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HOW TO BREED, REAR, AND
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BY AN OLD TRAINER.

CHAPTER XXVI.

A Retrospect—More Recollections of Distinguished Turfmen.—Features of the Past Racing Season.

[From the Spirit of the Times].

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

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The year now just drawing to a close has witnessed the death of many distinguished racehorses and broodmares, whose names have become famous on the American turf. Daniel Boone, a racer of great merit and a successful sire, died at the commencement of the year in Kentucky, where he had been standing at the stud for some time previous. He was a horse of remarkably fine symmetry of form, and his action was beautiful. He beat some of the very best horses of his day, and the best of his produce were Coltrill, Sally Watson, and Billy Williamson the first named, a horse of extraordinary racing powers, which never had a fair chance of development and exhibition. The famous broodmare, Kitty Clark, by imported Glencoe, dam Miss Obstinate, by Sampter, died in June last, at Woodburn Stud Farm, Ky., at the age of twenty-three years. She was placed at the stud when three years old, and with the exception of 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1871, was bred regularly, having altogether produced sixteen foals, most of which are living; she was the dam of Maiden, a wonderfully good racing nag, and the dam of James H. and Parole, both by imported Leamington. The fine race mare Nettie Norton, by Leamington, dam Long Nine, by Lightning, died in May last, very suddenly. She had greatly distinguished herself by winning the four-mile heats Bowie Stake, at Baltimore, the previous fall; a race in which she distanced both her opponents, Shylock and Aaron Pennington, in the first heat in 7:37½. She was owned by Mr. John Coffey, of Suffolk, N. J., and in her unexpected death he sustained a severe loss, as her racing abilities were just beginning to be fully and fairly developed. In the death of Volga, one of the last of Glencoe's daughters, Mr. A. J. Alexander, of Woodburn Stud Farm, Ky., was deprived of one of his choicest bred broodmares. She was an own sister to that great racehorse and sire, Vandal, and was only twenty years old at the time of her death, which was the result of an accident in her pasture, by which her back was fatally injured. She was the dam of Barny Williams, Eminence, Evadne, Invoice and Tecaleo. Another of the great Glencoe's get, and nearly the last of his sons, Wild Irishman, died about the same time as Volga, at Waldberg Stud, Rockland County, N. Y., aged twenty-six years. His death was the result of general debility, induced by old age. He was by Glencoe, out of Mary Morris, by Medoc, and was own brother to Franfort. He first distinguished himself as a racehorse by run-

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My readers must pardon this digression from the legitimate subject of these articles, and as I have already exceeded the regular space allowed me in The Spirit, I shall postpone until next week the continuation of my original topic, the "errors in training of the three-year-old racehorse."

TO BE CONTINUED.

ENGLISH TURF NEWS.

Recently an application was made to the Wolverhampton magistrates by Mr. Poland, of London, on behalf of the Jockey Club, for warrants against well-known racing men for conspiracy to defraud, by running a horse at the last Wolverhampton Meeting in an assumed name, and thereby obtaining a large sum of money. The warrants were granted, and a detective has been appointed to apprehend the parties concerned. The professional book-makers in London refuse to do any business on the coming Derby, as they have such an unpleasant remembrance of the investments of backers last year at this time, when nothing else but Kisher, Petrarch, and Skylark were backed. Such a state of the betting market is entirely unprecedented. Mr. James Smith has sold Kosebery, the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire winner, to Mr. Masque, for a large sum. The son of Speculum and Ladylike will continue to be trained by George Clement, at Labourne. Lord Falmouth has presented Col. Forester with the Repentance colt, who was third for Galopin's Derby. Several English jockeys, among them Challoner, Shepherd, Mills, and Carver, were recently tried before the Paris Tribunal of Correctional Police, for wounding by negligence in the accident which occurred during the race for the Prix de la Ville de Paris at the Paris races on the last Grand Prix day. M. Delamarre, Baron Schickler, Count de Lagrange, and M. Moreau-Chaslon, proprietors of the horses ridden by the defendants, were also comprised in the prosecution, as being civilly responsible. It may be remembered that in the running for the handicap a number of persons were knocked down and trampled on, three of them having limbs broken. According to the statement of the police, who appeared as the public prosecutors, some of the jockeys took the wrong road, and, on discovering their error, rode through the spectators who crowded the intervening space, to reach the right track. This the defendants all denied, declaring that the accident was due to the crowd, which was very great on the spot, breaking through the cords and invading the course, which was never properly cleared by the police. A number of witnesses confirmed that account including the stewards of the meeting, and the tribunal, in consequence, dismissed the charge without costs. The steeplechase season has now fairly commenced. At Croydon the Grand National Handicap Race was won by Lord

American Turf.

RACING AT CAMDEN, S. C.

CAMDEN, S. C., Dec. 15.—Last Day.—Jockey Club Purse \$100, mile heats, 3 in 5.
W Wyche's b c Hattrass, by Red Dick, dam by Planet..... 1 1 1
C W Medinger's ch f Libbie L. by Bay Dick, dam by Joe Stoner..... 2 2 2
Time—1:52½, 1:52½, 1:54½.
Same Day—Hurdle race, purse \$100; mile and a half, over six hurdles.
Lewis Jones' b g Jim Hinton..... 1
J F Wilson's b g Jack Trigg..... 2
Time—2:59½.
Same Day—Consolation Purse \$75; mile dash.
Lewis Jones' br m Maria Barnes, by Asteroid, dam Black Rose..... 1
W P Burch's ch c Mainbrace, by Prussian, dam by Charley Ball..... 2
Time—1:50½.

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Pedestrianism.

TALL WALKING.

O'Leary has proved himself a good man in his two walking exhibitions since he has been in England. At Liverpool he beat Weston's record by several miles in his 500-mile spin, and at Manchester, against Crossland, he managed to do a very good performance; in fact, according to the reports, he walked Crossland off his legs. The match was a 500-mile affair, and the times were, for 100 miles, O'Leary, 20:02:20; Crossland, 21:19:22. Up to this point O'Leary seemed in good fettle, and being a wiry little man he stood the best chance of staying. Two hundred miles were walked by O'Leary in 53:49:34, and by Crossland in 64:16:48. The latter complained of leg weariness, and after toiling on to 240 miles, he gave up, when some hours behind. O'Leary went on to 250 miles, and was then told he need not finish. O'Leary's next walk venture is against Howes, of the city, on Dec. 26, for 500 miles, but there seems to be very little doubt about the affair. Among the general public, in fact, they scarcely realize where at Cambridge Heath the performance can be held. From Weston some comical letters, in the true vituperative style of the quogue correspondence have appeared about walking O'Leary, fabulous sums of money have been suggested, but nothing as yet has been settled. O'Leary's last letter offers to walk Weston for £500 a side, a fair and square race at Lilloe Bridge, at Easter, when University men will have an opportunity of gauging the rival merits of the Americans on a well-known ground and recognized path.

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Horse Notes.

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

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CLOSE SEASON.

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

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Football.

CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB.

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

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

Horse Notes.

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

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

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

To Correspondents.

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

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

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

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

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

... I remember the...
... and I've such a bad memory for names.
... what the dog is? Some-
... if I remember right?"

Major Tiptop fairly burst out laughing.
"You mean a bad thing you are, Sawyer,"
... I thought everybody knew Mr
"Va...!" And the Major
... thinking what a
... Sawyer for
... a good many days
... a long time in
... supply is by
... demand.

And Mr Sawyer turned his horse's head
... a little humiliated,
... a little disgusted. The five guineas
... stuck horribly in his throat.
... Mr Varnish, as will pro-
... closed ac-
... yet.

But what are the low spirits, blue devils,
... that can hold
... against the cheer-
... "Gone away!" Three notes
... five or six couple
... across a
... leaping and
... a rush of horse men
... the fox has
... and the man who is really fond of
... an idea to
... in the world.

John Standish Sawyer could ride "above
... Even in a strange country, and with
... "live smoke," he was not
... taking his own line;
... the grey, perhaps, ac-
... he had no scruple in
... at whatever
... came in his way.

A quick turn to the five couple of leading
... racing down the side
... and the happy negotiation of
... a more costly
... on terms with the
... spread out
... a good one,
... the middle of the fields.
... any extraordi-
... settled to the scent,
... a yard. A
... had combined
... more room than usual. Every-
... like a
... shooting
... whom he rode
... observed that
... and he shouldn't wonder
... to have a gallop."

Mr. Sawyer laid hold of the grey, and de-
... in the front rank
... would have been
... stalls nearest
... the Opera. There was more
... saw lady
... perfectly straight; turning aside
... with ex-
... and taking it all in the earnest, yet off-hand,
... woman sets
... The Mon-
... and fence for
... perfect ease,
... out of a
... and it must
... upon the grey.
... for the life of him,
... himself and
... these leading horsemen.

The Honorable Crasher, having got con-
... fence on
... than he liked
... himself there,
... Struggles
... the Reverend Dove, to-day with the

country. They had not a piece for the
... the large fence,
... the most palliat-
... to bear fre-
... two falls,
... to the end,
... and horse,
... there at all.

Mr. Sawyer, however, was now thorough-
... in his
... He would never hunt anywhere else.
... he thought;
... as well mounted.
... the subject in
... and the result of
... the arrival
... a good-
... at Mr. Sawyer's stables,
... Mr. Varnish, in lieu
... of the Honorable Crasher's
... and another signed in full with the
... of John Standish
... Sawyer.

CHAPTER XVIII.

THE DOVE-COTE.

Let us take a peep into Dove-cote Rectory,
... as it lies snugly
... from the north winds by a thick
... that most de-
... a southern
... aspect. This house is one that would make
... of the tenth
... Who could refrain from covet-
... those cheerful rooms, that
... above all, the excel-
... and commodious stables within reach of
... and situated in the
... best grass country in England?

It is, however, with the inside of the man-
... that we have now to do, and with
... those gentle beings who constitute a home,
... without whom a palace is little better than a
... dungeon.

Breakfast has been over at the Dove-cote
... Cissy and her mamma
... in what they
... "the little drawing-room"—a snug
... with windows
... opening to the ground, and "giving," as the
... on a neatly laid-out garden, in
... the peculiar care of the
... daughter of the house. To-day, however,
... are replaced by a mil-
... formed by last night's
... melting rapidly under
... the noon-day sun. Inside the furniture is
... a rich and somewhat gaudy pattern, es-
... with the rose-tinted muslin
... and multiplicity of looking glasses,
... a thousand pretty knick-knacks, and a
... paper-
... handker-
... the sex of the occu-
... A little statuette of a Cupid in tears,
... but a quiver, occupies a
... under a por-
... of Miss Dove, depicted by the artist in
... on the chestnut horse, at-
... with her hat off,
... about her shoulders, as
... she is not in the
... when taking equestrian
... Altogether the painter's idea seems
... from a French print
... "The Rendezvous," representing a
... waiting for a gentleman
... in a wood—not in the best of humors, as is
... and sit-
... in a listless, woe-begone
... unworthy of an Amazon. The lag-
... is perceptible in the far dis-
... making up for lost time on an exceed-

... on their Harbor-
... friends.

Mr. Crasher never comes except on
... and
... the rest of the gang I would just as soon be
... without, for they will light their cigars in
... a thing I've quite broke your papa
... till the whole place smells like a
... But I do think that Mr. Saw-
... or whatever his name is, might have
... if it was only to
... your long day."

Cissy was of the same opinion; but she
... and said
... perhaps she thought the more.
... her mamma certain
... to Market
... and Mr. Sawyer's cat-gori-
... her very pertinent queries.
... she had quite made
... "a clean breast of it."

The mother, as is often the case in these
... had scarcely so much
... as the daughter. She
... beyond
... Not that the girl was re-
... but she had a quiet way of setting
... which was as uncom-
... as it was irre-istible.

Mrs. Dove, however, was not without her
... She had been
... and had not forgotten it; nay,
... some-times, even
... because a lady
... she should decrease in sus-
... Look at a german baroness—
... in her ball dress, and
... of her plump fingers.
... to fetch her scissors; cut
... the true Corazza
... and, holding up that ridiculous
... went on with her
... argument.

"I don't think much of that Mr. Saw-
... after all, if you ask me," said she,
... in her daughter's
... He seems very shy, by no means
... and I should say had not seen
... Steadier perhaps than
... and not so stout as Straggles, but
... the idea of a very gen-
... like Mr. Crasher, for in-
... stance."

The Honorable was one of the good lady's
... She admired hugely, as
... his languor, his *insou-
... above
... at a mo-
... frequently
... beyond
... endurance.*

The girl's color, always high, rose percepti-
... Like a true woman, she stood up for
... her now friend.

"Indeed, Mamma," said she, "Mr. Saw-
... as anybody
... for being shy, I
... the better for not
... like that rude Mr. Savage,
... I should look hideous with my
... Now, Mr. Sawyer at
... least tries to make himself agreeable."

"And seems to succeed, Cissy," rejoined
... with an arch smile that deepened
... the young lady's colour still more, and con-
... her buxom
... parent. "Well, dear, I must remind Papa
... Shall
... an invita-
... tion?"
... "Really, I don't the least care," answer-
... with a toss of her shining
... "I suppose you can't well leave
... But, Mamma, I wish you would
... by his right name. It isn't
... Sawyer, but Sawyer."

"I'll try and remember, Cissy," answer-
... with another of those provok-

"Gracious Heavens! Mrs. Dove!" ex-
... plumping down into
... raising both hands in ir-
... deprecation, "knowing what you do,
... how can you ask such a question? Of course,
... if this house is too uncomfortable to live in,
... and it don't matter about the parish going to
... the dogs, and the Bishop is to be
... a nonentity, and my duties a farce, you are
... perfectly right to go gadding about from here
... Brighton, and from Brighton to London,
... and from London to Halifax, if you like, and
... I shall be happy to indulge you. I only wish
... you would tell me where the money is to
... come from—where the money is to come
... from, Mrs. Dove—that's all!" And, having
... thus spoken, the Reverend took up the
... and looked over the top of
... as if he had indeed propounded
... a poser.

This was exactly what that dear artful
... woman wanted. She knew that when he
... her husband would
... settle down into his usual easy temper, and
... in about five
... minutes. So she folded the poor parish-
... with the most accuracy,
... the most perfect good-hum-
... out:

"Well, dear, I'm sure I don't want to
... You
... in the spring,
... as long as
... My
... the Day;
... and home again by
... After all, we are
... here for the country as
... never was
... What should
... if it wasn't
... for hunting?"

Precious, in proportion to their rarity,
... sank like music in the
... five-and-twenty years' ex-
... that such
... necessarily be
... as a soft southerly
... And this is the
... to the
... other sex. Though they deceive us ninety-
... the hundredth,
... and, more foolish than the feathered biped,
... spread in our very
... neck-and-heels into
... the net of the fowler.

The Reverend glanced at the wife of his
... like
... a score of years ago. He
... but the compliment by no
... the object
... "Cissy and I were just
... of your friend
... By the
... some of them
... oysters come
... and our turkeys this
... Better say Tues-
... Papa?" added she coax-
... ingly.

But the Reverend was not so hospitably
... the old
... they can have plenty
... "They
... that way in the dark.
... and nobody
... I think,
... Dottie, till the days get a little longer."

You or I would hardly have thought of
... Mrs. Dove, whose
... Dorothy, by the
... when in
... the Reverend's habit
... and she
... accordingly.

"Better do it at once, dear," she replied.
... upon us
... And if frost
... they are all off

Dove-cote Rectory, Friday.
There is nothing ambiguous in the above.
It seems a simple invitation to dinner
enough; you or I can gather its drift at
a glance. Why the man should have read
it over at least half-a-dozen times is more
than I can divine.

CHAPTER XIX.

"THE BOOT ON THE OTHER LEG."

Meanwhile in the stable of the Honorable
Crasher is considerable consternation and
bewilderment. The helpers look wise, and
wink at each other, as they pass from stall
to stall, in the execution of their duties. Mr.
Tiptop is completely at his wits' end.
Can he, the knowing Tiptop, looked up to
as the great unerring authority on training,
pace, weight for age, and other racing
mysteries—Newmarket all over—can he
have made a mistake? He begins to think,
not only that he can, but that he has.

First of all they gave the hapless
Marathon a spin with Chance, as a mere
breather, and I have already said with what
result.

Mr. Tiptop being determined to get at
"the rights of it," then tried the horses a
mile at even weights; the consequences ad-
mitted of less doubt than ever. Marathon's
"form" was so obviously bad, that the groom
concluded he must be amiss.

"Why, he can't go no faster than our
mare can trot," soliloquised Mr. Tiptop, as
he contemplated the bay grinding away at
his afternoon's feed (to do Marathon justice,
he was always good at this part of his day's
work), and thought that the animal did by
no means show to advantage amongst his
stable companions. "Can he be one of
those extraordinary horses as I've heard of,
wot can scarcely wag without they're trained
a most to fiddle-strings, but as nothing mor-
tal can touch if once you gets them fit?" He
almost persuaded himself that the new pur-
chase must indeed be such a phenomenon,
and resolved on putting him through a severe
course of physic, and into strong training
forthwith. Before, however, resorting to
such ulterior measures, he had the wisdom
to think of applying to old Isaac for a solu-
tion of the mystery.

He found the senior busy in his little sad-
dle-room, engaged in no less important an
occupation than the improvement of The
Boy's mounts and general deportment, for
which I grieve to observe, since his arrival
at Harborough, there was sufficient room.
The youth, though he worked hard, was sel-
dom sober now, and never told the truth but
by accident. Isaac's method of imparting
ethical instruction was uncompromising, if
not agreeable. With the lad's collar in one
hand, and a spare stirrup-leather in the
other, he insisted forcibly on those maxims
which he considered most salutary to the
tender mind, accompanying each with a
stinging illustration from the strap; the dia-
logue between the sage and his disciple being
conducted much in this wise:—

Isaac: "I've told you over and over
again, ye young warmist, and I'll tell it ye
every day I live, if I larrup the skin off ye."
(Whack.)

The Boy: "Oh, please!"
Isaac: "You'll never rise in life, nor be
fit to be called a stableman, without you can
work them qualities which have made me
what I am; that's what I am a teaching of
ye." (Whack.)

The Boy: "Oh, please!"
Isaac: "Fire and foremost, sobriety."—
(Whack, and "Oh, please!") "Secondly,



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AMERICAN.

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. 3
Rochester, N. Y.....	2d week in Aug.
Philadelphia, Ill.....	2d " "
Piskilwa, Ill.....	2d " "
Utica, N. Y.....	3d " "
Earlville, Ill.....	4th " "

ICE RACES.

Commence.....Jan. 10 to 11

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TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Everything used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

COOPERATION IN STOCK BREEDING.

means forms the rule. We have sires of well-established strains of thoroughbred and trotting blood equal to any in America, and which are held at prices from 50 to 75 per cent. below what such horses command in the States. This is simply a comparison, without answering the objection to what is considered a high rate.

Now, we will proceed to show how low rates can be obtained and the standard of excellence maintained. This is to be accomplished by the co-operation of farmers within a certain limit. It will be premised that a horse of sufficient merit of a well recognized strain of trotting or thoroughbred blood can be purchased for, say at the outside, \$1,000. This is a long estimate, at least so far as thoroughbred horses are concerned, for we are aware of several that can be bought today for not more than half that amount. Well then, let a club on the joint-stock principle be formed consisting, say of fifty members; levy an individual tax of enough to pay for the class of horse required; and then devote his services at a price, that with a moderate book of say sixty mares, would pay for his keep and form a sinking fund for insurance on the horse, or the nucleus for a future purchase. That this scheme is feasible, there can be no doubt. It has, we believe, already been tried in this country with the happiest results. By this means after the first trifling outlay, the members of the club are assured of a suitable horse, for say ten years, at extremely moderate rates, and are made the owners of a valuable lot of colts at an extremely low figure. The plan is worth a trial; and we think there is no doubt of its success.

There was some talk, a short time ago, of petitioning the Legislature to impose a high tax on horses kept for stock purposes, with the avowed object of preventing the use of unfit sires. The horse fills an important position in the domestic economy of the nation, and legislation towards bettering this class of stock would probably be considered in order. However this question will not now be discussed, but may form the subject of a future article.

THE ICE CAMPAIGN.

In a very short time the localities that are wont to indulge their penchant for sport will be alive with the music of trotters over the frozen waters of our lakes, bays and streams, and in many instances, if an opinion can be formed from repeated expressions, on our regular Driving Parks. Where the latter are available, they have many advantages in their favor, which have been before recapitulated. There appears to be only one objection to using speed tracks for the purpose of winter racing, and that is, in this latitude, it is almost impossible to depend for a sufficient length of time upon the snow remaining to insure no disappointment. Of this defect we had too ample and convincing evidence last year. But now it is possible this winter may be quite different from last year's one. The snow may continue almost without cessation until the advent of spring, but this cannot be depended upon. Consequently, when it is proposed to give a winter meeting over a regular track, it is impossible to give a very extended intimation of the event, the announcement from the issuing of the bills until the selected day must be necessarily short. In trots over ice the same difficulty is not presented. When once our water channels become locked in

longer we live the more we learn, and it is but right the campaign of 1877 should profit by the lessons of previous years. Do not act as if you were afraid anyone was going to know of your races, but give every opportunity to the public generally to be aware of your intention. It will pay for itself, and unremunerative as ice gatherings are in many cases, the loss can certainly not be credited to a plethora of printers' bills.

Our readers will doubtless remember the Stallion Race, last September, under the management of this office. The winner was Capt. Tom, belonging to Mr. Thomas Gillesby, of Hamilton. In addition to the \$400 added money, given by us, it was provided we should also present a gold medal emblematical of the event to the owner of the winning horse. This trophy was completed and placed in our hands on Saturday last, the delay in its manufacture being caused by the illness of the gentleman who originally took in hand the designing. After waiting some time, it was found a matter of some improbability when he would be able to finish it, and we placed the entire work, artistic and mechanical, in the hands of Mr. W. C. Morrison, the well-known manufacturing jeweller, of this city, and he has acceptably completed the task.

The medal is a large and heavy one, and besides its worth as a trophy of victory, possesses considerable intrinsic value. It will weigh about an ounce and a half, and is about 1½ inches in diameter. It is of bright gold, with a heavy rim, the inner lining of which is a fine cord. On the outer edge of the face inside the rim runs the inscription, "CANADIAN SPORTING TIMES STALLION RACE, 1876. P. COLLINS & Co., TORONTO, ONT.," and on the centre of the face is a trotting horse in action in harness. On the reverse side is the inscription:—"Won by Capt. Tom, the property of Mr. Thomas Gillesby, Hamilton, Ont. Trotted at West End Driving Park, Toronto, Ont., September, 9th, 1876." On the top of the medal, and to which the clasp is attached, is a statue of a horse in solid, bright gold. The clasp consists of two bars of chased gold, holding a miniature Union Jack in corded silk, across the centre of which is extended a snaffle bit of bright gold. The above is but a tame description of the medal and by no means does justice to its appearance. It is one of the most elegant in finish and design ever manufactured by Mr. Morrison, who is the leader in this special branch in the trade.—Mr. Gillesby will, no doubt, highly prize it, not for its commercial value, but for the associations connected with it. He is one of our earliest turf friends, and our recollections of him run back to our youthful days; and we have yet to be made aware of anything to detract from his probity as a horseman or his standing as a citizen. However much opinions may vary on the speed of the horses in the race there can be no difference respecting the fact that Capt. Tom was fairly entitled to the palm of victory on that occasion. We present the medal to Mr. Gillesby with the pleasantest feelings, and trust he may long be permitted to enjoy the recollections of his victory, which, we think, can safely be said to have been one of the happiest moments of his life.

TO SECRETARIES OF WINTER RACES

We respectfully request the Secretary or

of the SPORTING TIMES a summary of every race in Canada, and to accomplish this object we solicit the kind offices of the gentlemen who may have the management of such affairs.

FRENCH MUTUALS.

The first French Mutual Pool ever opened in Ontario was at Mr. Frank Martin's, Turf Club House, 40 King street west, Toronto, on Thursday evening, 28th ult. The pool was opened on the Mayoralty election, and excited considerable interest by its novelty. It remained open until Saturday night, and a fresh one was put up on Monday morning. At first there was considerable hesitancy about investing money on this system, but as its merits became better known, purchases were more frequent. After seeing the working of the machine, and having the *modus operandi* explained, everyone was satisfied with its simplicity and merit, and on some more suitable occasion the business no doubt will be greatly increased. The great objection appeared to be that investors wanted to know what rate of odds they would get, a query that could not definitely be answered. However, on the close of the pool it was found the betting in the Auction and French systems was about the same in proportion to the money staked. The beautiful mechanical action of the registers was particularly remarked, and the manner in the automatic operation of addition, correctly keeping the total number of tickets sold excited surprise. The absence of writing names and amounts, and the facility with which tickets could be bought at any time, not having to wait for a crowd, were principles of the system which were very favorably commented upon. Although the business done was not extensive, still their introduction has been the means of practically explaining not only the system but also its advantages, which will be especially valuable on some future occasion. The first ticket sold was purchased by Mr. Frank Martin, fortunately it was a winner, and Mr. M. purposes to have it framed as an interesting memento of the event. During the coming season it is quite possible this new system will meet with a fair share of patronage, an acknowledgment of its value.

GAME PROTECTION.

The Committee of the Fish and Game Protection Club of Montreal have submitted their views on game protection to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. They desire to show that there is no class for whom Game is to be preserved, so the object to be attained by game laws is the same for the professional hunter and the sportsman, viz.: not to preserve game, but to protect it. The breeding animal losses in a large measure, as every one knows, its dread of danger, is more easily approached, and consequently a more easy prey to the unscrupulous. For these reasons the open season for any species should as far as possible avoid the breeding time of that species. Apart even from reasons of humanity, there is also the economic fact that in taking the life of the parent at the breeding season, the lives of the offspring are sacrificed. With regard to the shooting of game by the poorer settlers in the backwoods, the committee thinks that very little harm can be done during the close season if the law strictly defines such shooting to be

Sporting Gossip.

Mr. Burgess, of Woodstock, reports the death of his old brood mare Maggie Mitchell, by imported Yorkshire, dam Charmer, by imported Glencoe. She was foaled in 1867.

The Detroit Horse Fair Association have claimed July 8, 4, 6, and 7, 1877, as dates for holding their next meeting.

In common with the other papers we fell into the error last week of saying that Mr. Gracey, of Weston, the owner of War Cry, was about to remove from Canada to Virginia. It is his brother, Mr. J. B. Gracey, hence the mistake. Mr. H. Gracey says Canada is good enough for him, and he means to stay here.

Many of our defaulting subscribers try to be like the fence, which wears the glorious inscription, "Post no Bills."

The penalty of suspension has been removed from Mr. J. Harkness, of Sherbrooke, P. Q., and his bay gelding Billy Patterson, inflicted by the Bethel Vt. Association, it being shown the suspension was erroneously made. Mr. D. Nicholson, of the same place, and the bay mare Alice, have likewise been relieved from the penalty under the same circumstances. However, the latter still remain under suspension imposed by order of the Montpelier Vt. Association.

This week our correspondents' cards for the ensuing quarter will be mailed to those entitled to them. The old ones should be returned to this office.

A Seaforth correspondent informs us, that Mr. John Kelly, of the 14th concession of McKillop, rode one of his horses from Seaforth to his home, a distance of ten and a half miles in thirty minutes.

A hitherto unknown horse disease is spreading in the township of Huntington. Several animals which have been attacked have died.

The Turf, Field and Farm has been giving York State's record as 2:22½. The correct notch is 2:28½. Will our able contemporary make the necessary correction, as the impression roused by the mistake in figures might do serious injury to his owners.

A disease is now going the rounds among horses in Wayne county, New York, which experts pronounce epizootic with new symptoms, though the external indications largely favor the old horse distemper or quinsy sore throat. The first indication of the animal being attacked by this malady is disinclination to eat, caused by throat soreness, which latter manifests itself by the presence of a hard tumor in the cavity of the jaw bones. This succeeded by coldness of the extremities, and great prostration of the system.

The occupancy of the Mansion House, of this city, has been changed. Mr. Thomas Scully, late of the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, is the new proprietor. The house is being completely renovated and refurnished preparatory to an early opening.

A travelling correspondent of The Spirit, writing from Toronto, says he stopped at the American Hotel and found in the person of Mr. H. C. Nolan, the chief clerk, a gentleman thoroughly posted on horse as well as all sporting matters. "What sort of a mare is Vicksburg, Harry; and how fast can Inspiration trot?"

Mr. Frank Martin, of the Turf Club, 40 King St. west, Toronto, has the credit of being the first man who bought a French Mutual Pool ticket in Ontario.

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Correspondents and others will remember the change of our office, No. 90 King-St. West, Toronto, as our present address.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

We have on our books a large amount of money due us in accounts and subscriptions. We have been particularly indulgent to our friends and patrons, but this is the dull season of the year, and as our expenses are greater in winter than spring, summer and fall, we are compelled to call upon those indebted to us for prompt payment. Everything used about a printing office is cash, and to meet the weekly draft upon our exchequer, we must collect outstanding debts. Therefore we most earnestly request our friends and patrons, who are indebted to us, either by account or subscription to remit, and place us under renewed obligations.

CO OPERATION IN STOCK BREEDING.

Now that the trade in horses between Canada and the Mother Country promises to assume such gigantic proportions, it behooves our farmers to pay attention to the breeding of a suitable class of stock for that market. There can be no doubt of the demand in Britain being continuous, but to arrive at the best results, and get the full benefits of the trade, care must be exercised in the selection of sires and dams. It is the most profitable avenue open to breeders and horse-owners since the American rebellion, and they should endeavor to raise such stock as will meet the coming demand. At home weeds or unsound horses are worthless, and will hardly pay the cost of transportation, consequently, if our people wish to keep this market open to them, they must supply the quality which is demanded by the purchasers. As we said before, this can only be accomplished by proper selections in breeding.

In many parts of the country a finely formed horse of good size, with pleasing style and suitable action, is the exception. This is mainly caused by what is a false spirit of economy. The difference of a few dollars for the services of a horse prompts the unthinking granger to use as a sire a horse without any recommendation save his moderate terms, and without any consideration for the value of the issue. In many cases the owner of the mare would not feel any to well pleased if he were sure of getting a colt equal in appearance to the sire. You are told by the agriculturists that they cannot afford to pay the fancy prices which are demanded by some owners of good horses. This is only an exceptional case, and by no

THE ICE CAMPAIGN.

In a very short time the localities that are wont to indulge their penchant for sport will be alive with the music of trotters over the frozen waters of our lakes, bays and streams; and in many instances, if an opinion can be formed from repeated expressions, on our regular Driving Parks. Where the latter are available, they have many advantages in their favor, which have been before recapitulated. There appears to be only one objection to using speed tracks for the purpose of winter racing, and that is, in this latitude, it is almost impossible to depend for a sufficient length of time upon the snow remaining to insure no disappointment. Of this defect we had too ample and convincing evidence last year. But now it is possible this winter may be quite different from last year's one. The snow may continue almost without cessation until the advent of spring, but this cannot be depended upon. Consequently, when it is proposed to give a winter meeting over a regular track, it is impossible to give a very extended intimation of the event, the announcement from the issuing of the bills until the selected day must be necessarily short. In trots over ice the same difficulty is not presented. When once our water channels become locked in the embraces of Jack Frost they are very apt to remain solid for some time to come, and are not influenced by the solar rays to the same degree as the "beautiful snow." Hence more time can be devoted to properly advertising a meeting over ice than on snow. Last season a great many of the failures in ice gatherings could be imputed to a want of sufficient advertising. Not that anything in this line was left undone which might be considered necessary, but the notice only was too short, and did not allow sufficient time for the intimation of the managers to become generally known, or to permit owners of horses to bring them on to take part in the contests. There is nothing to be gained by unusual haste or snap meetings; go calmly and deliberately to work, know what you mean to do, and then proceed as if you were laboring for your own individual benefit. Devote sufficient time, and expend liberally in printer's ink, and a great cause of failure will be removed. Do not be afraid to let the public, and horse-owners particularly, know what you are doing, give them a chance to join in your enterprise and encourage it by their patronage, and success is to a great extent guaranteed. But advertising a meeting to-day, and trotting it within a week, lacks an essential business element, which we are free to say would not be wanting in a purely individual venture. Don't hide your light under the proverbial bushel, publicity is everything in your favor. It is safe to say, in many cases, the difference of one horse more in a race, would amply repay the additional expense of a more extensive notice, and add zest to a race which might otherwise have been a very tame affair. This is the experience of past years; the

Hamilton, Ont. Presented at West End Driving Park, Toronto, Ont. September, 9th, 1876." On the top of the medal, and to which the clasp is attached, is a statue of a horse in solid, bright gold. The clasp consists of two bars of chased gold, holding a miniature Union Jack in corded silk, across the centre of which is extended a snaffle bit of bright gold. The above is but a tame description of the medal and by no means does justice to its appearance. It is one of the most elegant in finish and design ever manufactured by Mr. Morrison, who is the leader in this special branch in the trade.— Mr. Gillesby will, no doubt, highly prize it, not for its commercial value, but for the associations connected with it. He is one of our earliest turf friends, and our recollections of him run back to our youthful days; and we have yet to be made aware of anything to detract from his probity as a horseman or his standing as a citizen. However much opinions may vary on the speed of the horses in the race there can be no difference respecting the fact that Capt. Tom was fairly entitled to the palm of victory on that occasion. We present the medal to Mr. Gillesby with the pleasantest feelings, and trust he may long be permitted to enjoy the recollections of his victory, which, we think, can safely be said to have been one of the happiest moments of his life.

TO SECRETARIES OF WINTER RACES

We respectfully request the Secretary or other acting official of each ice meeting in Canada this season, to send us a poster containing the particulars of the races, amounts of the several purses, and such other information as is usually to be found in an announcement of that character. We have received communications, and enquiries are constantly being made, respecting the winter prospects in Canada, from horsemen in the States. Many of them are anxious to come here, if they can be assured of sufficient encouragement, and their wants in that line do not seem to be very extensive. Immediately on getting your bills out send one or two to this office; it can do you no harm and may possibly be of much benefit to you.

And we have another favor to ask. On the conclusion of your meeting, mail to us a complete summary of the races which have taken place. A description of the different heats is not necessary however much desired; a simple account of the date and place, amount of purse, conditions of race, names of owners, and the name, color, and sex of each horse entered, whether he starts or not, and the position the starters have in each individual heat, with the time of each heat, and the job is done. This will be an individual favor to us, and will be appreciated by our readers. When published it will form an indelible record of the race, something that may be of great use in the future. We send blanks appropriately headed and ruled, to secretaries of all meetings which come under our notice, and with them it is only a labor of a few minutes to give a complete summary of the meeting in a proper shape for publication. We would feel pleased to have the privilege of placing on record in the columns

to have it framed as an interesting memento of the event. During the coming season it is quite possible this new system will meet with a fair share of patronage, an acknowledgment of its value.

GAME PROTECTION.

The Committee of the Fish and Game Protection Club of Montreal have submitted their views on game protection to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. They desire to show that there is no class for whom Game is to be preserved, so the object to be attained by game laws is the same for the professional hunter and the sportsman, viz.: not to preserve game, but to protect it. The breeding animal losses in a large measure, as every one knows, its dread of danger, is more easily approached, and consequently a more easy prey to the unscrupulous. For these reasons the open season for any species should as far as possible avoid the breeding time of that species. Apart even from reasons of humanity, there is also the economic fact that in taking the life of the parent at the breeding season, the lives of the offspring are sacrificed. With regard to the shooting of game by the poorer settlers in the backwoods, the committee thinks that very little harm can be done during the close season if the law strictly defines such shooting to be done solely for consumption by the settler's family, and prohibits the sale of such game on the skins of animals so shot.

1. That the close season for elk, moose, caribou, deer and fawn, should extend from January 1 to August 31, inclusive.

2. That black duck, wood duck, gray duck, mallard and teal, as they breed on the St. Lawrence and its tributaries, and commence nesting as soon as they arrive in spring, should be protected at that season.

3. As regards other species of ducks, also wild geese and wild swan, the law might remain as it is.

4. With regard to partridge the committee think snaring ought to be prohibited.

5. In order to make the law of any effect it is absolutely necessary to make it illegal to have in possession any animals or birds or parts thereof during the prohibited seasons.

6. The Committee desires to make no suggestions with regard to woodcock and snipe, as the subject is a much disputed one, and the law as it stands at present seems to satisfy the majority.

WHAT AN OWL!—Pennsylvania is the Keystone State. She's ahead on owls. Hear what they say in Titusville: "Mr. Thomas Ketchum, while hunting in the woods in Venango County a few days ago, caught sight of a monstrous owl. He fired and wounded the bird. After some difficulty he caught it, and to his amazement found that it had three heads, all perfectly formed. He put it in a large cage and brought it to this city. Mr. Joseph Hoising, who has a great taste for everything that is curious, purchased the singular bird, and it is now on exhibition at his hotel. It has almost entirely recovered from the effects of the gunshot wound which it received."

temporary make the necessary correction, as the impression caused by the mistake in figures might do serious injury to his owners.

A disease is now going the rounds among horses in Wayne county, New York, which experts pronounce epizootic with new symptoms, though the external indications largely favor the old horse distemper or quinsy sore throat. The first indication of the animal being attacked by this malady is disinclination to eat, caused by throat soreness, which latter manifests itself by the presence of a hard tumor in the cavity of the jaw bones. This is succeeded by coldness of the extremities and great prostration of the system.

The occupancy of the Mansion House, of this city, has been changed. Mr. Thomas Scully, late of the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, is the new proprietor. The house is being completely renovated and refurnished preparatory to an early opening.

A travelling correspondent of The Spirit, writing from Toronto, says he stopped at the American Hotel and found in the person of Mr. H. C. Nolan, the chief clerk, a gentleman thoroughly posted on horse as well as all sporting matters. "What sort of a mare is Vicksburg, Harry; and how fast can Inspiration trot?"

Mr. Frank Martin, of the Turf Club, 40 King St. west, Toronto, has the credit of being the first man who bought a French Mutual Pool ticket in Ontario.

Mr. Jno. O'Callaghan, of Ingersoll, sustained a severe loss in the death of a valuable horse last week. He dropped down dead while being driven by Mr. Frank O'Callaghan. Cause, overdriving.

The strike on the Grand Trunk Railway has completely shut us off from our eastern correspondents.

Mr. Harry Piper, "everybody's friend," was returned at the head of the poll at the election on Monday as Alderman for St. John's Ward.

A trotting meeting is spoken of to take place over Woodbine track, some time early in February. We may have particulars next week.

FROM BOWMANVILLE.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATE.

BOWMANVILLE, Dec. 30th, '76.

To the Editor of Sporting Times:

SIR,—Seeing several paragraphs in your paper about the coming horses of 1877, I thought I would drop you a line letting you know we have something here which is worth while keeping your eyes on. Our old mutual friend, Mr. Frank Henderson, invited me up to the stable the other day to take a look over a green one he has but recently purchased. He is by Jack the Barber, dam by Sir Tatton Sykes, and her pedigree runs back to Cadmus and Meux; so if breeding is any good he ought to be a dangerous fellow. My opinion is if he comes on the track next season all right he will make the best of them run from end to end to show him their plates. I tell you, you will hear of him again, or my judgment goes for nothing.

Yours,

FAIR PLAY.

Health Journal, was elected a member of the Association. The first subject brought before the meeting was a communication on "Fortuvelus," by Mr. Couture, V. S. The case was fully described by the speaker, who brought his remarks to a close by stating the disease was not an uncommon one, and frequently the aggravated forms of it defied even the most severe measures. Mr. Herbert next read, in the French language, a most carefully prepared paper on rubeola in the domesticated animals, describing minutely its causes, nature and symptoms, its mode of detection, treatment, &c. At the close of the debate some interesting microscopic specimens were exhibited to the members by the President and Vice-President, of the parasite animal causing the disease under discussion. Professor Oaler next communicated a very rare and interesting case of disease in a cat, which, on post mortem examination, revealed the whole mucous membrane of the bowels to be covered by a false membrane of a croupous or diphtheric nature. Specimens were exhibited, and sections placed under the microscope. This case is particularly interesting, from the fact of diphtheria and diseases of this class prevailing to a great extent in the city at present. This is the first instance brought before the notice of the profession of diphtheria affecting the bowels in the lower animals.

GOSSIP FROM LOCKPORT, N. Y.

LOCKPORT, Dec. 30th, 1876.

To the Editor of Sporting Times :

Horse items are very scarce in this vicinity at present. They have been laying a sewer on our principal avenue where all of the horses used to air themselves last winter, and now there is not a more miserable road in the city. All of the trotters have gone into winter quarters. Asa Reid reports his string doing well. At M. N. West's, Country gentleman and Scythian are wintering finely, and Mr. W. informed we that the brood mares and youngsters are doing equally good. The bay mare Cambria Girl, winner of the three-year-old race at the fair this fall, was sold by her owner, Mr. Wm. Bedford, to Clark White of Catskill, N. Y., for \$800.

John Sholt has completely renovated his spacious parlor, and Pat Bulger is playing big billiards for him. There is a rumor afloat that the Lockport Base Ball Association have secured the services of a picked nine from the St. Louis Reds, and the Buckeyes of Columbus O., for 1877; but I will not vouch for its truthfulness. The Alert-Gymnastic Association hold their election of officers on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Amusements are dull.

Yours, etc.,

ELL.

NAME CLAIMED.

PICKPOCKET—I claim the name of Pick-pocket for my bay gelding, three years old, by Douglas, dam by Prince of Wales—DAVID GILLIS, St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 29, 1876.

Some pigs fed by Mr. Joseph Ruebottom, of Bowmanville, made a good show among the Christmas exhibition of fatted beef in the market in that town. One sixteen months old weighed 525 lbs.; and two, nine weeks old, turned the scale at 65 lbs each.

The following letter descriptive of this locality, and the proceedings of the company, is from the pen of Mr. J. S. Maekzie, the secretary of the club. It will be found interesting reading, and will well repay perusal.

HAMILTON, ONT., Dec. 18, 1876.

DEAR SPIRIT: The sporting estate of Long Point Island, Lake Erie, Canada, contains (including Ryerson's Island) some 20,000 acres of forest land, ponds, and marshes, the latter being fertile with wild rice and celery. The property was sold at auction by the Canadian Crown Lands Department on May 4, 1866. The purchasers were a few gentlemen, who afterward obtained a special act of incorporation, as the Long Point Company, from the Parliament, which, among other privileges, gave them the power "to carry on the business of pursuing, protecting, and granting licenses to take game, muskrats, musk, otter, beaver, fish," etc.

The club is at present composed of twelve members, with a Board of Directors of five. The capital stock is \$50,000, in 100 shares of \$500 each, paid up. A competent member must be the holder of at least five shares.

At one time Long Point was well stocked with deer, as many as sixty in one herd have been seen there by middle-aged men now living, but the property being common up to the time above mentioned, they were all driven on the ice and slaughtered with dogs and guns. Similar ruthless conduct came near destroying all animal life on the island. In February, 1875, a herd of eleven young deer was brought, at considerable expense, by rail, from Clearwater, Minn., and safely placed in the forest. There is now a herd of about thirty roaming unmolested in the woods and glades. In two years more there will be good deer-stalking on Long Point.

The great sport, however, is duck-shooting. You will doubtless know if the score now sent you can be exceeded anywhere. From the protection afforded, each season has been an improvement on the last. This is more apparent in the increased number of native-bred ducks. Pheasants would be numerous but for the too numerous foxes. Ten thousand muskrats were trapped during March and April of this year, besides a goodly number of mink, foxes, etc. Comfortable shooting quarters were erected a few years ago, and additions put up last year. The preserve is looked after by a head steward and three assistant keepers, who reside on the island, and additional punters from the main land are employed during the shooting season. The advantages of an isolated property for the protection of game must be obvious, for nature has fenced it in, and game can easily be preserved on it for all time. Besides which, the laws of the Dominion are so justly framed and so honestly enforced that a man's property is dealt with as being his own, and his rights are inviolate.

We hope to see many more such well-organized sporting grounds incorporated, both in the Dominion and in the United States, ere the ruthless hand of the game-slaughterer quite destroys our game from off the face of the land. The Long Point Fisheries are very valuable. The development of these have been begun recently.

The Dominion fisheries, fortunately, are in the care of the Federal Government, and the laws and regulations enacted for the production and preservation of the fisheries are fairly enforced by a staff of most efficient overseers throughout the land. It would be well if the Provincial Governments would place the enforcement of the Game Laws in the hands of the fishery overseers.

The Canadian fishermen on the great lakes and river occupy an invidious position, for while close seasons are enforced on one side of the channel, on the other (the United

States) the animal it now in the hands of Mr. Howard Gibbs, to be stuffed and mounted.

The National Rifle Association of Great Britain have decided to reduce the second class target bull's eye by two inches in diameter at the 400 yards range, and increase it by two inches at 500 and 600 yards. This change will make a full score at 500 yards more easily attainable than at present; and if followed by the National Rifle Association of the United States will have even a greater effect than in England.

Billiards.

MESSRS. RILEY & MAY'S NEW BILLIARD ROOM.

If anything was required to prove that there is a growing increase in the taste for billiards, such evidence might be found at almost any hour in the new Grand Central Billiard Room of Messrs. Riley & May, at 98 Yonge St., in this city. Here may be seen representatives of our first families indulging their idle moments in the king of games, and practically illustrating geometrical propositions on the green cloth. Acute, obtuse and corresponding angles are carefully calculated and practically demonstrated with varying degrees of success, qualified by the skill and knowledge of the operator.

Of the room and its surroundings, more than of its players, it is our intention to speak. No 98 Yonge street, until within a couple of years past, has been well known as the City Press Building, where Messrs. Bell & Co. carried on their extensive Book and Job Printing establishment. In common with most premises devoted to the art preservative of all arts, there was nothing in the appearance of the room which would draw forth marks of approbation from the connoisseur of beauty, however interesting it might have been to the disciples of Faust with its unceasing clanking of printing presses, and click, click, click of the compositor, the galley slave, in his daily work, amid the begrimed surroundings. All this has been changed, and the transformation scenes of our Christmas pieces at the theatres show in no greater degree the manipulations of the fairy's wand. Where once the representative imp, the printer's devil, reigned supreme in his elements of ink and apparent chaos; beauty, art, and order are observable.

The room occupies the whole of the second flat of No. 98, and is about 90 feet in length by 80 feet in width. A new floor has been put down, and tribute has been laid on the efforts of some of our most artistic decorators. Nine tables, all of the manufacture of this firm (with the exception of one imported French table which has been refitted with their own cushions and cloth,) occupy the principal portion of the floor space. Of these six are of the size two 9 x 4 1/2, and one 11 x 5 1/2, the latter having six pockets and being devoted mainly to the game of pool. All of the tables are fitted with Mr. May's patent levellers, an improvement which recommends itself at sight, and does away with the unsightly blocks of wood so prominent in other makers. The tables themselves are elegant specimens of workmanship, and are a credit to the mechanical and

art of the country. The table is of the latest style, and is now ready and willing to give all his friends a hearty welcome.

We learn from the New Orleans Picayune that Sexton played a game on the evening of the 19th in Crescent Hall, in which his average was the largest ever made, being 83. He was giving Charles Quaid 200 in 500, and in six innings scored his quota. Charley making but 96. His six innings were, respectively, 124, 45, 4, 53, 76, 198; total, 500.

Amusements.

CITY.

Miss Adelaide Neilson commenced an engagement of five nights and one matinee at Mrs. Morrison's Grand Opera House to an overflowing house on Tuesday evening, the bill being Romeo and Juliet, one of her most winning impersonations. She is supported by Mr. Eben Plympton, who made his first appearance here as Romeo on the above occasion. The balance of the cast was carefully attended to by the regular stock. It is unnecessary to speak of Miss Neilson's reception or the applause with which she was greeted during the play. Where speech is silver, silence is gold. Mr. Plympton created a very favorable impression, and ably assisted the star in her efforts. Wednesday, As You Like It; and Thursday, Twelfth Night, to overflowing houses, composed of the elite of our society. Her engagement closes on Saturday.

Undine was withdrawn at the Royal Opera House after Monday evening, and the old timer, Uncle Tom's Cabin was the bill on Tuesday and Wednesday, with the additional attraction of the Alabama Jubilee Singers. Uncle Tom's Cabin was very fairly received. Several new pieces are in active preparation. Business this week has been good.

GENERAL.

HAMILTON—Henry Ward Beecher lectures in the Centenary Church on 17th inst. The Garrick Club gave a matinee on Saturday to a light house, the bill being The Miller and His Man, and the burlesque of Guy Faux. Owing to a lack of support, the Varieties which has been lately running under the management of Tom Allen the pugilist, has closed.

MONTREAL—Owing to the strike on the Grand Trunk we are without our eastern advices. From other sources we learn the Theatre Royal passes from the hands of Mrs. Buckland, the present lessee, on the 1st of May into the hands of the owner, who will turn it into a first-class house, under the supervision of Mr. A. B. Taft, architect. It is reported Mr. McDowell will sever his connection with the Academy of Music on the 18th inst.

BELLEVEILLE—Bull's New Opera House will be opened in a couple of weeks.

Sir Randal Roberts has been giving some admirable lectures on various subjects in Canada. His varied experience of life, and astounding versatility, naturally come to his aid in this class of entertainment, and it is easy to imagine how brilliant and amusing his lectures are. The Canadian papers speak of them in the highest terms. So says the New York Spirit of the 7th.

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square, as it is marked on the roll of the Seventy-seventh British Regiment. Col. Kent's fine old chestnut Arab has died in quarters at Cork. The deceased was perhaps the most travelled horse in the world, and could not possibly have been less than twenty-seven years of age. After serving in the Crimea, he went round the Cape of Australia, and had been twice in India, and through almost every station in the country. His last appearance on parade was at the inspection of the regiment on the 18th July last, when he carried his owner as well as he ever did in his life. He was a great favorite with both officers and men, and is mourned by them all.

Man named Joseph Davis started out hunting from Ferns, Min. a week ago. His partner became anxious on account of his prolonged absence and started to hunt for him. Upon recovering the body, it was found that the thigh joint was dislocated and the leg broken in two places. Near him was found a vial which had contained strychnine. It is thought he had fallen down and broken his leg, and, after several days suffering, in despair had taken poison to end his misery.

Down at a husking-bee nearly Liberty, Illinois, the other night a young woman rammed her hand into the husks and hauled out a snake as long as a whip-lash, and too cold to take much interest in the festivities. She fell over on her back and screamed and shrieked until she was black in the face, but everybody thought she had found a red ear, and they laughed at her, while the snake got inside of her ruffie and crawled painfully down her back. She was understood at last, the snake being dragged out and killed, but she says if she was to live a thousand years she couldn't scream half as much as she wants to.

The Bishop of Manchester has just preached a sermon at Collyhurst, pointing out the danger of dancing and music saloons to the youth of both sexes. He was not prepared, however, to "talk such nonsense as to say that dancing was a damning sin, or that the music saloon might not be a place of lawful enjoyment." He danced when he was a young man, and he thanked God that there were places in which music and dancing might be enjoyed under "conditions of safety." The Bishop does not see why the working classes should not have these forms of enjoyment as well as persons who occupy a somewhat higher position, and he suggests that the people should take these places and make them pure, cleanly, and safe.

An amusing story is told of the Queen's first visit to Crathie Church. A fine large dog belonging to the clergyman followed him up the pulpit steps, and lay down against the door during the sermon as "still as a stone." The next day Sir George Grey, who was then in attendance on Her Majesty, met the clergyman, and remonstrated with him for allowing his dog to be on the pulpit steps, feeling assured that it would annoy the Queen. The clergyman at once politely promised that his pet should be kept "out of church" next Sunday. During the following week the clergyman was honored with an invitation to dinner with the Royal Family. After dinner, in conversation, the Queen inquired why the dog was not on the pulpit stairs as before. "Please your Majesty, I kept my dog at home last Sunday, as Sir George thought it would annoy your Majesty," was the reply. "Oh, no," replied the Queen; "let him come as usual. I wish that every body behaved at church as well as your noble dog!"

A CAID.—To all who are suffering from the troubles 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 mission ary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. ISMAN, Station D, Bible House, New York City. 250 em

Dr. Duffy, of Oakland, Cal., went to a masquerade ball recently in the character of a giraffe. His costume created much amusement, especially at the supper table, where he remarked that he must drink three bottles of champagne in order to wet his throat all the way down. On the way home, at an early hour in the morning, he was extremely fatigued, and, laying down under a tree box fell fast asleep. A timorous policeman, seeing the strange figure from a distance, and concluding rather hastily that a tiger or some other wild animal had escaped from the menagerie that was exhibiting in the next block, fired four shots into the recumbent giraffe, one of which perforated the padding, and is now imbedded in Mr. Duffy, who will be sent home from fancy balls in a push-cart or a furniture waggon in future.

About two weeks ago, says the Kinprville Reporter, while Theodore Scratch, of the 2nd con. of Gosfield, assisted by several men, was engaged in killing hogs in the yard behind his house, a fine deer was observed coming "on the jump," up the lane towards them. The men all "laid low" until the animal came up to them, when John Uleh, Jr., one of the party, made a dive for him, and caught him by the tail, to which he hung, despite the efforts of the deer, which, by the way, seemed to be in haste to shake him off, as Mr. Uleh weighs about 200 pounds avourdupois, his weight served to bring the deer to a stand. While matters stood in this shape, Mr. Scratch settled the matter by severing the critter a jugular.

A NOVEL CHASE.

CATTLE DISEASE IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

A correspondent writing from Cumberland Bay, Queen's County, says:—"A disease has made its appearance among the cattle of this place which bids fair to be very destructive. Mr. Joseph Reeso has lost four animals already, Mr. Hector McLean, three, and Mr. Algeo, of the same place, one—all within the last few days. The disease takes hold of the best conditioned animals, and they only live a few hours afterwards. The only thing visible after the carcasses are skinned is a red ring around the neck of the animal which looks like jelly. The disease is causing much alarm among farmers, and when once it takes hold there seems no way of checking it."

MIND, MATTER, MONEY, BEAUTY.—Webster's Quarto Dictionary, as now published, has cost more intellectual labor, more money in its "getting up," and contains more matter, and a larger number of beautiful engravings, (800 or more, with four pages of colored plates,) than any single volume ever before published for popular use in this or any other country. It is largely the standard in England as well as in this country. Bell & Daldy, the publishers of Bohn's libraries, are the London publishers of this magnificent volume.

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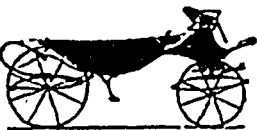
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