warm favorite for the 2:37 race, and he was backed quite heavily, by his friends, to win. Astonishing reports were circulated of his speed, but, when he came on the track, it was seen he was too rank to be played as a sure winner. He showed great speed in spots, but could not hold the gait. The consequence was, the sure-footed Alexander won handily in three straight heats. Even after the first heat the friends of Deck Wright did not despair, but fancied he would become settled, and go to the front. The result showed they were disappointed in their calculations. The day's summaries follow:

January 31st and Feb 1st—Snow trotting—\$150—2:50 class. \$100 to first, 25 to second, 15 to third, 10 to fourth. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

O Kellett's b g Honest Billy 1 6 1*2 0 1
T Ives' b m 3 0 2 1 0 2
H Becker's b g George Betts 8 0 4 3 0 3
J Fleming's ch m Jenny Vincent 4 4 5 4 4 ro
G Clarkson's b m Lady Clarion... 6 3 3 5 dr
W Kennedy's ch g Avenue Boy... 5 5 7 dr
W Long's b g Freddy Clay 7 7 6 dr
Time—2:45½, 2:47½, 2:40, 2:43½, 2:47½, 2:49½.

• First three heats trotted on the 31st.
Feb 1st—\$150—2:37 class. \$100 to first, 25 to second, 15 to third, and 10 to fourth. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

E Gregory's b g Alexander 1 1 1
H Becker's b g Deck Wright 6 2 2
E A Jones' b g Caractacus 2 4 5
Geo Clarkson's blk h Chas Douglas 3 3 3
T W Eck's br g Governor 5 6 4
A Fisher's b g Tecumseh Boy 4 5 dr
Time—2:36½, 2:37½, 2:40½.

On Friday a most attractive programme was offered, consisting of the free-for-all and 3-minute races. The track was much better than was anticipated, from the soft state of the weather, however, there was considerable slush, and in some places the track was heavy. Lew Ives was the choice before the start, at \$50, with Alexander bringing \$48, Deck Wright \$12, and Rival \$9. After the first heat Mr. Pete Curran was substituted for the erratic Mr. Ives, behind the latter's horse, as many imagined the latter did not show the horse up to his best advantage. Pete was not much more successful and Tite was allowed to get up again for the third heat. Alexander won as he saw fit, having been nicely driven in his last two races by Mr. John Bradburn, of St. Catharines.

The local race brought out a large field, and was considerably of the hurry-scurry order, in many of the heats running and skipping being almost the rule. Five heats were trotted, when the race was postponed until Saturday. Then one heat was trotted, which was won by Norway Boy, which gave him the race. The summaries follow:

Feb. 2—Snow Trotting—\$225; free-for-all, \$140 to first, 40 to second, 30 to third, 15 to fourth. Mile heats, 3 in 5, to sleighs.

J Bradburn, b g Alexander 1 1 1
H Becker, b g Deck Wright 2 2 3
Titus Ives, b g Lew Ives 4 3 2
W Borst, g h Rival 3 4 dr
Time—2:40, 2:40, 2:45.

Whirlwind is not only a trotter himself, but is a sire of trotters. Some of his get have developed speed rapidly. He is the sire of Clifton, record 2:38; Bismark, 4 years, 2:40; Bay Bill, who can trot in 2:40, and many other speedy ones. He is an in-bred Royal George, of fair size, good color, great bone and muscle, and has a record of 2:37. His owner, being in other business, has not the time necessary to devote to the horse. Whirlwind was entered in the Stallion Race last year, but unfortunately met with an accident which prevented his starting. At the price at which he is held, he should not be long in changing hands, especially when it is considered he has always been able to command large books, and his success as a foal-getter.

FROM LOCKPORT, N.Y.

Lockport, N.Y., Feb. 5, 1877.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Wm. Bedford, of the town of Cambria, died on Thursday, the 1st inst., after an illness of less than a week, of inflammation of the bowels. He was for years strongly identified with the breeding and training of the trotting horse in our county, and was universally esteemed for his liberal and social qualities in every-day life, and his opinions in horse matters were duly respected. He was the owner of the dun mare Gargling Oil, record 2:42; also the breeder of a fine three-year-old stallion by Niagara Chief, and the bay mare Cambria Girl, whose sale to eastern parties I have previously reported.

Johnnie Ashford's gray mare Belle of Olcott, Tom Ashford's sorrel gelding Prince Charles, and P. M. Ramey's bay gelding Phil, had a brush on the ice last week. The mare proved the victor, though not without a struggle. The first two mentioned have since been sold to Mr. Clark White, of Catskill, N.Y., consideration not made public. Belle of Olcott has a record of 2:46½; Phil, 2:49½, and Prince Charles' record is somewhere in the thirties.

Red Darling holds the reins over that gritty little pacer Vandal, and it takes a good one to lead him.

Joe Dunnville's big trotter, that astonished all the boys last winter, is doing duty on the brewery wagon.

Our popular liveryman, H. Belding, always manages to have something good, and is just now siring a pacer.

Mr. G. Lamphins occasionally rides out behind the brown mare Maggie Scott, who is well-known in the streets of your city, or the young chestnut stallion Mambrino Marshall, the big son of Alhambra, by Mambrino Chief.

Asa Reid has a new one, which he is trying to keep dark.

The fine young stallion Sawyer, by Hambletonian Abdallah, has been added to the list of geldings, and will be used for a roadster by his owner, Mr. M. A. Nichols.

The Hodge Boat Club have not had their regular annual ball this winter. The panic is the cause.

Amusements are brightening up a little. Duprez and Benedict's Minstrels to good

ance. On Tuesday the same bill was repeated. Wednesday evening Mr. Alf. Hudson took his benefit, with Our Boys and the farce of Peter the Actor, to a fine house. Boucault's Forbidden Fruit Combination is announced.

At the Royal Opera House, on Thursday, a billiard match was played between Messrs. Hickey and Jakes. At the time of going to press the result had not yet reached us. This Friday and Saturday evenings the Nashville Colored Jubilee Singers.

Mr. John B. Gough will deliver a couple of Lectures at Shaftesbury Hall, on Friday and Monday evenings, 9th and 12th inst.

Blind Tom was at Shaftesbury Hall, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, to fire houses.

Mrs. C. W. Coudock, the well-known actor, died very suddenly of apoplexy here on the 31st ult.

Miss Neilson will shortly commence her second engagement at the Grand Opera House here.

GENERAL.

MONTREAL—Mr. Dominick Murray commenced an engagement at the Academy of Music, on Monday, appearing as Murty McNally in the Gambler's Crime. The same bill for Tuesday night; Wednesday and Thursday, The Gold-n Bubble; Friday and Saturday, Mr. Murray's new piece, Shoddy Society.

OTTAWA—The Amateur Dramatic Club at Gowan's Opera House on Tuesday, 5th, the bill being Dearest Mamma and Checkmate.

HAMILTON—Mr. John Townsend takes a benefit at Mechanics' Hall on the 27th. He will be assisted by the members of his family and a number of amateurs.

DUNDAS—Mr. James Fahey lectures at Town Hall, on February 9th. Subject—The Literary Club.

ST. THOMAS—Tom Allen the pugilist, assisted by Mr. Thomas Johnson, of London, gave a sparring exhibition on Monday.

GURLEH—The Miner family of bell-ringers, at Town Hall, on 5th inst., to small business.

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Bill Bruce is the best racehorse ever imported into Canada, and is a sound and fast to-day as ever. His performance would not fit up too much space, but interesting purchasers are referred to the racing calendar for 1875, and 1876 for particulars. He ran the fastest mile in Canada at London, June 17, 1876, easily beating inspiration and two others, in 1:45, over a heavy track.

VICKSBURG,

Chestnut horse, 16 hands, foaled in 1872, by Vandal, dam Blondie, by Commodore (a son of Boston), 2nd dam Albird, by Pacific; 3rd dam Katie King by imp. Brian; 4th dam Vera, by Sultan; 5th dam Advance, by Pioneer; 6th dam, by Buzzard, &c. (See Bruce's American Stud Book, Vol. I., p. 248).

Vicksburg is, without doubt, the fastest horse ever owned in Canada. He ran the first mile in a mile heat race at Cleveland, Ohio, July 27, 1875, in 1:48½, and almost cantered down the stretch. He can run as fast to-day in fit as then. From his large size, fine breeding, and great speed, he should make an invaluable sire. He is the best stock horse in Canada to-day. His owner is desirous of quitting the turf, and will sell either or both of the above horses, at very low prices. Either one of them can run a mile in 1:45.
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Miscellaneous.

It is reported that large numbers of deer are dying in the north woods from starvation.

The Troy papers say that there is a school in that city for the instruction of young men in the art of gambling.

A coroner's jury, in the case of a man who was killed by a falling icicle, rendered the verdict "died of hard drink."

The way the King of the Sandwich Islands carves a chicken is to take hold of both legs, draw a long breath, and pull for all he is worth.

A wild duck, which was flying down a stream at Westport, Conn., a short time ago, struck a telegraph wire, which was stretched across a bridge, with such force that its head was severed from its body.

Down east, recently, a man took a hog to fat on shares, and the very next day the beast was killed and a fair half promptly delivered to the owner.

A remarkable painting, "The Dying Saviour," has been placed on exhibition in Leipzig by the artist, Prof. Emil Fischau. A peculiar feature of the work is that near by the eyes seem closed, as required by the conditions of the scene, but at some distance they appear open and turned to heaven.

There does not like that President McMahon should be addicted to the sports of the field. The President of France is not a studious man, but a soldier and a sportsman, who takes lightly and gaily to amusements, enjoys billiards and his pipe with his children about him, and is content over a game of cards with his wife afterward.

A physician complains in the London Times that people still continue to believe that the water test is sufficient to prove or disprove canine rabies. In opposition to this popular delusion the most eminent physicians and veterinarians have proved by a vast number of cases, in hospitals and elsewhere, that the rabid dog suffers from intense thirst, but, owing to uncontrollable spasms in the larynx, cannot swallow. Prof. Hawkins positively maintains that hydrophobia does not exist in the dog.

A girl, eighteen years of age, living in Missouri, was sitting in a darkened room with her betrothed a few days ago. Seeing what she supposed a piece of rope on the floor, she stooped to pick it up, when she was bitten in the thumb by a huge rattlesnake. Turning up the light, she at once cut the bitten thumb off with a large knife, while her betrothed killed the snake, which measured over four feet long. She showed remarkable presence of mind, as well as heroic pluck.

LION SHOOTING.

The favorite plan adopted by the lion hunters in Algeria for luring their prey is to select a favorable plot of level ground below a commanding eminence, where the hunters, armed with rifles, conceal themselves. A stake is driven into the centre of the plot, to which a kid is tethered. It is about two in the morning, and the moon full and bright. About twenty minutes delay, and the heavy silence of the place is broken by an ominous sound in the distance. It is not quite a howl, but a greatly magnified imitation of that long wailing cry of a lone cat in the dead of night. Then the moon reveals a dark object among the heavy grasses and shrubbery, and in the form of the king of beasts, whipping his haunches with his tufted tail, and his ears following the scent. The piteous blating of the doomed kid accelerates his pace, and within a few feet of his victim he crouches down to gloat over the prospective meal. He advances, and with a stroke of his paw nearly despatches the kid. Almost dead, it attempts to crawl away. Then the lion's feline instincts are apparent. He plays with the dying kid as a cat does with a half dead mouse. While he is thus engaged the hunters take steady aim at a point near one of the fore shoulders or behind his ear. He sends up a terrible yell, and rolls over dead.

NOVEL CRICKETING.

A novel match of cricket was played in May, 1827, for a considerable sum, on Harrow Common, near Rickmansworth. The match was between two gentlemen of Middlesex and Mr. Brown, farmer, of

Horse Notes.

The French Government has bought for the national breeding studs the following entire horses: Galba, Drummond, Eole II, Gilbert, Manille, Trombone, Marmot, Solo, St. Cyr, Mont Valereim, Postillon, M. de Carpiquet, Hippomane, Narvaez, and Le Vicinard. Of the number, the first half-dozen belonged to M. Lefevre, and were well-known winners of the tri-color on England's side of the Channel.

A TURFMAN COWHIDED.—At the conclusion of the race at the Bay District track on Saturday, a difficulty occurred between Jim Eoff, the turfman, and Henry Lyons, which terminated in a vigorous cowhiding of the former by the latter. Eoff mounted a carriage in which Lyons was seated, and concluded a tirade of abuse by spitting in his face. Lyons seized a whip and plied Eoff so vigorously that he pranced about like a two-year-old colt in a corral. Eoff threatened vengeance, but Lyons, fully satisfied, drove away.—San Francisco Post.

SALE OF BARITONE.—Mr. D. McCarthy, Nashville, Tenn., has sold to a gentleman in New York, the bay colt Baritone, two years, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, dam Duet (Vocalist and Voltigeur's dam), by Highlander (son of imp. Glencoe), for \$2,000. Mr. McCarthy gave \$1,000 for Baritone at the Bell Meade sale of yearlings in May last. He was also offered \$1,200 for the chestnut colt Helmsman, two years, by Helmbold, dam Mariposa, by Jack Malone, but refused it. He gave \$500 for Helmsman at the same sale.

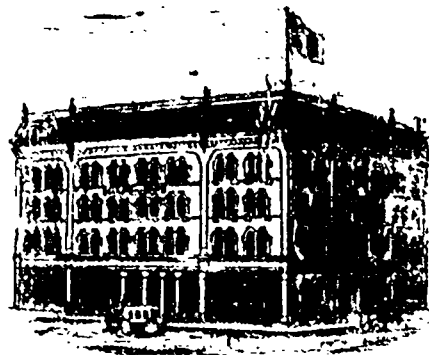
Egg shooting is the order of the day among school-boys at Stamford, Conn., and a novel sport it is. The following description of one of the shoots will show how the idea works: An open field is chosen, and an arrangement something like a gallows is erected; suspend a string from the end of the cross-bar, and tie an egg at the end of it. Place shooter 25 yards away, and the fun commences by swinging the egg. The shooter must shoot at it before it vibrates twice across or he scores a miss, and so until a dozen is shot at, or as many as the match is made for. There is considerable fun in it for boys, and no doubt it is good practice in the close season.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS.

The following recipe for the destruction of rats has been communicated by Dr. Ure to the council of the English Agricultural Society, and is highly recommended as the best known means of getting rid of these most obnoxious and destructive vermin. It has been tried by several intelligent persons, and found perfectly effectual. Melt hog's lard in a bottle plunged in water, heated to about 150 degrees, of Fahrenheit; introduce into it half an ounce of phosphorus for every pound of lard; then add a pint of proof spirit or whisky; cork the bottle firmly after its contents have been heated to 150 degrees, taking it at the same time out of the water, and agitate smartly till the phosphorus becomes uniformly diffused, forming a milky-looking liquid. This liquid being cooled, will afford a white compound of phosphorus and lard, from which the spirit spontaneously separates, and may be poured off to be used again, for none of it enters into the combination, but it merely serves to comminute the phosphorus, and diffuse it in very fine particles through the lard. This compound, on being warmed very gently, may be poured out into a mixture of wheat, flour and sugar, incorporated therewith, and then flavored with oil of rhodium, or not, at pleasure. The flavor may be varied with oil of aniseed, etc. This dough, being made into pellets, is to be laid in rat-holes. By its luminousness in the dark it attracts their notice, and being agreeable to their palates and noses, it is readily eaten, and proves certainly fatal.

"WAKE ME UP WHEN KIRBY DIES."

Celia Logan explains the origin of the phrase "Wake me up when Kirby dies." Kirby was the leading man in the old Chatham Street Theatre, New York, and although a good actor of his type, and a favorite with the boys, he made no special fame until a melodrama was produced entitled "Mike Martin," in which he played the character of Thunderbolt. It fell to his lot to be shot on the roof of a house. When he received his death-wound he leaped from the roof to the stage. In order to make a realistic effect, he concealed in his sleeve a small iron ball, which he threw at the



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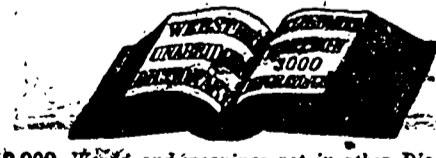
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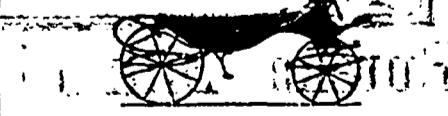
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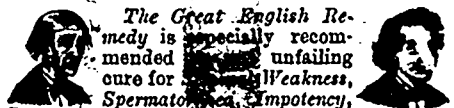
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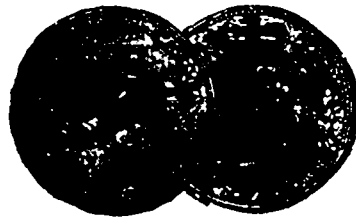
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