FORT PLAIN WAS LUCKY TO WIN.

Heavily Played Good Thing in Fourth Race Barely Beat Footlights Favorite to Wire.

PREAKNESS AGAIN A WINNER.

St. Tammany Defeated Dr. Stephens, Best Horse in Last Race—Boundling the Only Other Winning Favorite.

SPECIAL BY CABLE

New Orleans, La., Jan. 25.—St. Tammany and Boundling were the winning favorites to-day. Fort Plain, winner of the fourth, closed about equal favorite with Mad Mullah, which went up in the betting as fast as Fort Plain was backed down. Fort Plain was lucky to win from Footlights Favorite, which took up 13 pounds and ran the winner to a half length. Mad Mullah and Fort Plain led the field to the last furlong. Mad Mullah then backed up, while Footlights Favorite came with a great rush and all but overhauled Fort Plain. Romanelli rode a swell race on Fort Plain, giving the colt an extra strong finish.

Macbeth and Erie had a nose finish in the third race. Jake Weber was the favorite, but Cochran gave him a weak ride and Fogg's gelding never cut any figure in the race after getting off in front. Syrlin, formerly Sevoy, led for a half mile, then gave way to Macbeth, which made the running the rest of the way. Erie collared Macbeth at the head of the stretch and the pair had a regular old-fashioned hammer and tongs finish.

Charlie Ellison, who has the most conspicuous lot of horses here, furnished the winner of the first race. Preakness carried the Ellison colors to victory. This colt went up in the betting like all the Ellison horses have been doing lately. Charlie bets his money in the foreign poolrooms. Preakness went to the front when ready and won easily by a length. Agnes Brennan beat Ralph Young a neck for the place.

Boundling had no trouble defeating a field of maiden 4-year-olds in the second race.

Lee King won the fifth from an evenly-matched field of platers in the most impressive manner. Gravina, backed into favoritism at the post time, got up in time to beat Doctor Hart by a nose for the place.

Mrs. Frank Foster led for three-quarters in the sixth race, then curled up and finished fourth. St. Tammany, the favorite, came through in the stretch and won by a small margin from Doctor Stephens, which was the best, and would have surely won under a strong ride. Beside McCarthy was a good third.

Weather clear; track fast.

CRESCENT CITY SUMMARIES.

First race, six furlongs, selling—Preakness, 108 (H. Phillips), 8 to 1, won; Agnes Brennan, 107 (Gannon), 7 to 1, second; Ralph Young, 107 (Mounteer), 12 to 1, third. Time, :24 1-5. Tom Kiley, Brown, Totness, Haven Run, Julia M., Sneer, Bountiful and Gentle also ran.

Second race, six furlongs—Boundling, 108 (Gannon), 8 to 5, won; Typhonic, 99 (Helgert), 30 to 1, second; Russell Garth, 108 (H. Phillips), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 2-5. Carraher, Velos, Albany Girl, Star of the Sea, Fleetful, Santag and Queen of the Ocean also ran.

Third race, selling, one mile—Macbeth, 102 (Livingston), 10 to 1, won; Erie, 107 (W. Hennessy), 13 to 5, second; Bluemint, 97 (Higgins), 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:42 2-5. Barbsimere, Jake Weber, Cretan Girl, Pepper, Exapo, Robin, Banana Cream and Syrlin also ran.

Fourth race, one mile and seventy yards—Fort Plain, 102 (Romanelli), 2 to 1, won; Footlights Favorite, 95 (Gaudet), 6 to 1, second; Mad Mullah, 105 (Higgins), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:46 3-5. Lady Ethel, Lonsdale, Smith, Edwin Wheat, Santa Teresa, Tile and Shawnee also ran.

Sixth race, one mile—St. Tammany, 114 (Davison), 2 to 1, won; Dr. Stephens, 114 (Oliver), 6 to 1, second; Doctor McCarthy, 97 (Minder), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:40. Mrs. Frank Foster, Mingo, Monmouth, Chief Lillar, Gold Bell and Senator B. Cowan also ran.

TO-DAY'S CRESCENT CITY ENTRIES.

First race, one mile and twenty yards, selling:

Easter Walters	97	Shon Ago	98
Finale R	97	Brownie	100
Overhand	91	Charlie	102
Colin George	95	Hoy	103
Arnold K	97	John E. Owens	103
Cadet	98		

Second race, one mile and seventy yards:

Ora McKinney	87	Reparation	91
Helen Tonge	88	Tarahum	92
Sacharissa	90	Pearl	92
Miss Melton	91	Fast	92
Falsland	91	Pamela	92
Leviathan	91	Mr. Williams	92

Third race, six furlongs, purse:

Dusky	88	Joe Cox	99
Gamon	95	Inverness	99
Sweet Nell	96	Carl Kahler	102
Lucy Gaither	97	New York	106
Palmie	104		

Fourth race, one mile, handicap:

Lewis	88	Fort Royal	109
Establish	90	Pettibone	111
J. F. Mayberry	96	Don Mac	111
Boniface	99	Tellow Hill	114

Fifth race, one mile and three-quarters, selling:

Cesarula	89	Malay	96
Parmela	91	Stonewall	96
El Mido	93	Major Mansir	97
Hero	94		

Sixth race, one mile, purse:

Alabrate	87	The Guardsman	97
Tom Obey	88	Hurrah	103
Outlook	89	Prince Richard	103
J. P. Mayberry	93	Don Mac	104
Pettibone	95	Lithia Water	104
Lorelaheer	96	Tellos Hill	104

CRESCENT CITY SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—Selections:

First Race—Arnold K., Hot, Finale R.

Second Race—Leviathan, Pamela, Falsland.

Third Race—Clanger, New York, Carl Kahler.

Fourth Race—Boniface, Tellos Hill, Fort Royal.

Fifth Race—Malay, Major Mansir, Stonewall.

Sixth Race—Inverness, Little Scout, Hurrah.

Turf Exchange.

Trains leave Washington avenue 12:12 p. m., 1:55 p. m. and 3:45 p. m.

ST. LOUIS HORSES WIN AT ASCOT.

Agnes Mack, Montana Peeress, Oxyrobe and Buccleuth Earn Brackets.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 25.—The first and second races at Ascot to-day furnished big surprises. Agnes Mack, at 12 to 1, taking the first, and Oxyrobe, at 6 to 1, winning the second. Lunar, the odds-on favorite, failed to get in the money in the third race, Farmer Jim, 4 to 1, winning.

In the fourth race Ocean Dream won handily, lowering the track record for six furlongs to 1:13½.

Montana Peeress won the fifth from Dolly Hayman, the 1-to-2 favorite. Jockey Lowe, on Hayman, was suspended for incompetency.

Weather perfect; track good. Summaries:

First race, five furlongs—Agnes Mack, 98 (J. Rodeo), 12 to 1, won; J. K. Kirby, 112 (E. Walsh), 6 to 1, second; Tower of Candles, 105 (Birkenruth), 6 to 5, third. Time, 1:02. Sceptre, Nellie May, Ethel Rose, Minnie Amer, Maresa, Frontenac, MacFlecknoe and The Covenanter also ran.

Second race, Sunset course, selling—Oxyrobe, 103 (Burton), 6 to 1, won; Hanrahan, 97 (Lewis), 5 to 1, second; Columbia Girl, 98 (J. Rodeo), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Samar, Matsonia, Lady Beloite, Neerinna, Sluff, Quest and Lorraine also ran.

Third race, mile and one-sixteenth, selling—Farmer Jim, 105 (Peck), 4 to 1, won; Mowan, 95 (Lewis), 8 to 1, second; El Pomo, 102 (Burton), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:49. Pollard, Mattie Brady, Invictus, Lunar and Frank Mickey also ran.

Fourth race, six furlongs—Ocean Dream, 95 (F. Phillips), even, won; Cornelia, 92 (J. Daly), 8 to 5, second; Pat Dalton, 93 (Knapp), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:13½. Hummingbird, Dr. Phillips, Ethel Abbott, Gold One, Bellwood, Kilgarvan and Golden Light also ran.

TO-DAY'S OAKLAND ENTRIES.

First race, Futurity course, selling:

El Chihuahua	97	Pass in Boots	84
The Miller	92	Priestlike	84
Bassetto	90	Sim W	102
Rathbo	91	My Surprise	97
Flies	93	Cracko	93
Greenwood	99	Dandie Belle	98
Rinaldo	95		

Second race, seven furlongs, selling:

Ethel Abbott	97	Atwood	104
Dolbe	98	Instrument	107
The Cure	102	Schenko	107

Third race, Futurity course, selling:

Lady Rhoda	97	Ulema	100
Alice Carey	97	Nullah	100
Hermione	99	Glendenning	102
Algerita	97	Rollick	102
Rustic Girl	97	Mountebank	107
Goddess of Night	98	Ecome	107

Fourth race, one mile and a sixteenth:

Bonjannon	99	Leader	105
Red Cross Nurse	95	Jockey Club	110
Mendon	95	Stagyre	110
Daisy Green	100	Rex MacDonald	113
Southpaw	105		

Fifth race, maiden fillies, five and a half furlongs, selling:

Northwest	99	Taraette	112
Duchess Belle	99	Morello	112
Mae Dunn	104	Rheem	112
Forest Fire	104	War Times	112
Mae Scot	106	Santa Nonna	112
Moalita	109	Shandoria	112
Wheatie	109	Red Bird	112

Sixth race, six furlongs, selling:

Jace Helm	99	E. M. Brattain	102
Mr. Parnam	98	St. Winnifrede	102
Circling Towers	98	Sad Sam	105
Mosquito	99	Master Cal	109
Double Play	100		

Clear and fast.

OAKLAND SELECTIONS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Selections:

First Race—Pass in Boots, Dandie Bell, My Surprise.

Second Race—Dorice, The Cure, Ethel Abbott.

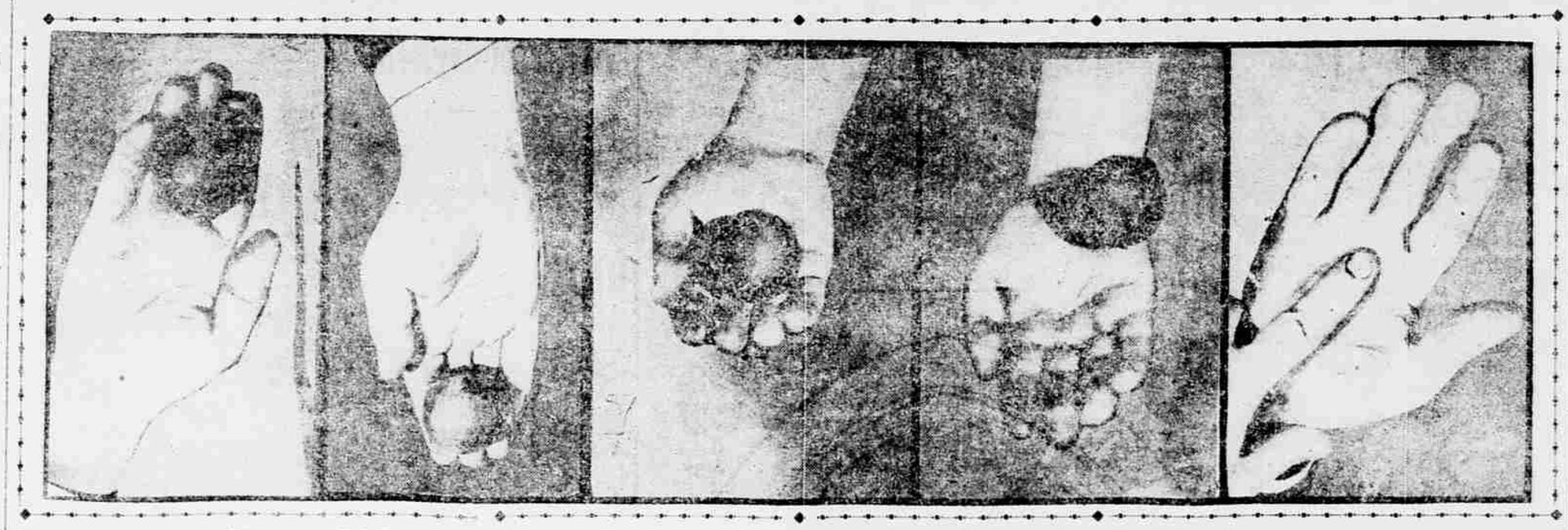
Third Race—Mountebank, Alice Carey, Glendenning.

Fourth Race—Dolbe, Green, Shayne, Lucky Lady.

Fifth Race—Wheatie, Taraette, War Times.

Sixth Race—Mosquito, Sad Sam, E. M. Brattain.

SOME OF THE VARIOUS STROKES USED IN REGULATION HANDBALL PLAYING.



Overhand stroke, never used, but sometimes effective. Ball should be caught at base of hand and made to roll up palm to the position seen here.

Underhand stroke off fingers. Gives ball great and unexpected speed. Especially effective in low fast service, but liable to injure fingers.

Hitting ball at base of second finger. Liable to result in a severe and painful bone bruise, but most probable place of hitting.

Most effective stroke. Ball is caught on pad and with slow swing rolled through hand and over finger tips. Easy motion, but produces great and unlooked-for speed.

Do not allow ball to hit fair at base of second finger when making a hard stroke. It will cause a severe and painful bone bruise and incapacitate you for playing.

Physical Director Barnett of the Missouri Athletic Club says that his readiness for the enlargement and improvement of the handball courts in the club gymnasium had been approved by the management, and that work upon the court would begin next week.

It will not take much time to knock out the changeable wall nearest at the court, and run a partition back some thirty-five feet. Part of the banquet running track will have to be torn up and the floor shortened and knocked a bit out of its present elegant shape. It is a pity, but handball is king of the gymnasium nowadays.

That it will be wise or advisable to build a wall at the back of the court is doubtful. It is well to have spectators cannot see the games unless a gallery is erected. That would close up the entire floor of the gymnasium and cost a deal of money for a temporary improvement. The court could be built without a gallery and the spectators can sit up in it by handball without spectators is just such fun. There would not even be room for a referee. Then spectators are entitled to see the games.

A good job would be to build a back wall semi-circular in form and high, place a raised platform back of it. This might do, but the ball might fall come back well off the wooden surface and if it fell dead, as it very often does off wood, it would be unmanly. Better, it seems that at present the court players will have to be satisfied with a back wall.

The side walls and front wall will be all right, though it may be a trifle too low. Still it will make a very satisfactory and a little court for three or four months, and it can be extensively rebuilt and remodeled in the summer. To make the circumstances comfort or make the court satisfactory for a good game of handball would cost not more than $50. On this court tournaments with tennis, rubber and regulation balls could be held.

FIRST CHAMPIONS OF HANDBALL.

Though handball has been played in Ireland for 2000 years, it is claimed that it was not until the last century that a wall was brought into the game.

There may have been a front wall used, but it is certain that it was not until 1820 that such a thing as a side wall was used in Ireland. In those days the number of players in Ireland was enormous. The population of the island was twice what it is to-day. To be sure, there were good all-round players and no advanced newspaper, no chronicle sporting affairs. But there were champions and cracks, and in spite of lack of the household edification which keeps a diary of the life of the champion of to-day, the names of some of these great handball players have lived in the history of the game.

HAGGS WAS A WONDER.

William Haggs, who flourished in the forties, was the first of Ireland's known handball champions. Haggs may be called the "father of handball." He invented all the tricks and plays of to-day, perfected by the players to come. All the feints, dodging, tricks, curves, twists, screws and low drives, the "kill," etc., were invented by Haggs.

Haggs was a native of Tipperary, the "fighting-est" county in a fighting land. In his days every shebeen, country saloon, tavern, cross-roads, schoolhouse had a handball court attached. Haggs spent his time traveling from one court to another, playing all comers for fun, money or marbles.

His greatest pleasure was to meet an officer of the English army of occupation in Ireland who fancied his game. Five-and-twenty years of Haggs as when he met an Englishman who was ready to make a good bet on himself. Haggs would let him win all but the necessary games of a set, then turn in and win enough to bring him victory, always by a narrow margin.

Finally, when he could not get more bets from the Englishmen, he offered to play the best of them with his feet. With his hands tied Haggs was handily, according to the folklore of Ireland, and cleaned up a huge bet.

BROWNING, A DASHING ATHLETE.

Like John L. Sullivan, Haggs went to the hot ones too often. He was beaten by David Browning, a typical Irish soldier of fortune. Browning was a man of exquisite physical proportions, splendid classical education and most agreeable manner. Not only was he a champion handball player, but a first-class equilibrist, jumper, weight putter, boxer, vaulter, fencer, swimmer and athlete.

He was the acknowledged handball champion from about 1840 to 1865 when he, being at that time fifty-six years old, was beaten by Lawler, but not until he gave that young man a hard tussle. Lawler was champion until Casey beat him in 1881, five years after Casey had defeated Brooklyn Lawler. Casey won six to four games in Carlow. Casey won seven straight games and the match in Brooklyn.

Browning was a daring adventurer and as might be expected of a man of his fun-loving nature, handsome person and heroic attributes, quite a ladies' man. His adventures, fights and escapades with angry fathers, brothers, husbands, lovers, sweethearts, would make a thick volume of interesting reading.

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which is handball with lines drawn on the front wall four feet from the ground, below which the ball may not be driven—was then quite a game in England.

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BILLIARDS.

GALLAGHER DEFEATS FRANK DAY.

Chicago Player in Poor Health, but Runs String of 100 to 97.

Thomas Gallagher defeated Frank Day in the first block of 100 points of their special match at the Grand Billiard Hall yesterday. The final score stood 100 to 97 in favor of Gallagher.

The Chicago player claims that he is not in the best of health, but he managed to average 10 on the afternoon's play, which is above the average at 18-inch balkline, the style of play called for by the conditions of the match.

Doctor Campbell had little trouble in winning last night's class A tournament game from Jordan Lambert. Campbell ran his string of thirty while Lambert was making thirteen. The score:

Campbell—0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 2. Total, 38.

Lambert—1 0 0 1 0 2 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0