SOME SPLENDID SPORT.

DEAD FINISHES FOR THE STEEPLECHASE ASSOCIATION STAKES.

The Attendance at Morris Park Yesterday Was Disappointing, but the Racing Season Opened Auspiciously, Nevertheless—Lady Raymond Defeats a Large Field for the New York Steeplechase Handicap—Red Cloud Wins the St. Nicholas Hurdle Handicap—Bookmakers on the Green, but No Money Changed Hands.

What was lacking in numbers at the opening of the meeting of the New York Steeplechase Association at Morris Park yesterday afternoon was made up in enthusiasm, the thirty-five hundred persons present entering into the spirit of the occasion and pronouncing the day's sport a success of the first water. It was expected that a larger crowd would be in attendance to usher in the racing season of 1895, but the postponement, owing to Gov. Morton's failure to sign the Percy-Gray bill, had taken some of the edge from the public appetite.

Those who did not go to the track robbed themselves of a treat in every event, and the stakes in particular were splendidly contested, Lady Raymond and The Peer finishing heads apart for the New York Steeplechase Handicap, while Red Cloud beat Judge Morrow only a few feet in the race for the St. Nicholas Hurdle Handicap. The gentlemen comprising the New York Steeplechase Association deserve the greatest praise for their pluck in arranging the two days' meeting. In doing so they displayed the spirit of the true sportsman.

Westchester county was beautiful yesterday in her dress of green, and the weather had it been made to order for the occasion could not have been more perfect for outdoor entertainment. The splendid course, with its banks of turf, bristling hurdles, in and out, and yawning water jump, were all in full view of the grand stand.

The lawn below the northern end of the grand stand was gay with four coaches and a break. A luncheon was served and those who occupied seats enjoyed themselves in the style that made old Jerome Park famous. Among those who drove to the grounds were August Belmont, Francis T. Underhill, Harry McLoughlin, the Hon. John Sanford, and W. R. H. Martin. Mr. Belmont, who is President of the National Steeplechase Association and Chairman of the new Racing Commission, was an early arrival, with Mrs. Belmont occupying the box seat. Among their guests were a bevy of pretty girls, consisting of Miss Livingston, Miss Vanderbilt, Miss Tiffany, Miss Wilson, Miss Taylor, and Miss Garrison. Mr. Appleton was also of the party.

Mr. Sanford, who is a member of the Racing Commission, was also early upon the ground. He was accompanied by Mrs. Sanford and Charles Waring. Francis T. Underhill and J. Clinch Smith alternated in driving a yellow and black coach. They were accompanied by George de Forest Grant, M. V. D. Davis, J. W. A. Davis, D. Nason, and F. C. Thomas. Mr. Martin, who drove from Thirty-sixth street and Madison avenue, had a change of horses at 102d street. He was accompanied by Wm. Babcock, P. A. Bates, W. K. Fowler, L. T. Martin, Thomas Peck, J. Chamberlain, and M. Peck.

Among the other distinguished guests noticed around the club house lawn and grand stand were: Lieutenant Bubler Dunnack, Jr., Jordan L. Mott, Jr., Harry W. Slocum, W. K. Fowler, Cornelius Fellowes, H. L. Herbert, H. De Courcey Forbes, J. G. Follansbee, Harry Harper, Jack Agar, Dr. Gideon Lee Knapp, H. K. Bringut, J. Lee Taller, Richard F. Penn, Brayton Ives, Superintendent Frank Clarke, Prescott Lawrence, H. Bradford, Edmund Randolph, H. P. Case of the Rockaway Hunt; Rene La Montagne, Master of the Rockaway Hunt; Craige Wadsworth of the Genesee Valley Hunt; Ralph V. Ellis, Master of the Meadowbrook Hunt; Louis Haight, Hamilton Cary, David Gideon, S. D. and L. W. Biddle of Philadelphia, Leonard Jacob, Jr., W. S. Vanderbilt, Allen, S. S. Howland, Charley Osborne, Creighton Webb, J. M. Waterbury, Brockholst Cutting, James Rowe, John Sanford, Edward Bradford, Joseph Harriman, J. Borden Harriman, Louis N. Ontavia, Carley Havemeyer, E. C. Potter, Charley Boyd, Frank D. Beard, Charley Navarro, Mr. and Mrs. C. Albert Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Donner, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walker, Mr. and Mrs. E. Berry Wall, Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Carmen, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kernochan, Mrs. Alfred Kessler, Miss Catherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Henning, Mrs. Adolph Ladenburg, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shiels, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Townsend, Alexander Morten F. C. O'Reilly, Assemblymen Percy and Hennessy, Harry Alexander, William Harper, Philip Dwyer, Harry and Frank Watson, Charley Sands, Will Sands, Campbell Thompson, Moses Meyer, William Murray of the Larchmont Yacht Club, Major Cooley, E. C. La Montagne, Jesse Brown of Washington, and J. Robinson Beard.

The bookmakers' ring underneath the grand stand was deserted, but there were plenty of speculators upon the lawn in front of the big building, where those who knew a penciller and had credit could indulge their fancy. No money changed hands, but responsible men found plenty of business, and it was astonishing how readily the public took to the new order of things. Officers in uniform and others in citizens' dress saw that the law was not violated, and the Western Union Telegraph Company did not send away any quotations from the course.

The New York Steeplechase Handicap, at two miles and a half, was the chief event of the day, and Philadelphia took the prize with Mr. B. F. Clyde's Lady Raymond, an imported mare by Man-of-War, out of Lady Palmerston, that was cleverly ridden by the Englishman Bracken. Mr. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr.'s, The Peer was at the mare's throat latch at the finish, and in a few more strides the positions would have been turned, young Barry, who rode the gelding, just failing to get up in time to snatch the victory. Rowan, who rides for Mr. Hitchcock, unfortunately was thrown from Oakwood in the second race. Mr. Fred Gebhard's Rodman was a good third, with Foxhound fourth and King John fifth.

Mr. S. S. Howland's Judge Morrow should have won the St. Nicholas Handicap, Red Cloud, owned by Mr. Webb of Saratoga, catching the Brooklyn Handicap winner at the last hurdle, where Morrow blundered, and beating him home half a length in a punishing finish. Woodford was third, close up. Of the other events Charles Shields's Pat Oakley, a sure-footed veteran, fenced splendidly, and won the three-mile steeplechase in quite his old fashion, shaking off Playmate at the straight and winning as he pleased. Sayonara took the opening event, a hurdle race at two and a half miles, and displayed a great deal of ability over the sticks.

For the concluding race, a dash at seven furlongs on the flat, the public regarded Logan as a certainty. The bay horse was held at an almost prohibitive figure, but he had only arrived from St. Asaph in the morning after being twelve hours on the cars, and walked all the way to Morris Park from Jersey City. The well-bred Prize, by Sir Modred out of Precious, moved up with Logan in the stretch, and a splendid drive for three furlongs followed, the outsider winning by a neck in 1:31.

Rodman and Iron Duke were adjudged the best of the dozen starters that went to the post for the New York steeplechase handicap, the current odds against them being 2½ to 1. Mr. Gebhard's horse looked big, and it was thought by some that he was too high to be at his very best. Iron Duke had the benefit of Pine's jockeyship. Escarte was not in favor at 6 to 1, while from 10 to 20 to 1 could be had without any of the others. The followers of Iron Duke were quickly out of the misery, his son of Rataplan turning a somersault at the first jump and throwing Pines heavily. The field parted into two divisions and the jockey was unhurt, rising after the others had swept past. Lady Raymond took the lead, going to the second jump with Rodman, to disappointment. King John, Dwight and Foxhound at her heels. Ecarte came a cropper at the second fence. Both the gelding and Wright, who had the mount, were unhurt. Lady Raymond continued to pilot the field, all of the ten contestants that remained fencing superbly and presenting a most picturesque scene as they wound in and out over the course, here rising sharply a hill of sand, now dashing down an incline, and then breasting the brush and water jump with a nerve and energy that made the old-timers smile and recall the days of Deadwood, Dayton, Trouble, Charlemagne, Bourke Cockran, and other famous chasers. Save for a hundred yards or so in the upper field Lady Raymond never lost the lead. Half a mile from home Rodman, who had been running under a pull, now faltered and was passed by The Peer, who seemed to be full of running. Mr. Hitchcock's gelding was followed by Rodman, Foxhound, and King John, but none of them could approach him, and the finish was between Lady Raymond and The Peer. Bracken saw his danger and rode a masterly finish on the mare, trusting to hand and heel rather than to the whip, and by dint of the most terrific exertions he got home first by half a dozen shortest of heads. Rodman was third, four lengths away, closely followed by Foxhound, who, for a green one, ran splendidly, and King John. Mr. Belmont's Spread Eagle was running over his horses at the finish. This four-year-old must not be overlooked in the Grand International to-morrow. Lucknow took the bad spot at the water jump, and later on tired to nothing. Mr. Howland said after the race that he wasn't up to such a hard race. The winner was imported from England by her owner. She is a winner abroad and was well tipped to land yesterday's prize. She is a bay mare of good size, and she has a most taking way of going at her jumps, although she is prone to take off too far back.

For the St. Nicholas Hurdle Handicap St. John was the public's choice, with Judge Morrow second choice at 3 to 1, and San Joaquin, the gelding that killed Jockey Bishop at Sheepshead Bay last year, the most fancied of the others. Red Cloud, a Californian product, with a great record on the Pacific coast, was sold at tens. He came to the post in a leash so bad is he to get away, and, as he he had an able assistant in raising a disturbance in Foxford. It took a few minutes' sparring to get the lot under way. Judge Morrow rushed to the front at once and at a sharp pace showed the way up the backstretch and over the hilltop, Red Cloud being the most prominent of the others. In the straight Red Cloud closed on Judge Morrow, but English seemed to have something up his sleeve with Morrow, and the pair came to the last hurdle head and head, with English sitting comparatively still and Burgess hard at work. Just before taking off Morrow faltered for a moment and lost the race, for when he landed, Red Cloud, who jumped cleanly and recovered immediately, was nearly a length to the good. English made the welkin ring as his whip smote Judge Morrow's flanks, but the race was lost, and Red Cloud finished first by a neck and shoulder. Woodford was a fair third. The winner is a real good-looking bay horse by Red Iron, the sire of Diggs, the phenomenal two-year-old of the West last season; and he is evidently quite a performer over hurdles, as yesterday's race was run in 2:50—splendid time for a mile and a half race over six hurdles.

The Morris Park course is faultless with the single exception of the water jump, and that will be remedied before to-morrow. The landing place is too soft, and this was the cause of Oakwood's falling in the second race. It also caused Lucknow to stop perceptibly, and Pat Oakley all but went down when he landed in the quagmire. The edge of the landing place will be graded and cemented before to-morrow. It was thought at first that Rowan, who rode Oakwood, was seriously hurt, but the young man revived quickly when taken to the jockey's room and attended by Dr. Hasbrouck. He could not ride The Peer in the New York Steeplechase Handicap, and was much put out, as he thought the Joe Hooker gelding could win that prize.

The stewards of the meeting were August Belmont, J. G. Follansbee, S. S. Howland, A. J. Cassatt, Fred Gebhard, Foxhall P. Keene, H. De Courcy Forbes, J. O. Green, and F. H. Prince. Messrs. Post and Powers were the judges, Henry G. Crickmore the secretary, John S. Hoey the patrol judge, W. S. Vosburgh handicapper, and C. J. Fitzgerald was starter. Mr. Vosburgh's handicaps were excellent.

Summaries follow:

FIRST RACE.

Maiden hurdle race; purse $500, of which $100 to second and $50 to third; entrance $15; for four-year-olds and upward.

W. C. Hayes's ch. g. Sayonara, 5, by Onondaga—Perhaps, 135 (Dunlap)..... 1
P. S. P. Randolph's ch. g. Lafayette, 4, 143 (Carroll). 2
Westbrook Stable's ch. m. Winship, 4, 143 (M. Lynch)..... 3
Campaign and Primus also ran.
Time, 2:53.

Betting—Eight to 5 against Winship, 11 to 5 Primus, 3 to 1 Sayonara, 8 to 1 Campaign, 10 to 1 Lafayette.

SECOND RACE.

Steeplechase; purse $750, of which $100 to second and $50 to third; for four-year-olds and upward; selling allowances; three miles.

Charles Shields's ch. g. Pat Oakley, aged, by Rayon d'Or—Nellie Wynn, 150 (Pines)..... 1
Westbrook Stable's ch. g. Playmate, 5, 159 (Chandler)..... 2
P. S. P. Randolph's b. g. Hiawasse, aged, 150 (Frayling)..... 3
Mogul and Oakwood also ran.
Time, 6:10.

Betting—Six to 5 against Pat Oakley, 7 to 5 Oakwood, 3 to 1 Mogul, 4 to 1 Playmate, 8 to 1 Hiawasse.

THIRD RACE.

St. Nicholas Hurdle Handicap; purse $1,000, of which $700 to first, $200 to second, and $100 to third; one mile and a half, over six hurdles.

J. Webb's b. h. Red Cloud, 6, by Red Iron—Maggie D., 148 (T. Burgess)..... 1
S. S. Howland's b. h. Judge Morrow, aged, 156 (English)..... 2
Pamrapo Stable's ch. g. Woodford, aged, 148 (McInerney)..... 3
San Joaquin, Foxford, St. John, and Scamp also ran.
Time, 2:50.

Betting—Six to 5 against St. John, 5 to 2 Judge Morrow, 8 to 1 Woodford, 6 to 1 San Joaquin, 10 to 1 Scamp, 12 to 1 Red Cloud, 15 to 1 Foxford.

FOURTH RACE.

New York Steeplechase Handicap; purse $1,200, of which $900 to first, $200 to second, and $100 to third; two and one-half miles.

B. F. Clyde's m. m. Lady Raymond, 6, by Man-of-War—Lady Palmerston, 147 (Bracken)..... 1
Broad Hollow Stable's ch. g. The Peer, 6, 148 (Barry)..... 2
F. Gebhard's ch. g. Rodman, aged, 154 (Billings)..... 3
Fox Hound, King John, Spread Eagle, Disappointment, Chevy Chase, Dwight, Lucknow, Ecarte, and Iron Duke also ran.
Time, 4:40.

Betting—9½ to 1 against Rodman and Iron Duke, 6 to 1 The Peer, 6 to 1 Ecarte, 8 to 1 Chevy Chase, 10 to 1 Lucknow, 20 to 1 each Dwight, Spread Eagle, Fox Hound, and Lady Raymond, 30 to 1 each King John and Disappointment.

FIFTH RACE.

Welter weight flat race for three-year-olds and upward; purse $330, of which $50 to second; seven furlongs.

W. Lord' ch. g. Prize, 6, by Sir Modred—Precious, 149 (Taylor)..... 1
A. Shields's b. h. Logan, aged, 152 (W. Shields)..... 2
P. S. P. Randolph's ch. m. Jilt, 5, 147 (Carroll)..... 3
Col. South and Lord Motley also ran.
Time, 1:31.

Betting—Three to 1 on Logan, 6 to 1 against Lord Motley, 8 to 1 Prize, 10 to 1 Jilt, 15 to 1 Col. South.

ED CORRIGAN ARRESTED

While Placing a Wager at the Hawthorne Track.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Ed Corrigan was arrested at Hawthorne to-day while attempting to place a bet on Bedford in the steeplechase. The Civic Federation had 100 deputies at the track to-day to arrest the bookmakers if they took a bet. None posted odds, though handbooks were made on every race. Seven bookmakers were arrested, and after considerable argument the deputies consented to accept bail at the track. Justice Trapp was pressed into service, and John Burke, one of the officials of the track, went on their bonds.

The race of the day was the Illinois Central Stakes, worth $2,160 to the winner. The Ironmaster had no trouble in winning. Summaries:

First Race—One mile. Midstar, 93 (L. Soden), 10 to 1, won; Charm, 107 (Mayberry), 2 to 1, second; Kasper, 91 (E. Cochran), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:50.

Second Race—Five furlongs; two year-olds. Sallie Clicquot, 108 (J. Hill), 2 to 5, won; Martha R., 103 (Magnuson), 6 to 1, second; Gretchen S., 108 (Schorr), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:07¼.

Third Race—Illinois Central Stakes, $1,500 added; selling; one mile and a sixteenth. The Ironmaster, 103 (J. Hill), 1 to 10, won; Chicot, 90 (Everett), 5 to 1, second; Artist, 109 (Thorn) 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:50¾.

Fourth Race—Selling; five and one-half furlongs. My Buck, 108 (Almark), 3 to 5, won; Belle Foster, 115 (Leigh), 2 to 1, second; Relict, 95 (Blevins), 50 to 1, third. Time, 1:15¾.

Fifth Race—Short course steeplechase, nine hurdles. My Luck, 158 (Almark), 3 to 5, won; Bedford, 129 (McCullough) 2 to 1, second; Uncertainty, 129 (T. Murphy), 10 to 1, third. Time, 3:45.

Sixth Race—Selling; seven furlongs. George W., 106 (Thorn), 2 to 1, won; Calhoun, 101 (J. Hill), 2 to 1, second; Simrock, 104 (Shields), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.

George Beck Defeated by an Outsider.

LOUISVILLE, May 11.—A large crowd braved the cold weather and raw, cutting wind that blew over the race course to-day. The first race was declared off and the others moved up. The feature was the Frank Fehr Stakes, at one mile, valued at $2,000. George Beck was the favorite, Arapahoe, an outsider, won, and Sportlet, another long shot, took second money. Summaries:

First Race—Six and a half furlongs; selling. Katie (Jockey Perkins), 6 to 5, won; Major Tom, 110 (W. Forter), 15 to 1, second; All Over, 100 (Cassin), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:24¾.

Second Race—Frank Fehr Stakes; one mile; selling. Arapahoe, 93 (McClain), 8 to 1, won; Despot, 103 (Bergen), 8 to 1, second; Queen Bay, 87 (J. Perkins), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:44.

Third Race—Six and one-half furlongs; selling. Shield Bearer, 104 (Perkins), 6 to 5, won; Hodgson, 109 (H. Williams), 3 to 1, second; Twinkle, 95 (McClain), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:24¾.

Fourth Race—Seven and one-half furlongs. Tradition, 106 (Clayton), 8 to 1, won; Wagtail, 108 (Bergen), 6 to 5, second; Bonnie Louise, 108 (Newcom), 7 to 1, third. Time, 0:51¾.

Fifth Race—Four furlongs. Castalia, 108 (Clayton), 7 to 5, won; Gratify, 108 (Perkins), 4 to 1, second; Maggie S., 108 (Thorpe), 8 to 1, third. Time, 0:51¾.

Results at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The weather was fine and warm to-day, the attendance large, and the track fast. Summaries:

First Race—One mile; selling. Normandie, 99 (Chevalier), 5 to 1, won; Installator, 98 (Henrichs), 4 to 5, second; Linville, 105 (Coffey), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:42¾.

Second Race—Seven furlongs; selling. Capt. Reese, 109 (Sloane), 2 to 5, won; Mt. Air, 95 (Piggott), 25 to 1, second; Ricardo, 108 (Paget), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:27½.

Third Race—Five furlongs; two-year-olds. Vera, 107 (Peter), 100 to 1, won; Monitor, 106 (W. Flynn), 5 to 1, second; Eventide, 109 (Riley), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:02¾.

Fourth Race—One mile; selling. Arnette, 84 (E. Jones), 3 to 1, won; Commission, 98 (Henrichs), 8 to 1, second; Nephew, 101 (Sloane), 7 to 5, third. Time, 1:41½.

Fifth Race—One mile and a half, over six hurdles. April, 152 (Cairns), 2 to 1, won; Longwell, 125 (Seaman), 10 to 1, second; The Lark, 152 (Clancy), 4 to 1, third. Time, 2:47.

Sixth Race—Five furlongs; selling. Hymn, 109 (Lloyd), 5 to 2, won; Tim Murphy, 116 (W. Flynn), 6 to 5, second; Red Bird, 93 (Chevalier), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:00¾.

A Hearing in the Roby Race Track Case To-morrow.

CROWN POINT, Ind., May 11.—Capt. R. H. Wells, President of the Roby Breeders' Association, and Edward Roby of Chicago, owner of the race grounds, with their attorney, were in court yesterday and succeeded in scoring the first victory by getting a hearing of the Roby restraining order on next Monday, instead of May 24.

Johns Hopkins Defeats Stevens at Lacrosse

BALTIMORE, May 11.—Johns Hopkins University defeated Stevens Institute at lacrosse to-day, making six goals to their opponent's three. It was the first game for the intercollegiate championship and well played on both sides. Decker, a new man, who played between the posts for Stevens, did good work until hit in the eye by the ball in the second half, when he retired. Shaw was laid off for Hopkins to equalize the loss. Willett took Decker's place at goal. The visitors excelled in team work, while Hopkins did the most brilliant individual work. Janney's playing was the feature. He made three of Hopkins's goals unassisted and was mainly responsible for the fourth. Stevens will protest the game, claiming that two of the Hopkins men were not bona fide students.

GREAT JUBILEE STAKES.

Won by Mr. Worton's Victor Wild—Banquet and Montauk Scratched.

LONDON, May 11.—The race for the Kempton Park Great Jubilee Stakes (ninth year) of 3,000 sovereigns, by subscription of 10 sovereigns each if declared by Jan. 20; if left in after that date a further subscription of 20 sovereigns, and an additional 20 sovereigns for starters, for three-year-olds and upward; second horse to receive 200 sovereigns, and third 100 sovereigns; winning penalties; over the Jubilee course (one mile) was run to-day.

Mr. T. Worton's Victor Wild, five years old, won. The Duke of Westminster's Grey Leg, four years old, finished second, and Col. North's El Diablo, six years old, was third.

The other starters were: Mr. W. W. Fulton's Laodamia, 5 years; Sir W. Throckmorton's Avington, 5 years; Capt. Michell's Ravensbury, 5 years; Mr. H. I. Barnato's Stowmarket, 4 years; Lord Cadogan's Court Ball, 4 years; Mr. C. J. Blake's Hebron, 4 years; Sir B. Jardine's Fealer, 5 years; M. E. Blanc's Lagrange, 5 years; Mr. C. J. Blake's Portmarnock, 3 years; Mr. Hamar Bass's Immigrant, 5 years; Mr. Fairie's Choice, 3 years; Mr. G. Hibbert's Hornbeam, 4 years; Col. North's Soult, 5 years; Col. North's Northampton, 4 years, and Sir H. Scott's Boxer, 3 years.

Victor Wild won by six lengths. Grey Leg finished four lengths in front of El Diablo. Portmarnock was fourth.

The betting was 20 to 1 against Victor Wild, 11 to 2 Grey Leg, 7 to 1 each El Diablo and Laodamia, 8 to 1 each Avington and Ravensbury, 10 to 1 Stowmarket, 12 to 1 Court Ball, 20 to 1 Hebron, 25 to 1 each Fealer and Legrange, 33 to 1 Portmarnock, 40 to 1 Immigrant, 50 to 1 each Choice and Hornbeam, 60 to 1 each Soult, Northampton, and Boxer.

Mr. M. F. Dwyer's Banquet was scratched from the Hampton Midweight Handicap, Mr. Dwyer considering the weight imposed, 143 pounds, excessive. Mr. Croker's colt Montauk was scratched from the entries for the Kempton Park May Auction Plate race.

Victor Wild is another of those ex-selling platers like Hampton that through mismanagement or some other causes never showed true form in their younger days. As a two-year-old Victor Wild was bought out of a selling race by his present owner for 380 guineas. As a three-year-old he only competed in cheap plates and won himself out in these alone five times over.

Put afterward to higher tasks, Victor Wild acquitted himself creditably, and last year, as a four-year-old, he carried off the much-coveted Royal Hunt Cup of $5,700 at Ascott from a very select field. Later on he won the Hurst Park Handicap plate of $9,050 from first-class performers, and was considered last year as one of the best of the handicap division. With 116 pounds on his back he was quite leniently treated in the Jubilee, the handicapper probably holding this former selling plater's career too cheap.

Victor Wild is a very unfashionably bred horse, by Albert Victor (sire of imp. The Sailor Prince), out of Wild Huntress, by Remorse (son of Macaroni), second dam Huntress, by Plum Pudding. It is for the Kingston Park Jubilee that Mr. M. F. Dwyer expected to start Harry Reed or Stonenell.

CROKER AND DWYER CRITICISED.

Accused of Not Being Shrewd and Lacking the Knowledge of How to Bet.

LONDON, May 11.—Repeated efforts were made this evening to talk with Michael Dwyer and Richard Croker regarding the reports that they will return soon with their horses to America. Mr. Croker could not be found. Like Mr. Dwyer, he seems to be rather uncertain in his movements, and to prefer keeping his own counsel. Mr. Dwyer is staying at the Savoy, but several calls at the hotel this afternoon and evening elicited merely the answer that he was out. A member of Tattersall's Committee, who refuses to let his name be published, discussed the reports regarding the American turfmen at some length. He said:

"It is hardly possible that Mr. Croker and Mr. Dwyer think they have been treated badly. I am surprised that men of such reputed shrewdness should show as little knowledge of the game as they have shown. They brought over a large stud and embarked on an extensive turf business, aiming at the outset to impress the handicappers, owners, and bookmakers with their extraordinary cuteness. They made a big haul in their first winnings, but they rushed the market, getting their money on at only two-thirds the price they might have obtained. A very large commission was launched on the market with Montauk in such a way as to fairly place them in the hands of the bookmakers, who then made their own prices. It certainly showed one's ignorance of the art of betting to lay separately £400, £2,000, and £1,000 on Montauk, and then tell the bookmaker he had too much on and ask that the first wager be cancelled while wagers at more ruinous odds are left standing.

"Racing experts here realize that the stud includes several useful horses, which, if properly placed, would win; but the tactics of starting with dashes on the minor races and allowing the animals they did not fancy to be knocked out to hopeless odds opened the eyes of the handicappers to the situation. In short, the visitors have invited the English turf with a want of cleverness. If they remain in England, they will find that when they meditate a grand assault they will, to speak figuratively, be met at the outposts, and the Britishers will secure the cream of the markets."

LIBERTINE'S HANDICAP.

Twelve Thousand Persons See the Son of Leonatus Defeat Yo Tambien.

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—Cool and windy weather greeted the 12,000 persons who filled the grand stand and grounds at the opening day of the Fair Grounds spring meeting. Twenty-four books found plenty of business. After the disposal of two events the bugle sounded for the Inaugural Handicap, worth $5,000. Yo Tambien, Simmons, and Libertine were played very heavily. Of the entries John Cooper, Dr. Hasbrouck, and David were scratched.

After three attempts the horses got away nearly together, Yo Tambien being in the lead and Libertine last. Before the first quarter was reached Macklin forced Libertine to the front. The track was a trifle thick and the racers took things easy. O'Connell stumbled and fell at the first quarter.

Yo Tambien and Wekota were lapped at the half mile, with Libertine in command. From that point there seemed to be no struggle. Libertine came in winner by two lengths from Urania, stable companion of Yo Tambien, who was a length behind. The time, 1:42½, is fair, considering the heavy wind and the thick track. Summaries:

First Race—Five furlongs. Magnet, 95 (Hyle), 10 to 1, won; Lizetta, 115 (J. McDonald), 9 to 5, second; Roy, 107 (Berger), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:01¾.

Second Race—Five furlongs; two-year-olds. Beau Ideal, 114 (Beagan), 7 to 2, won; Virgie Dixon (Berger), 3 to 1, second; Eutopia, 99 (Macklin), 9 to 1, third. Time, 1:03.

Third Race—One mile; Inaugural Handicap of $5,000; for three-year-olds and upward. Libertine, 112 (Macklin), 3 to 1, won; Urania, 92 (J. Garner), 9 to 5, second; Yo Tambien, 118 (F. Carr), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:42½. Wekota, Linda, and Simmons also ran. O'Connell fell at the first quarter.

Fourth Race—Six and one-sixteenth. Michel, 105 (Thornton), 3 to 1, won; Janus, 109 (F. Carr), 4 to 1, second; Henry Jenkins, 105 (H. Knight), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:50¾.

Fifth Race—Seven and a half furlongs. J. P. B., 107 (C. Sloan), 12 to 1, won; Doyle, 92 (Hyle), 20 to 1, second; Mollie B., 106 (Shaffer), 4 to 5, third. Time, 1:31¾.

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth. Eagle Bird, 105 (C. McDonald), 3 to 1, won; St. Paneras, 105 (C. Sloan), 15 to 1, second; First Chance, 105 (Shaffer), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:51¾.

Fencers Open a New Club House.

The New York Fencing Association gave an informal fencing reception last night at their new club rooms, 27 West Forty-second street. A number of well-known fencers were present from the Fencers' Club, New York Turn Verein, and fencing section of the New York A. C. The evening was spent in friendly and informal competitions with the foils, duelling swords, and sabres.

An interesting feature, which is a very popular diversion in all fencing clubs, was a free-for-all contest for a prize. The members who took part competed in pairs, and a single touch disbarred the man upon whom it was made from further competition. The victors in one series competed in the next until the contest narrowed down to two men. A brilliant exhibition of fencing with foils was also presented by two well-known teachers of fencing.

The new rooms of the association are much larger than the old quarters, and very handsomely furnished. The Fencing Association is the youngest organization of fencers in the city, and they are prospering in a manner highly satisfactory to the members.

Start of the Great International Road Race.

PARIS, May 11.—An international bicycle road race from Paris to Bordeaux was begun to-day. Eighty-four contestants are entered. Of this number twenty are foreigners. Lucas, the English wheelman, who about a year ago finished second in a race from Bordeaux to Paris, covering the distance in 25 hours 43 minutes and 11 seconds, is the favorite in the present contest.

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OPENING DAY AT FLEETWOOD.

Some Fast Young Trotters Uncovered in the Matinee Races.

Two thousand admirers of the light harness horse found their way out to Fleetwood Park yesterday and enjoyed what everybody pronounced a fine afternoon with the trotters. The occasion was of more than ordinary interest, because the spring opening this season commemorates the twenty-fifth year of Fleetwood's existence as a trotting track. In the office of Superintendent Phil Moore at the corner of the newly painted old grand stand there hangs a framed copy of the programme for the opening meeting of July 6, 1870. Some of the names of the men and horses of a quarter of a century ago are strange to the present generation of the trotting fraternity, but even the youngsters know all about such trotters as Goldsmith Maid, American Girl, and George Palmer, the three competitors in the free-for-all race at Fleetwood's inaugural meeting, and about such drivers as Budd Doble, "Jack" Bowen, Dan Mace, John Murphy, and Orrin A. Hickok, the old-time reinsmen whose names figure in the list of entries. Mace and Murphy, the two men whose fame is closely associated with Fleetwood, are dead and gone, but Doble, Bowen, and Hickok are still in active service and among the leading drivers of the present time. The old track has seen many ups and downs since the day that "The Maid," then just beginning to be looked upon as the coming trotter, and not yet having equalled Dexter's 2:17¼, defeated "Ben Daniel's b. m. American Girl," and "Charles Champlin's br. g. George Palmer," trotting the fourth heat of the race in 2:21, but its standing among harness racing courses has never been higher than at present, thanks to the energy and enterprise of the Driving Club of New York.

From a racing standpoint the opening matinée yesterday was of little importance, although it brought out the first 2:30 trotter of the year north of Mason and Dixon's line and east of California. The horse was Gleason, a well-bred trotter that W. S. Brooks campaigned with some success last season, giving him a record of 2:35¾ at Orangeburg in October. He was an easy winner in the 2:35 class yesterday, lowering his mark to 2:28¾ in the third heat. Altamont, who forced him out in every heat, is a young road horse of fine promise, owned by John Rudd. He was sent to Trainer Gibbs only two days before the race, wholly unprepared, having stood in a stable ten days without being driven, yet he landed within a length of the winner in 2:28¾ in the third heat.

Two other promising young trotters made their appearance in the three-minute class Baylight, driven by George H. Martin, having speed enough to trot close to 2:20, apparently. Martin is saving the speedy bay trotter for important engagements later in the season, and he was very much averse to giving him a record yesterday for so small a sum as $25, his share of the purse. In the first heat Baylight was pulled around to a log in the homestretch, while Gibbs, with Laval, came along and won in slow time. The judges promptly told Martin that he must go on with Baylight, record or no record, and in the next three miles the red horse led from start to finish, trotting the second heat in 2:33¾.

Only two trotters started in the wagon race for members' horses, but the contest was the best of the day. Prince B. and Billy Hensall fighting it out every inch of the way, with the former the winner at the end of three heats by less than an open length.

During the afternoon Dr. J. H. Carmichael drove the trotting team David L. and Winnie Wilkes a half mile in 1:08¼ to road wagon, and a little later in the day Aaron Fowler sent Fred Gerken's pair, Stoneridge and Little Sport, down to the half in 1:09¾. There is talk of a match race between the rival pole teams. Mr. Gerken offered to wager $10,000 that his team could beat the others a month hence, but he said he would make a race for fun if a money match could not be arranged. Stoneridge and Sport have been in harness only about three weeks this season. Another notable performance was that of Cobwebs, 2:12. Driven by Nathan Straus to a top road wagon the chestnut Californian went down to the half in 1:08¼.

Henry W. Burress of Boston officiated as starter to the satisfaction of spectators and horsemen, and his associates in the stand were Matthew Riley and G. H. Armstrong, judges, and John D. Harry and Luke A. Burke, timers. Bookmakers James O'Neill and A. J. Welch were at the track to lay odds against the starters, but very few bets were made. Summaries:

3:00 class; trotting; purse $125; two in three.
E. C. Clarenden's Baylight, b. g., by Starlight, dam Emily, by Volunteer (G. H. Martin)..... 2 1 1
J. H. Gibbs's Laval, b. g., by Lavalard, dam Lady Wedgewood, by Wedgewood (Gibbs)..... 1 3 4
John McGuire's Roy, b. g., by Lord Sontag (Thomas McGuire)..... 5 2 2
F. W. Seaver's Little Wilkes, b. m., by Wilkes Spirit, Jr. (Noble)..... 3 4 3
Jerome Whelpley's Vrooman, b. g., by Pamlico (Hiram Dunlap)..... 4 dr.
Time—2:37, 2:30¾, 2:36¾.

2:50 class; trotting to road wagon; members to drive; prize, harness; two in three.
C. A. Palmer's Prince B., blk. g., by New York, dam unknown (Palmer)..... 1 2 1
C. H. McDonald's Billy Hensall, b. g., by Billy Stanton (McDonald)..... 2 1 2
Time—2:32¾, 2:35, 2:36.

2:35 class; trotting; purse $250.
Daniel Ryan's Gleason, b. g., by R. E. Lee, dam Guess, by Electioneer (W. S. Brooks)..... 1 1 1
John Rudd's Altamont, b. g., by Piedmont (J. Gibbs)..... 2 2 2
John Day's Quickstep, b. m., by Livingston Chief (Daly)..... 4 3 3
G. H. Martin's John Horn, br. g., by Major Gray (Martin)..... 3 dr.
Time—2:29¾, 2:30¾, 2:28¾.

AN OFFER OF $30,000 FOR ALIX.

De Cernea Says He Made It—Salisbury Says Not.

There is evidently something more than smoke in the rumor which has been current among trotting-horse men for some days past regarding the offer of $30,000 said to have been made by Edward De Cernea for the trotting queen Alix, 2:03¾.

The report first came from California, where Monroe Salisbury lives, and a part of the story was that the owners of Alix had declined the offer, naming $50,000 as the price at which the mare is held. De Cernea was then on his way to New York from Nice, France, where he has been for some time past looking after the trotters that he recently purchased for James Gordon Bennett. On his arrival here De Cernea was asked about the matter, and he confirmed the California story by saying he had cabled an offer of $30,000 from Nice to Salisbury at Pleasanton, and that the owners of Alix answered by wire, demanding $50,000 for the daughter of Patronage.

Monroe Salisbury was seen yesterday at Fleetwood Park, where he is soon to hold a sale of young trotters by his noted horse Direct, 2:05¼. In answer to Turf, Field and Farm's inquiry concerning the matter, he said he knew nothing about any offer having been made for Alix, adding that he could not very well sell her at present, as she is already under engagement to start this season at Red Oak, St. Joseph, La Crosse, Saginaw, Detroit, New York, and Galesburg. Later De Cernea reiterated the statement he had made before, and said further that he stood ready now to close the deal at the price named by him. He declined to tell who he represents in the matter, but horsemen say Mr. Bennett is probably the undisclosed principal.

Parkway Matinees and Matches.

The Parkway Driving Club will open the trotting season in Brooklyn next Saturday with a matinée at the half-mile track on Ocean Parkway. There will be a race open to 2:40 trotters for a purse of $100, and a 2:45 race to wagon for members' horses. In addition to these events a match race will be trotted between William Smith's Star Monarch, 2:23¾, and Henry Mollenhauer's David H., 2:29¾. Another feature of the programme is a sweepstakes race for $300 a corner, with Frank Creamer's Green R., 2:21¼; Herman Price's Jenny D., 2:26¾; T. Morgan's Jube, 2:26; J. F. Cornell's Sidney Smith, 2:24¼, and E. T. Bedford's William G., 2:25¼, as the contestants.

A match race for $250 a side is to be trotted at the Parkway track next T