ETHELBERT CAME WITH A RATTLE.

Perry Belmont's Horse Beat Box and Imp in the Metropolitan Handicap.

TOMMY ATKINS'S JUVENILE.

J. R. & F. P. Keene's Colt Captured the First Big Two-Year-Old Stake of the Year—Morris Park's Opening.

New York, May 5—Ethelbert, of the Perry Belmont Stables, with Danny Maher up, won the Metropolitan Handicap at Morris Park to-day, before 20,000 people. He was favorite in the betting and held his field by three lengths, Box taking second place by a neck from Imp. The time was 1:49¾.

There was never a greater crowd at the Metropolitan Handicap than usual. From daybreak in the afternoon until long after the first race had been run, trains and trolley cars rolled up to the gates of the park, crowded with people, and with them were thousands of persons walking at stations along the lines for a chance to get to the races.

The roads leading to Morris Park were alive with vehicles of all kinds, and the automobiles were out in great numbers. When the time came for the great race, there were fully 7000 people in the big grand stand and on the lawn in front, while the clubhouse and the lawn were uncomfortably crowded.

Although every one was anxious for the big race, there was a lot of interest in the Juvenile Stakes, for 2-year-olds, which brought the best of the youngsters together. Competition was the favorite in the race, but was never prominent. Dolfinus made all the pacemaker, but when they came into the last furlong Spencer cut loose with Tommy Atkins and won very easily.

Then came the Metropolitan Handicap. A year ago Ethelbert was beaten for the Metropolitan by Filiberto, when it was thought he had a rare chance to win, but to-day, when his owner and his trainer thought he was not up to his best, he walked home with a great lot in spare, making the other horses look like cellmen platers, followed in by the sheetrain Box, while the great mare Imp finished third.

The great crowd cheered the horses enthusiastically as they marched to the post. Starter Fitzgerald got them in fine at once and they were kept away in perfect line on the first break. There was no delay to affect the top weights, so all had an equal chance. Half Time broke in front, with Ethelbert close behind, Box third and Brim fourth.

As the horses settled into their stride Spencer sent Voter to the front, and he was running free in that position as they went past the free furious pole. He had but a head the better on Contester, the light weight, and the much-played Waring was third.

Maher had taken Ethelbert back into sixth place and was holding him in good position for the finish. At the quarter-pole there was no change in position, Voter and Contester running heads apart a length in front of the others, who were well bunched behind them. As they rounded into the stretch Voter began to open up a gap, and as they rushed around the turn into the home stretch it looked as if it would be Voter first and the others far behind.

Suddenly Maher seemed to wake up on Ethelbert, and, as the flying horses rounded the turn, the maroon and scarlet jacket came flashing around on the outside, and, in the dashing of an eye, Ethelbert had poked his nose in front of the whole band and gradually increased his advantage. It was a grand race for six furlongs and then recovered, with the crack 3-year-old of 1899 leading it.

The maiden steeple chase, which concluded the day's racing, resulted in a chapter of accidents. Of the nine horses which started only three finished, and the winner, Marta, the hot favorite, was then disqualified. Master Ford refused and threw his rider, Philliores broke his neck. None of the jockeys was seriously hurt.

The Summaries.

First race, five and a half furlongs—Holiday, 109 (O'Connor), 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, won by four lengths; Belle of Lexington, 99 (Geary), 8 to 1 and 5 to 2, second; Mentanie, 104 (Mott), 7 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:08. Morris, Rizal Tom Tait and His Royal Highness also ran.

Second race, selling, seven furlongs—Horace, 94 (O'Connor), 5 to 1 and even, won by half a length; Buffalo, 111 (MahER), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second by two lengths; Her Lordship, 96 (Bonman), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:29. King Brandile, Borough, Irquoiaria, Kinox, Precursor, Prosaunt, Brier and Hilarion also ran.

Third race, the Juvenile, five furlongs—Tommy Atkins, 126 (Spencer), 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, won by a length; Bellario, 122 (Bullman), 7 to 1 and 2 to 1, second by four lengths; Prince of Orange, 122 (Maher), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, third. Time, :59¾. Prince Pepper, Bonnibel, Conspirator, Absolute, Lakeward, Watt, Bandwork, Lehman, The Puritan and Longshoreman also ran.

Fourth race, the Metropolitan Handicap, one mile—Ethelbert, 126 (Maher), 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, won by three lengths; Box, 113 (O'Connor), 8 to 1 and 2 to 1, second by a neck; Imp, 127 (Clawson), 4 to 1 and 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:49¾. Contester, Marta, Survivor, Waring, Kilmarnock, Half Time, Buffalo and Voter also ran.

Fifth race, four furlongs—Black Fox, 112 (O'Connor), 7 to 5 and 2 to 5, won by a length; Lamoraux, 112 (Maher), 3 to 1 and 4 to 1, second by two lengths; Princess Pepper, 109 (Gaskins), 3 to 1 and 5 to 1, third. Time, :47. Yorkshire Boy, Allonge, The Bluecoat, Mahem, Katherine, Tancum, Kensington, Historian, Brent, Yorkshire and Phosphorus also ran.

Sixth race, maiden steeplechase, about two miles—Cosmopolitan, 139 (Merahan), 4 to 1 and even, won; Tactics, 141 (Hopkins), 3 to 1 and 6 to 5, second. Time, 4:02. Peola won, but was disqualified. Master Ford ran out. Platoriet, Theodore, Daverick, Bookmakonna and Quids Joss fell.

ROAD HORSE PARADE.

Brilliant Show of Fine Animals at New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 5—This was a great day for the horse—as distinctively his day as is that of the Derby or the Suburban Handicap or the opening of the Horse Show. The first annual parade of road horses, under the auspices of the Road Drivers' Association of New York took place this afternoon.

It was the most brilliant spectacle in high-bred, high-priced horseflesh ever witnessed in America. It marked the apotheosis of the Harlem Speedway—that superb street three miles long and a hundred feet wide, bordering on the Harlem River and recently opened to the public, the beauties of which are not yet known to most New Yorkers. It registered a living, moving protest—a protest six miles long and $3,000,000—against the utilitarian cynic who professes to see in the whirring automobile the doom of the sleek roadster.

Eight hundred vehicles were in line, drawn by horses which could not be bought in the open market for less than $1,500,000. The procession formed on Riverside Drive, near Grant's Tomb, and ended at the Speedway. It took nearly an hour for the parade to pass a given point. Despite the hundreds of high-spirited animals mustered for the first time for such a great display, the day passed without a serious runaway or a disastrous accident of any kind. Every notable roadster in New York was in line, and many of the wagons, drags, buggies, tandems and other vehicles were elaborate. European travelers said the scene reminded them of Nice at the height of the season.

General Nelson A. Miles was a guest of the association, and reviewed the procession. Later he attended a banquet at the club house, where everybody in any way connected with the building of the Speedway was feted and toasted.

SAN FRANCISCO RESULTS.

Gauntlet, Expedient and Auiratius Were Among the Winners.

San Francisco, Cal., May 5—Weather at Oakland fine and track fast. The summaries:

First race, four furlongs, selling—Mussel, 109 (Hastings), 2 to 5, won; Aunt Bird, 104 (Powell), 9 to 2, second; Majesty, 104 (Buchanan), 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:12¾. Magion, Alvero, Jocosa Boy and Solano also ran.

Second race, five furlongs, selling—Favorito, 100 (Dingley), 11 to 1, won; Nettie Clark, 107 (Hastings), 4 to 1, second; Formatus, 108 (Mack), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:01¾. Gold Finder, Tolbotel, Bonham, Jessie Riley, William F., J. Doherty, Abby Lee, Judge Shropshire and Palatine also ran.

Third race, one mile, gentlemen riders—Socialist, 150 (C. D. Oates, Jr.), 5 to 2, won; Romany, 150 (F. Skinner), 7 to 10, second; Monita, 150 (C. Fuchs), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:44¾. Duke of York II and O'Connor also ran.

Fourth race, Fabiola Derby, one mile—Expedient, 109 (Powell), 7 to 5, won; Le Borgne, 117 (Buchanan), 7 to 1, second; Bonus Bill, 112 (Dingley), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:44¾. Sunello, Red Cherry, Miss Vera, Montcalm, Ledger, Cue, Pike and Cesto also ran.

Fifth race, mile and six furlongs, Owners' Handicap, selling—Gauntlet, 95 (Buchanan), 5 to 1, won; Twinkler, 95 (Gaffney), 8 to 5, second; Vera, 85 (Rauch), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:52¾. Grady, Ramiey, Inverary II, Fauntle, Doctor Marks, Tetonos, Defiance and Twinkle Twink also ran. Colonel Reed fell.

Sixth race, five furlongs, selling—Auiratius, 97 (Buchanan), 3 to 1, won; Miss Mondale, 94 (Hastings), 3 to 1, second; Lacy, 96 (Rauch), 4 to 1, third. Time, :59¾. Mary Ray, Jingle Jangle, Alexander Gold and Thoma also ran. Dr. Hoff fell.

OAKDALE STEEPLECHASE.

White Cross Annexed the Feature Event at Cumberland Park.

Nashville, Tenn., May 5—The most successful race meeting that Cumberland Park has ever broken camp to a close to-day. In every respect it has been successful, and to-day's attendance was decidedly the largest of the week. Betting was brisk and the public favorites were first under the wire in three events, while two other races went to well backed losers. The Oakdale Hunt Club Cup for steeplechasers, was the feature, and was won in a walk by White Cross, the second white horse bred to win a race. The summaries:

First race, three-fourths of a mile—Ida Lee, 102 (Lee), 3 to 1, won; Lady Lorraine, 102 (Gilmore), 5 to 1, second; Lu Rosette, 99 (McGhee), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:18¾. Wooldridge Queen, Lady Ethel, Tom Hood, Robert Gray, Sam P. Jones and Cherokee also ran.

Second race, five and a half furlongs, a sale, maiden—Sweet Lucy, 100 (Gilmore), 3 to 1, won; Ethel Gilbert, 102 (Lee), 4 to 1, second; Chris Dunn, 107 (Lee), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:08. Lena Dare and Charmed also ran.

Third race, one mile and seventy yards—Sharon, 102 (Lee), 3 to 1, won; Ben Brown, 102 (Gilmore), 10 to 1, second; Ben Ali, 102 (Lee), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:46¾. Cleveland, Cecil Rhodes, Tom Cat, Lord Neville, Cassiopeia, Ben Hur, Alfred Vanderbilt and Sam Lewis also ran.

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth, the Cumberland Handicap, for maiden colts, 102 pounds, $300 added, 2 to 1 on Ben Hur, 3 to 1 against Cleveland, 4 to 1 against Sharon, 10 to 1 against Sam Lewis, 15 to 1 against Cecil Rhodes, 20 to 1 against Tom Cat, Lord Neville, Cassiopeia, Ben Brown and Alfred Vanderbilt. Sharon won, Ben Hur second, Cleveland third. Time, 1:47¾. Lord Neville, Cecil Rhodes, Tom Cat, Cassiopeia, Ben Brown and Alfred Vanderbilt also ran.

Fifth race, four and a half furlongs, Hibernian, 100 (Mounsie), 30 to 1 and 8 to 5, won; Queen Carnival, 105 (Gilmore), even and 1 to 4, second; Grace Hall, 105 (Lee), 3 to 1, third. Time, :54¾. Footlight, Flapper Bess, Annie Laurie, Nancy Hanks, Merrie Mary and Jennie also ran.

Sixth race, selling, seven furlongs—Lee's Lucy, 98 (Hardy), 3 to 1 and 4 to 5, won; Gus Lewis, 107 (Gilmore), 3 to 1 and 5 to 2, second; Dunscar, 98 (Gaffney), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:31. Cora Martin, High Duke, Zoom and Harvest Queen also ran.

CROKER DISAPPOINTED.

Racing Stable Fails to Meet His Expectations.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, May 5—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—Richard Croker is again disappointed in his racing stable. Horses that he expected would turn out finely have failed sadly. His time and money has apparently gone for nothing but indifferent results. The hoodoo of ill-luck seems to pursue him on the English turf.

When his horses failed so completely last year Mr. Croker determined to admit new trainers and a new policy. He would carefully bring up and train horses that would be thoroughly acclimatized and at home on the English turf.

His stables were established at Newmarket, where Messrs. Duke & Wishard have spent the winter working hard with the Tammany chieftain's horses. Mr. Croker having renewed his hopes, spent more time during the past six months at Newmarket than at his country place at Wantage. Every morning while there he visited the stables with Duke as early as 7 o'clock, and watched with the keenest interest the trials of his horses on the Newmarket heath, while the clever brothers Hoff galloped the horses about.

All during the winter the horses seemed to improve, under careful training, especially Manhattan Boy, who showed a turn of speed that promised to entitle him to a place in the front rank of racehorses.

But with the past month of spring races Croker's horses have failed totally to show up as he expected they would in practical tests. They were good horses, but were far outclassed by half a dozen other stables. Even his own trainers were compelled to tell him that. But the Tammany leader is game. He kept his disappointment to himself, and is now talking of importing fresh blood to the stud and removing his stables from Newmarket back to Wantage. Croker's bad luck has become proverbial on the English turf, but even the sporting element cannot help admiring the pluck which he displays in trying to breed winners.

HAWTHORNE STAKE DATES.

Seven Valuable Classics to Be Run During the First Meeting.

Chicago, May 5—Secretary Harry Kuhl of the Chicago Jockey Club has arranged the dates for the list of seven stake events to be run at Hawthorne track at the spring meeting, opening Monday, May 28. These stakes are to be run in eleven days, the first week of the fortnightly meeting having four and the second three. Stake events every other day is an announcement made in Chicago for the first time in years. Several of these stakes will be worth $2,000 to the winner, and in all of them prominent owners are represented. The list of dates and stakes are as follows:

Monday, May 28, Flight Stakes, $2,000, for 3-year-olds and upward, eighty-one nominations, six furlongs.

Wednesday, May 30, Hawthorne Turf Congress Handicap, $1,000 added, for 3-year-olds and upward, ninety-three nominations, mile and a sixteenth.

Thursday, May 31, Test Stakes, $1,000, for 2-year-olds, foals of 1898, eighty-three nominations, five and a half furlongs.

Saturday, June 2, Speculation Stakes, $1,000, for 2-year-olds and upward, 103 nominations, one mile.

MAFFITT STABLE SOLD.

Sir Rolla, Gibraltar and Fireside Brought Fancy Prices.

The entire racing establishment of the late Charles Chonteau Maffitt of this city was disposed of under the hammer at the Fair Grounds yesterday. A large crowd of horsemen from all over the West gathered here for the sale. Sir Rolla brought the top price of the sale, $1,900. He was knocked down to Tom Nepper, the owner of Tridalia. Former jockey Johnnie Gardner bought Gibraltar, paying $1,025 for the speedy son of Stonelenge. Charlie Ellison, the jockey, secured Fireside for $1,000.

Tom Maffitt, a nephew of the deceased, bought Lucille Marsette, who was the best thoroughbred to perform in the famous black and white stripes. The total for the sale was $7,355. Hugh R. Baker, the trainer, bought the stable equipment and will conduct a public training stable at the track this season. A summary of the sale follows:

HORSES IN TRAINING.

Gibraltar, blk. h., 4, by Stonelenge—Chemuet. J. Gardner, 1,025.

Sir Rolla, b. h., 5, by Top Gallant—Little Nave. Thomas Nepper, Mount Vernon, Ind., 1,900.

Jane D., b. m., 5, by Ben Ali—Shasta, Mrs. P. H. Rogers, Austin, Tex., 550.

Gamester, ch. g., 3, by Dunor—Rechanck—Lucille Gazette. C. J. Kelly, Memphis, 375.

Fort Plain, b. m., 5, by Alcazar—Miss Maud. Hugh Barker, city, 150.

Fireside, b. g., 5, by Donald A.—Rhyme, Lucan Oberon, city, 1,000.

Lucille Marsette, b. m., 5, by Jim Gore—Maria R. J. W. H. Williamson, Mobile, Ala., 700.

Tridalia, b. m., 5, by Charmide—Sweet Rider. Tom Nepper, 1,900.

Mermaid, b. m., 7, by Donald A.—Lady Vivian. J. Chamberlain, city, 400.

Tom Cat, b. g., 4, by Top Gallant—Little Nave. Fort Plain Stable, 300.

Fleetwood, b. g., 5, by Alcazar—Miss Maud. Hugh Barker, city, 150.

Lucan Oberon, ch. g., 3, by Donald A.—Rhyme. Lucan Oberon, city, 125.

Judge of Melbourne, br. c., 3, by Jim Gore—Maria R. J. W. H. Williamson, Mobile, Ala., 500.

Bandelle, b. m., 5, by Charmide—Sweet Rider. Charles Ellison, 1,000.

Mermaid, b. m., 7, by Donald A.—Lady Vivian. J. Chamberlain, city, 400