FIVE FAVORITES IN FRONT.

TALENT ENJOYS THE OPENING RACING DAY AT AQUEDUCT.

Motley Captures the Carter Handicap After a Long Delay at the Post—Starter Cassidy Deals Out Severe Punishment to Errtog Jockeys—Winners of the Other Events.

The opening of the racing season in the metropolitan district was signalized at the Aqueduct track yesterday by the most uncomfortable weather and so many delays at the post that it was dusk when the crowd of 6,000 enthusiasts filed into the long trains to be taken home to late suppers. The cold, penetrating wind and rain made the trip to the shores of Jamaica Bay unpleasant, but the fact that racegoers have grown hungry for sport of the real kind and also that the impression prevailed that it would be a difficult matter to get into a local poolroom, made the turnout surprisingly large under the circumstances.

Starter Mars Cassidy, who is to handle the flag at the meeting of the Queens County Jockey Club, had large unwieldly fields to deal with, there being many new horses and a corps of jockeys with whom he was naturally unfamiliar. He was scrupulously careful and altogether cannot be blamed for the long waits that visibly tried the crowd before half the programme had been completed. Cassidy's starting, so far as getting the fields away from the barrier, was on the whole satisfactory. His friends asserted that as soon as he becomes accustomed to his surroundings, he will do better work, inasmuch as he showed ability at the Washington meeting.

As it was, Cassidy displayed a tendency to establish discipline among the jockeys by slapping on penalties with a lavish hand. Slack and Wonderly were fined $50 each for their behavior at the post in the first race, Dale and Henry were fined $50 each, and Fitzgerald $25 in the third race. The climax was reached in the fourth race, when Henry was fined $200 more, Van Dusen and Shaw penalized $100, Burns set down for four days, and H. Wilson suspended for the balance of the meeting.

The heavy track caused much scratching, but at that every race filled beyond the average. The sport provided, while not high class, so to speak, was a source of much satisfaction to the talent, inasmuch as five favorites landed the money. Half a hundred bookmakers who did business in the ring were hard hit, especially in the Carter Handicap, which was the event of the day in point of importance and financial value. This proved to be the hottest betting affair of the afternoon. With Hellobas, Charentus, Gold Fox, Hesper, Janice, All Gold and Sir Florian rubbed off the slate because of the poor going, and Raffenecker an added starter, the crowd had thirteen thoroughbreds to select from.

There was such a strong tip out on William Lakeland's gray filly Motley, by Montana—Ella Gregg, that she was installed favorite at 8 to 1. It was said that M. F. Dwyer and "Pittsburg Phil" played this entry all over the ring and were heavy winners. The authentic information that Motley had worked a mile in 1:41¾ was considered the basis for a general plunge as soon as the pencillers were ready to handle the public money. Sidney Lucas, by Top Gallant—Addie C. H., was another strongly backed selection and went to the post second choice. The Rhymer, by the Bard—Fairy Queen, because of his recent performances at the Beulings track, was well fancied, while Outlander, Aiske, Robert Waddell and Belle of Lexington also had loyal followers. Intrusive, with top weight, 126 pounds, was somewhat neglected, as his price receded without delay. Those who generally take long chances picked out King Bramble, Pupil and Isia.

When Starter Cassidy received the field, the crowd was able to get out from under cover for it had stopped raining.

It did not take the onlookers long to be convinced that there would be trouble in getting the horses away. Rappenecker, Isia, St. Finnan, Sidney Lucas and Motley were so unruly that they could not be induced to break with the others. There were a dozen false starts during which time the talent fumed and raged because of the delay. Finally after the jockeys had been disciplined as stated above and thirty-four minutes had elapsed the field got under way and the red flag dropped. It was a straggling start, Outlander, Belle of Lexington and King Bramble getting out in front and setting a killing pace. Motley went away sixth and Sidney Lucas trailing, when there was a group of angels from their backers. Pupil, Green B. Morris's colt, started poorly, too, as was the case with Robert Waddell.

Isia, owned partly by Tony McGovern, the featherweight champion, quickly overhauled the leaders and was in the lead at the first quarter, but only by a head. For that matter Outlander, Belle of Lexington, Rappenecker, St. Finnan, Pupil and Motley were so closely bunched that it was anybody's race for the lead at that stage of the proceedings. Outlander was in front again when it was Robert Waddell, with the others coming along at a great rate. Robert Waddell was a neck in front of King Bramble and the latter was a neck ahead of Outlander at the half. As they rounded into the stretch Motley was at Sidney Lucas's quarter and Outlander right have things their own way, but suddenly Pupil, with J. Daly up, was seen to crowd Sidney Lucas, while Henry, who had the mount on Outlander, began to roll around as if in distress.

"Something is the matter with that boy Henry," exclaimed hundreds of men who were watching the race through glasses. "He's either ill or his saddle has given way."

It was a broken saddle girth that was causing all the trouble and incidentally made it impossible for Henry to make the necessary effort to take Outlander to the front. Meanwhile Shaw had been riding Motley with care and a furlong from the wire he sent Montana's gray daughter up into second place, a neck behind Robert Waddell. Motley was running with such ease and grace that she was generalded as an odds-on chance. Pupil was a fast colt at this period and loaded Sidney Lucas, who with Outlander was falling back by degrees. Shaw, seeing that there was very little dangerous opposition, then got into the lead with Motley and so keeping the filly well in hand won the race cleverly by half a length. Robert Waddell got the place by a length from Pupil, who beat Outlander by a head in a hard drive. Sidney Lucas was fifth. The distance, about seven furlongs, was covered in 1:28.

As the field flashed past the judges' stand Henry was clinging to Outlander's neck with a frightened look upon his face. Two hundred yards further on the saddle slipped and the jockey pitched forward load first upon the track.

He lay there motionless as the other horses dashed along, but only one of them came near trampling upon him. Several attendants rushed on the track and carried the unconscious boy away. He was only stunned, a doctor said, though he had a narrow escape from a serious accident.

The afternoon's sport opened with a scramble for three-year-olds and upward, at five furlongs. There was plenty of speculation. Newton Bennington's Himself, by Hindgar—Felicitie, opened favorite at 5 to 4 on, but closed at even money, as there was quite a steady plunge on Her Ladyship. Himself, with Bullman in the saddle, fairly walked in with four lengths to spare. W. C. Daly's Leedsville, at 30 to 1, taking the place handily by three parts of a length. Poor Maple another 30 to 1 plier. Her Ladyship raced off in front, but fell back into the rush for the first few strides, where she remained in the way.

Sixteen two-year-olds of unknown quality faced the barrier for the second event, at four and a half furlongs. Senator Patrick H. McCarren's chestnut filly, Seidlitz, by Albert—Emerite, skillfully piloted by Bullman, was an easy winner by three lengths, having gone to the post a 2 to 1 favorite. Riley Grannan, at 10 to 1, had no trouble in beating Fishhook, 30 to 1, for the place.

For the third race, a selling affair for three-year-olds, at five and a half furlongs, there was another task for Starter Cassidy, thirteen horses going to the post. C. Barker's brown filly, The Rogue, by Lazzarone—Gallard III., was made favorite at 4 to 1. His price remained steady though he was widely played. J. R. A. F. P. Keene's bay filly, All Saints, was second pick. Mike Clancy's Bishop was also backed with favor, while Yorkshire Boy's odds were pounded down from ten to seven. It was a busy and rock rush by The Rogue, Yorkshire Boy, Malden, Mauga, St. David and All Saints to the stretch.

Then The Rogue and Malden drew away from the others to finish up to the end, Wilkinson handling The Rogue with good judgment. Jockey Bullman, on Lazzarone's daughter, landed the race in a red ruin drive by a head. Malden, to to 1, had to place by five lengths, Mauga getting show money. Lazzarone and Bullman took place money.

The Wilson stable favorites successful there, as each price backer who played their after Handicap. Then came the fifth race, another three-year-old and upward selling event, about seven furlongs. Eleven horses toddled to the post to line. J. H. Morris's Ambassador, by Imperious—Ethel Pearsall, 108 pounds, Bullman up, 3 to 1 against, was the choice of the ring. He came to the wire with a good lead, but he fell to the wayside, Lamplighter and Bullman, both 3 to 1 chances, were first and second, respectively, with Blueaway third. Wilkerson rode the winner, who was bid up at $1,200 by Jack Bennett and bought in at that price.

It was 6 o'clock when the last race was called, with ten two-year-olds to go four and a half furlongs. A. H. & D. H. Morris's bay filly The Hoyden appeared to be the only entry worth meddling with, and, opening at 6 to 5, she was soon an even money favorite. The judgment of the talent again proved to be correct, for the Hoyden won, with Burns up, by a short half length in a drive. Green B. Morris's Golden Cottage, a strong second choice, came so fast in the last furlong that he was second, six lengths ahead of Shandonfield. The summaries:

FIRST RACE.

Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; by subscription of $5 each, with $400 added; five furlongs.

Newton Bennington's ch. c., Himself, by Hindgar—Felicitie, 3, 103 (Bullman) 1
W. C. Daly's b. h., Leedsville, aged, 106 (Rogers) .. 2
Mrs. Gibson's b. f., Maple, 4, 105 (Landry) 3

Sweepstakes, Gertrude Elliott, Bounteous, Her Ladyship, Rising Sun and Kerry Lady also ran.

Time, 1:03 1-5.

Betting—Even money against Himself; 30 to 1, Leedsville; 20 to 1, Maple; 20 to 1, Sweepstakes; 12 to 1, Gertrude Elliott; 10 to 1, Bounteous; 5 to 2, Her Ladyship; 100 to 1, Rising Sun; 20 to 1, Kerry Lady.

SECOND RACE.

Selling; for two-year-olds; by subscription of $5 each, with $400 added; four and a half furlongs.

P. H. McCarren's ch. f., Sedition, by Albert—Emerite, 108 (Bullman) 1
Newton Bennington's b. c., Easy Street, 112 (Dale) .. 2
L. O. Appleby's ch. g., Flintlock, 105 (Wandelby) .. 3

Sir Tom Tiddler, Optional, The Hartford, Osman Digna, Fonsolina, Picaninny, Boylike, Lady Handy, Singing Nymph, Augury, Tout, Merry Hours and Cheat 'Em also ran.

Time, 0:57 1-5.

Betting—Two to 1 against Sedition; 10 to 1, Easy Street; 30 to 1, Flintlock; 10 to 1, Sir Tom Tiddler; 10 to 1, Optional; 50 to 1, The Hartford; 5 to 1, Osman Digna; 8 to 1, Fonsolina; 40 to 1, Picaninny; 40 to 1, Boylike; 8 to 1, Lady Handy; 10 to 1, Singing Nymph; 30 to 1, Augury; 40 to 1, Tout; 50 to 1, Merry Hours; 30 to 1, Cheat 'Em.

THIRD RACE.

Selling; for three-year-olds; by subscription of $5 each, with $400 added; five and a half furlongs.

C. Barker's br. f., The Rogue, by Lazzarone—Gallard III., 103 (Wilkerson) 1
J. A. McGarry's b. g., Malden, 109 (Dale) 2
Miss M. Oliver's b. f., Mauga, 106 (Shaw) 3

Yorkshire Boy, Anna, St. David, Billionaire, All Saints, Fresnal, Punctual, Inshot, Iley Diddy and Lady Padden also ran.

Time, 1:10 3-5.

Betting—Four to 1 against The Rogue; 10 to 1, Malden; 7 to 1, Mauga; 7 to 1, Yorkshire Boy; 15 to 1, Anna; 20 to 1, St. David; 7 to 1, Billionaire; 5 to 1, All Saints; 50 to 1, Fresnal; 50 to 1, Punctual; 6 to 1, Inshot; 60 to 1, Iley Diddy; 30 to 1, Lady Padden.

FOURTH RACE.

The Carter Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; $30 each, half forfeit, with $5 if declared by March 28, with $1,200 added; about seven furlongs.

William Lakeland's gr. f., Motley, by Montana—Ella Gregg, 4, 110 (Shaw) 1
Mrs. H. Bradley's br. g., Robert Waddell, 3, 99 (Shaw) 2
G. B. Morris's b. c., Pupil, by Sir Modred—School Girl, 3, 108 (J. Daly) 3

Outlander, Sidney Lucas, Aiske, King Bramble, The Rhymer, St. Finnan, Isia, Intrusive, Belle of Lexington and Rappenecker also ran.

Time, 1:28.

Betting—Three to 1 against Motley; 5 to 1, Robert Waddell; 20 to 1, Pupil; 8 to 1, Outlander; 8 to 1, Sidney Lucas; 7 to 1, Aiske; 20 to 1, King Bramble; 6 to 1, The Rhymer; 10 to 1, St. Finnan; 12 to 1, Isia; 50 to 1, Intrusive; 8 to 1, Belle of Lexington; 40 to 1, Rappenecker.

FIFTH RACE.

Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; by subscription of $5 each, with $400 added; about seven furlongs.

H. J. Griffin's ch. f., Animosity, by Star Ruby—Harmony II., 93 (Wilkerson) 1
G. A. Mohler's br. g., Buffoon, aged, 110 (Meade) .. 2
F. H. Milden's b. g., Blueaway, 6, 113 (Burns) .. 3

The Golden Prince, Badinet, Ayrshena, Wait Not, Warm and Piederich also ran.

Time, 1:32 2-5.

Betting—Five to 1 against Animosity, 3 to 1, Buffoon, 10 to 9 on Blueaway, 15 to 1 against The Golden Prince, 10 to 1, Badinet, 10 to 1, Ayrshena, 30 to 1, Wait Not, 50 to 1 Warm, 40 to 1 Piederich.

SIXTH RACE.

For two-year-olds; by subscription of $5 each, with $400 added; allowances; four and a half furlongs.

A. H. & D. H. Morris's b. f., The Hoyden, by Esther—The Maid, 113 (Burns) 1
G. B. Morris's b. c., Golden Cottage, 111 (J. Daly) .. 2
P. H. McCarren's br. c., Shandonfield, 108 (Bullman) 3

Carroll D., Dixie Queen, Playlike, Essene, Orrissa, Silver Twist and Margie S. also ran.

Time, 0:56.

Betting—Even money against The Hoyden, 3 to 1, Golden Cottage, 10 to 1 Shandonfield, 10 to 1, Carroll D., 40 to 1 Dixie Queen, 50 to 1 Playlike, 10 to 1 Essene, 50 to 1 Orrissa, 12 to 1 Silver Twist, 12 to 1 Margie S.

The card for to-day follows:

First Race—Furthree year olds and upward, selling, five and a half furlongs.

Sadusee	113	Judge Wardell	104
Jilolo	111	Gold Lads	103
Manitoba	106	Fane	100
Leedsville	106	Elsie Snip	100
Sharx	105	Ice	91

Second Race—For three year old fillies; five and a half furlongs.

Balloon	110	Lady Padden	107
Orminda	110	Janice	105
Duchess Evelyn	110	Spry	105
Sadie S.	107	Donna Henrietta	105
Fidget	107		

Third Race—For two year-olds; selling; four and a half furlongs.

Red Bonnet	104	Jean Wood	101
Prophetic	104	Ashbrook	99
Silver coin	104	Equalize	96
Dames Delight	104	My Ladylike	93
The Referee	103		

Fourth Race—For three year-olds and upward, selling, one mile and 70 yards.

Knight of the Garter	115	Matt Simpson	102
Prestigious	113	Athea	103
Gold Fox	113	Kingbrook	84
Kirkwood	111	Merrywild	84
Charentus	110	Yelp	84

Fifth Race—Selling; six furlongs.

Cheval d'Or	110	Hawk	107
Royalsire	110	Rocky Star	107
Monomatta	110	Ingomar	105
Fair Play	110	Festive	105
Sloemouth	110	Kerry Lady	105
Black Oak	107	Uncle Josh	102
Hon Jour	107	Vestibule	102
Sculptor	107	Give and Take	102
Crevasse	107		

Sixth Race—Maidens, 2 years old; four and a half furlongs.

Sir Florian	108	Chirrup	105
Serpent	108	Lucrista	105
April Shower	108	Miracle II	105
Little Arthur	108	Riddenet	105
Jack Demund	108	Lord Templer	105
Delsworth	108	Frisky Nun	105
The Reader	108		

How They Finished at Memphis.

MEMPHIS, April 15.—The Memphis Stakes, for two-year-olds at five furlongs, was the feature of to-day's racing at Montgomery Park. Charles W. Meyer, the crack two-year-old of the Schorr stable, was scratched because he had eaten poison. Brannan developed a small splint on his knee and Wan A. Moore was scratched because of bucked shins. George C. Benedict's Abe Frank won the event after Coburn had driven a couple of times to make him up. The stake was worth $2,030, $1,105 of which was the winner's share. The summaries:

First Race—Four and a half furlongs—Ardita, 106 (J. Woods), 7 to 2, won; Sir Edmond, 106 (Winkfield), 2 to 1, second; Ophelia, 106 (Coburn), 3 to 2, third. Time, 0:27¾.

Second Race—One mile and a quarter—Tammany, 97 (J. Woods), 7 to 5, won; Albert Vale, 107 (Winkfield), 2 to 1, second; Patchcharm, 105 (Coburn), 12 to 1, third. Time, 2:11.

Third Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Wild Pirate, 98 (Coburn), 3 to 1, won; Caviar, 108 (Coburn), 2 to 1, second; Ohnet, 100 (Hanson), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:53.

Fourth Race—The Memphis Stakes; five furlongs—Abe Frank, 108 (Coburn), 11 to 5, won; Autumn Leaves, 105 (Cochran), 10 to 1, second; Wyeth, 108 (Dupee), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:02.

Fifth Race—Short course steeplechase; about one mile and a quarter—Don Clarencio, 145 (H. S. Ivy Jr.), 15 to 1, won; Terry Ranger 132 (Gaddis), 40 to 1, second; Trefilla, 135 (Sutherland), 25 to 1, third. Time, 2:47¼.

Sixth Race—One mile—Dorada, 100 (Cochran), 7 to 5, won; Col. Gay, 107 (Gilmore), 7 to 1, second; Dieudonne, 102 (J. Irvin), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:43¾.

The Racing at Newport.

CINCINNATI, April 15.—The afternoon was chilly and cloudy, but a good card and "ladies' day" drew a large attendance at Newport to-day. The track was very heavy. An alleged attempt at "first past the post" signalling to beat the pool rooms was reported, but the officials, after an investigation discredited the report. Summary:

First Race—Seven furlongs—J. J. T., 110 (J. Woods), 6 to 5, won; Dr. Thirk, 107 (Donahue), 15 to 1, second; Woodtiue, 112 (Bloss), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:33½.

Second Race—Four and a half furlongs—Debenture, 102 (Bloss), 3 to 1, won; Waterlouse, 102 (Washington), 4 to 1, second; Pitholin, 108 (Herman), 4 to 1, third. Time, 0:54½.

Third Race—Ensemble—H. Sloan, 116 (C. Wilson), 8 to 5, won; Theodate, 102 (Hirsch), 3 to 2, second; Peter Barwen, 106 (J. Moody), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:45.

Sixth Race—Six furlongs—Amoroso, 102 (Hothersall), 9 to 5, won; Attila, 107 (Lamberth), 102 (Leach), 7 to 2, second; Fleetway, 107 (Medling), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:14¾.

Opening Day at Lakeside.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The Chicago racing season began to-day with the Lakeside Jockey Club opened for the fifth time in Chicago. This year it is to Chicago what Aqueduct is to New York and the racing was welcomed as spring meeting and turned out. The weather was perfect and the track fast. Summaries:

First Race—Six furlongs—Triadita, 108 (R. Narvaez), 6 to 5, won; Sewell, 103 (Robertson), even, second; Money Mass, 88 (Gormley), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:16.

Second Race—One mile—Pirate's Queen, 96 (Gormley), 3 to 1, won; Plead, 103 (Hicks), 11 to 5, second; Aleut, 101 (Heam), 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:42 2-5.

Third Race—Seven and a half furlongs—Yana, 107 (R. Narvaez), 7 to 5, won; Johanna D., 107 (Wilson), 4 to 1, second; Edna Renner, 103 (Crawhurst), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:33.

Fourth Race—One mile—W. J. Debe, 91 (Gormley), 4 to 5, won; Thistle, 104 (F. Houston), 50 to 1, second; The Conqueror II., 111 (Crawhurst), 7 to 10, third. Time, 1:45 3-5.

Fifth Race—Four and a half furlongs—Bridge, 104 (Davidson), 6 to 5, won; Hoodoo, 107 (Wilson), 2 to 1, second; Tom Wallace, 104 (R. Narvaez), 11 to 5, third. Time, 0:55 2-5.

Sixth Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Hood's Brigade, 98 (Gormley), 11 to 5, won; Strangest, 108 (Davidson), 6 to 1, second; Frangible, 101 (Dean), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:49 2-5.

WANTED LAWSON'S HORSES.

ATTEMPT TO STEAL THREE OF HIS ANIMALS AT BOSTON SHOW.

"Dirty-Faced Charley," a Notorious Crook, Said to be the Man Who Tried to Get Them From Stable Boy—Many Exhibits From New York and Vicinity—Some Prize Winners.

BOSTON, April 15.—Boston's noted east winds interfered with the attendance at the opening of the horse show to-day in the Mechanics Building, but in the evening there was a large and brilliant throng of spectators present. Among the entries are many from New York and vicinity and they received a liberal share of the prizes in the afternoon. E. D. Jordan and Thomas W. Lawson have large exhibits and are rivals in almost every class.

Thomas L. Watt of New York led off in the day's awards by getting both prizes in class 52, Shetland ponies, with Monte Carlo and Sly Dance. Mr. Watt got first prize in class 74 for ponies other than Shetlands with his black gelding Just In Time. Mrs. Gerken of Gerkendale Farm won second in this class with the black mare Jennie. In class 27, hackney mares three years old and over, Thomas B. Hidden of Short Hills got second money for his chestnut mare Mady Gay. Mrs. Alexander T. Van Nest of New York with the brown gelding Royal Turk won third prize in class 59, open to novice horses not over 15.3 hands. Frank J. Gould's Burlinghana and Sandringham won third in class 42 for pair of horses over 15 hands and not exceeding 15.3. Mrs. Van Nest's Royal King and Royal Turk were highly commended. Mrs. W. E. Kotman of New York handled her chestnut mare More Than Queen in class 83 for saddle horses and got second money.

Gerkendale Farm defeated T. W. Lawson's four-in-hand in class 68, with Brandon, Belmar, Foxwood and My Lady Dainty. Mrs. Van Nest's Royal King and Royal Turk were adjudged to be the best shown in class 60, for novice pairs, 14.3 hands and not over 15.3. Imp, Vengeance, owned by Mr. Mathers of Philadelphia, was the winner in class 104, for qualified hunters of middle weight. In the evening Burlingham and Sandringham received second prize in class 52, for the best pair shown before a brougham. John L. Wentz of New York got first prize in class 68, for harness tandems over 14.3 hands and not exceeding 15.2, for his Lord Brilliant and Lord Golden.

Between 8 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon an attempt was made to steal three of Mr. Lawson's best show horses from their box stalls in the basement. The would-be thief is supposed to be "Dirty Faced Charley," a crook known to every racetrack in the East and the man who made a big haul of carriages and harness from a supply house several years ago by impersonating Dan Mace. While Gray and Kelly, Mr. Lawson's stable managers, were watching the exhibition in the tanbark ring, the boy in charge of the three horses left in the basement was approached by a man who presented what purported to be a personal order from Mr. Lawson, directing that the filly All-a-Glow, the black stallion Autlion and the bay yearling Royal Boy be sent back to Rendville immediately. The stableboy did not like the man's looks and remarked that it was something unusual for Mr. Lawson to issue such an order. While the two were parleying, Gray happened to come downstairs and "Charley" fled. The police were notified and they searched the building, but no trace of the man could be found.

Echoes of the Bennings Meeting.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The meeting at the Bennings track showed up several good two-year-olds. The Goldfinder, owned by F. B. Hitchcock, which ran on Saturday for the first time, is thought to be first class in every way. During the race he was a wild horse, and after leading all the way he won without an effort. Tamah Nawis, owned by "Father Bill" Daly, is another colt that seems to be made of the right material. W. P. Burch, who trains the Goldfinder, was so taken up with the colt's performances that he made an offer of $5,000, which was refused. Since then Daly has received two other offers, it is said, one of $6,000 and the other of $6,500, but both were turned aside.

August Belmont, chairman of the Jockey Club, who was at the track on Saturday, was much pleased with the crowd in attendance. Mr. Belmont's real mission to Washington was, it is said, for the purpose of seeing what alterations would be needed before the fall meeting begins. It was learned that the only improvements made will be the enlargement of the betting ring, providing more stables, and possibly the building of a new clubhouse.

While Mr. Belmont was here he had a fainting up by his fall in a hurdle race from Berto. It seems that shortly after he was taken to his stable he became unconscious, and remained in that condition for several days. He came to on Saturday, and the doctors now believe that he will pull through all right.

Belgians Are Hard Losers.

A report of a riot at the Greenendal racecourse, Belgium, which has just reached this country indicates that the Belgians are hard losers. In one race the first three chargers were left at the post. The starter declared that he had lowered the flag when all were in motion and that the jockeys who were left pulled up. The ring poured out on the first and second horses. This incensed the backers and a riot followed in which the grandstands and book makers' outfits were wrecked. The course was strewn with debris and the racing had to be postponed. The stewards decided to pay all bets on the horses that were left at the post and to return the entrance money to the owners. This cost the club $15,000. The starter was made the scapegoat and his contract to drop the flag was annulled.

Racing Saddle With Sliding Stirrups Used in England.

The American jockeys are not carrying all before them in England. L. Reiff has won only five out of twenty races, Maher four out of twenty and J. Reiff five out of thirty-six. As a result of the invasion of our riders a new racing saddle is used in England with sliding stirrups calculated to give the rider a forward seat without effort on his part. The stirrup straps work on the principle of V-shaped suspender fasteners, and the inventor states that it automatically changes the jockey's weight from front to rear and vice versa.

With the Harness Horses.

Mart Demarest has arranged with Mr. Hanley of Providence to handle the noted hobble-wearing pacer Prince Alert this year. Demarest wants to match the Prince against any pacer in the country, including Anaconda or Searchlight, for any part of $5000. He has sent notice to that effect to Mr. Rice of Boston, the owner of Anaconda.

Trainer Ben Walker, who recently visited Hartford, says that F. L. Foley of that city has one of the highest-class mares he ever saw. She is a five-year-old by Arcyto and has shown fast miles. She will be campaigned this year. He also has a roan pacing gelding that will bear watching. Last season this gelding was started only once and showed a mile in 2:16¾. His name is Head Patchen.

Turf Notes.

Word comes from Paris that Molesnt, the American jockey who is engaged to ride W. K. Vanderbilt's horses in France, has been suspended. Molesnt had the mount on Mr. Vanderbilt's Indo in the Prix Lagrange at Longchamps on Sunday. There was some difficulty at the post, Indo got away poorly and the starter, Pages, reported Molesnt to the stewards with the result that he was suspended.

Billiards.

The Class B billiardist, A. D. Ferguson, gave evidence of his real skill last night. He met and defeated Frank Boyd by the score of 300 to 92 in the Metropolitan Academy tournament under the auspices of the A. A. U. Ferguson's average was 6.8-32. Boyd made an average of 2.28-32, and his best run was 7. Edward O. Presby and Louis A. Servatius cross cues in the game to-night.

Wilson P. Foss and Martin Mullen, the present and past Class A champions, are negotiating to play a 500-point 14-inch balk line match by telegraph. Foss will play in this city, probably at the Knickerbocker A. C., and Mullen in Cleveland. The match will be in the nature of a sequel to the recent Mullen-Morrissey contest, with some modifications as to the respotting of the balls after a miss.

Pool.

The final series of games for the pool championship of the Knickerbocker A. C. was continued last night. Charles F. Norris, the club's billiard champion, defeated Richard Auerbach by pocketing 125 balls to the latter's 113. Auerbach gained a slight lead at the start, but by working pretty combination shots and accurate position play, Norris pulled up and won out. In the contest scheduled for to-night Wilson P. Foss forfeits to Louis Casper.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

Taylor's Races in Berlin—Harry Elkes to Become a New Yorker.

Late cable advices from Berlin are to the effect that "Major" Taylor did not win in his first European race. His victory on April 11 over Arend and Ellegard and others was a signal one, but that was not the date of his first appearance. He rode in a three-cornered match race against Arend and Ellegard on Easter Monday, April 8, and was defeated by both. According to the account, the result of this first race was anticipated. The cold weather prevailing had prevented Taylor from doing the proper amount of training and he knew he was not in proper trim for the race, and he said on leaving Paris that he was going to certain defeat. He must have worked hard in the two days intervening between Monday and Thursday in order to spread-eagle his field as he did on his second appearance, and beat Arend by twenty lengths.

Harry Elkes is to become a New Yorker at once. His father, generally known in the racing field as "Pop" Elkes, has decided to move the entire family from Glen Falls and take a permanent abode in this city. Harry has decided to refuse the offers he received to go to Europe, as he believes that there will be more money for him in racing here this year.

An interesting feature of the spring road riding in found in observing a number of old timers who have quit their scorching habits and are riding cushion frame wheels with upturned bars. There are a number who were well known in amateur racing years ago who would have been ashamed to be seen abroad except with a right frame wheel and low-dropped bars who now ride the kind of wheels that they formerly declared were fit only for "old women."

These riders make no pretence about the fact that their scorching days are over and that they are now looking only for comfort awheel. They take the laugh at their own expense kindly and tell the younger ones "You'll come to it yourself some day."

The Associated Cycling Clubs of New York especially request club members to send information concerning defective places in the streets and roads to the Secretary, Dr. J. V. Brendon, 233 West Twelfth street, at this time, as the Department of Streets and Highways is now sending out its "repair gangs" for spring work.

There is no truth in the report that Jimmy Michael and Harry Elkes are to be team mates this year, with "Pop" Elkes as their manager. "Pop" himself is the authority for the denial. The report was caused, he explains, by the fact that he has engaged Ambrose Park for a meet there on Decoration Day, and in order to be certain of having some match for his son Harry, he had Michael sign a contract agreeing to race Elkes there on that day. Beyond that there is nothing arranged between them. Michael is his own manager and "Pop" Elkes will manage Harry.

ROWING.

Columbia Arranging to Meet Harvard—Many Other Races.

Columbia will probably meet Harvard on the water this year for the first time since 1895. A boat race between the two institutions has been practically arranged to take place at Cambridge at the end of May or during the first week in June. Harvard is willing and Columbia will take the trip if the funds can be raised. If the proposed race between the Columbia and Syracuse freshmen becomes a reality, the Blue and White will meet practically every American college that has a crew with the exception of Annapolis this year. The Varsity will meet Cornell, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Georgetown and possibly Syracuse at Poughkeepsie and the freshmen race Yale at New Haven on May 19. In addition the second crews meet Cornell and Pennsylvania on Lake Carnegie on Decoration Day, and the Varsity will row in the Harlem and Passaic regattas, besides a dual race with the Dauntless Boat Club, and the university spring and class day regattas. Coach Hanlan believes in active competition to develop a winning crew, and as a consequence Manager Ergal has arranged the most elaborate rowing schedule that Columbia has seen in years. Manager Leslie I. Savage of the freshman crew has appointed L. Alexander, '04 science, assistant manager in the stead of James Arkell, resigned.

Annual Meeting of Long Island Rowing Association.

Delegates to the annual session of the Long Island Amateur Rowing Association were in a jubilant frame of mind last night at the annual meeting of the organization, for the association was shown to be in the best condition it has been in years. The reports of the officers, especially the treasurer, were excellent. The association has $200 in the bank and no outstanding debts. It was decided to hold the annual regatta on June 8, on the Sagawanhaka course, Flushing Bay. The events will be as follows:

Junior singles, junior doubles, intermediate doubles, junior four-oared shells, intermediate four-oared gigs for the Flushing cup, junior four-oared gigs, junior eight-oared shells, and intermediate eight-oared shells.

Individual and crew prizes will be awarded. The entries will close on June 29. The following officials were chosen for the year:

President, J. J. Waldmann, Brooklyn Rowing Club; Vice President, I. J. McCormick, Varuna Boat Club; Secretary and Treasurer, T. J. Brennan, Ravenswood Boat Club; Regatta Committee, Frank Adee, Sagawanhaka, Thomas Curry, Wahneta, J. P. Lough, Ravenswood; T. J. McCormick, Varuna; H. J. Hall, Nautilus; Frank Jenas, Crescent A. C.; R. H. Felton, Flushing R. C.

Cornell Varsity Will Not Row the Dauntless Eight.

ITHACA, April 15.—The rumor that the Cornell Varsity crew would meet the eight of the Dauntless Rowing Club of New York next month seems to be without foundation. Charles H. Courtney, coach of the Cornell crews, and Fred Colson, the navy adviser of the Athletic Council, declare that the Cornell eight will row but the one race at Poughkeepsie. It is not at all improbable that the Francis Rowing Club would arrange a race with the Dauntless management should the latter be willing. The sentiment at Cornell seems to be against any athletic relations with Syracuse, so the race between the Francis crew and a Syracuse eight will probably be cancelled. This will leave Cornell's boating club without a race.

Another Variation in the Rice Gambit.

Prof. Isaac L. Rice was busy analyzing variations of the gambit, which he has invented, at the Manhattan Chess Club yesterday. He told a reporter of THE SUN that without going into the question as to whether Mr. Kemeny of Philadelphia had or had not refuted Mr. Napier's variation, which was published in THE SUN the other day, he maintains that Mr. Napier made a weak move for white, namely, 18 Q—B5. He ought to have played 18 Q—R3, when the entire variation leads to a poor game for black, as the following play will show: 18 Q—R3, Castles; 19 PxB, Kt—B7; 20 PxP ch, K—Kt; 21 K—B, Q—R8ch; 22 K—K2, KR—K; 23 QxR, B—Q3 dis ch; 24 K—B, BxQ; 25 B—Q2 and white remains with a winning advantage. It will be seen that the move, 18 Q—R3, secures for white a winning compensation after the exchange of queens, while Napier's move, 18 Q—B5, leads to an exchange of queens without any compensation for white.

Goals of the Ring.

Articles of agreement were signed on Saturday for a 25-round battle between Kid Carter of Brooklyn and Jack Rosner of Philadelphia. The pair will come together at Louisville before the Southern A. C. on May 6. The encounter is at catch weights. Carter will begin training to-day at Fleetwood, while Rosner will prepare at Philadelphia.

Billy Madden in a letter to the Denver *Republican* says: "I will bet $1,000 that Gus Ruhlin's sparring partner, 'Denver Ed' Martin, can whip any man in the world, except Ruhlin and Jeffries. Ruhlin's and Martin's exhibition of the manly art is pronounced the best ever seen between heavyweights, and they are packing the theatres where they spar. The loser who accepts Martin's challenge, if any dares accept, can have winner take all or any way he likes. I have been challenging for six months and no one so far has met him."

Bowling Games To-night.

Interstate League—New York vs. Buffalo, at Starr's alleys.

Bank Clerks' Tournament—Alleys 1 and 2, Bank of Manhattan Company, National Bank of the Republic and Mountain Prime; alleys 3 and 4, Second National Bank, Importers and Traders' National Bank and Mercantile National Bank at Reid's alleys.

North Side National League—Claremont, Central and Friendship, at Olympic alleys.

Arcade Tournament—Tilelia vs. Corinthian, at Freck's alleys.

Associated Cycling Clubs of Long Island Tournament—Class A—Greater New York Wheelmen, Orient Wheelmen, and Brooklyn Bicycle Club, at Thum & Ehler's alleys.

Arlington Women's Tournament—Ulter Una Team No. 2, Lady Elks and Probsin, at the Brooklyn Arlington Hall alleys.

Woods Hall Tournament—Manhattan, Metropolitan and Ætna Team No. 1, at Wright's alleys.

White Elephant Tournament—Jung Clerks and Nelson, at Thum's Academy alleys.

ON RAIN-SOAKED LINKS.

WOMEN OF DYKER MEADOW GOLF CLUB PLAY IN THE STORM.

Winners in First Match Play Round for Mrs. Howard F. Whitney Cups—Handicap List of M. G. A. May Be Given Out To-day or To-morrow—Travis Leaves the Oakland Club

The women of the Dyker Meadow Golf Club demonstrated yesterday that they were not to be frightened off by a little rain, even though they received the choice of playing either on Monday or Tuesday. It was not really necessary for them to play in the rain, but they spurned the idea of postponing a set fixture. The first round at match play for the two cups presented by Mrs. Howard F. Whitney was announced as the schedule. In the first cup set the match between Mrs. E. L. Kalbfleisch and Mrs. J. H. Merritt was close and interesting, the women breaking even at the eighteenth green. They played an extra hole to settle the dispute, the result being a victory for Mrs. Kalbfleisch. Miss Ethel Pearsall had no difficulty in vanquishing Miss Laura Wallace. Miss F. Wallace won her match without playing, as Mrs. Walter Gibbs preferred defaulting to the wet links and the brisk showers. The other match between Miss Grace Chauncey and Mr