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RACES AND MATCHES TO COME.

- ALEXANDRIA, La. Jockey Club Spring Meeting, 4th Tuesday, 23rd March. BALTIMORE, Md. Jockey Club Spring Meeting, 2d Tuesday, 12th May.

On Dits in Sporting Circles.

New Orleans Races.—Col OLIVER, of the Metairie Course, is out with the programme of his Spring Meeting, which is to commence on the 31st instant.

Herald has just arrived at Richmond, Va., from Col. HAMPTON'S stables, Columbia, S. C. He will stand at the Fairfield Course, under the charge of Capt. BELCHER.

Drone, a half brother to Picton, and own brother to Anvil—the sire of Hector Bell, etc., died in Yazoo County, Miss., a short time since, at about 14 years of age.

"Davy Branch."—This fine horse [by Medley, his dam by Sir Charles] who figured conspicuously some years since on the Western Turf, in the hands of P. C. Bush, is now in Texas.

Chicago (Ill.) Races.—The Spring meeting is advertised to commence on Monday, the 1st day of June, and will continue through the week.

WILLIAM B. OGDEN, President. Vice-Presidents—John P. Chapin, Dr. P. Maxwell, B. S. Morris, and L. G. Butler.

The Club own two courses, one of four miles in circuit, and the other of one mile, the latter being situated within the area enclosed by the former.

The Liverpool Grand Steeple Chase was to come off on the 4th inst., the very day the last steamer—the Hibernia—sailed.

The Liverpool Grand National Steeple Chase, which is intended to come off to-day, has, as usual, attracted a large host of fashionables to the Adelphi and elsewhere.

By-the-bye, I had nearly forgot to mention that Lord Howth intends "Switching" the grand prize as far as Ireland; but it will soon be told, and the conquering hero chronicled a Switcher, or not.

Hamilton (Canada West) Races.—Half a dozen attempts were made last season to obtain a report of these races, which came off in November, but to no purpose.

I should like to have you mention that Miss Clash won the Turf Club Purse at this place in November last, two mile heats, beating Rescue, Yellow Rose, and Truxton; time, 3:50—3:49.

Santa Anna "down on his luck."—A Havana correspondent of the "Picayune," in the course of a long letter, gives us the following paragraph, which "the boys" will read with no little interest.

At a little village named Cerro, within three miles of Havana, resides Santa Anna. He has constructed an amphitheatre in his yard, where all the amateurs of the city resort for the purpose of cock-fighting.

The "Spirit" in Louisiana.—In noticing the commencement of the new volume of this paper—the sixteenth—the New Orleans "Native American" remarks to the following effect:—

It is useless to speak of the merits of a paper that is perused with delight in every city, village, and hamlet, from the northern extremity of the Canadas to the southern frontier of Texas.

FIELD, of the St. Louis "Reveille," in speaking of the new volume, says:— "The 'Spirit' is famous all over the country, and too well known and appreciated to need a 'first rate notice in the Boston Post.'"

English Sporting Intelligence.—Under this head our readers will find, on page 56-7, an interesting summary of the news by the Hibernia.

ECLIPSE COURSE, NEW ORLEANS.

Table with race results including names like Harvey Richard's br. m. Highland Mary, and William Cummings' Gray Boy.

GREAT FOOT-RACE AT CHARLESTON.

The following report by Dr. J. B. IRVING, was written for this paper, through our mutual friend, Col. KING, of the Charleston "Courier," obtained a copy of it which appeared in his journal of the 21st instant.

TEN AND A HALF MILES PERFORMED IN THE HOUR!

The foot-race between WILLIAM JACKSON, otherwise called the American Deer, and JOHN GILDERSLEEVE, of the City of New York, both celebrated for their pedestrian feats, came off yesterday on the Washington Course, near our city.

The following is a correct account of the time each man occupied in the first half mile, and in every round after: all things considered, this may be regarded, perhaps, as the best foot race ever made in this country.

Table comparing JACKSON'S TIME and GILDERSLEEVE'S TIME in minutes and seconds for various distances.

After the above race was over, an extra spin of a mile took place for a purse of \$20—for which there were three entries, Joseph Williams, Timothy Dorsey, William Jones.

HAMILTON (U. C.) TROTTING MATCHES.

Table of trotting matches for Tuesday, March 10, 1845, listing names like Mr. Gillespie's b. Steady Tom.

Table of trotting matches for Wednesday, March 11, 1845, listing names like Mr. Fulton's h. Columbus.

The weather was exceedingly fine, and the attendance numerous, particularly of the knowing ones.

Baltimore Races.—Mr. HARE advertises in to-day's paper his Spring Meeting on the Canton (late the Kendall) Course. It is to commence on the 12th of May.

Alexandria (La.) Races.—The Democrat, of the 11th instant, has the following in relation to the races at Alexandria, which commenced on the 24th of this month:—

Col. BEN JOHNSON, of Tennessee, is here, with a string of good uns—Purity, Mat. Murphy, Nancy Gentry, and Louisa Jordan—and Mr. Lecompte will soon be on the ground with an excellent stable.

English Opinions of the American Turf, etc.—The editor of the London "Sunday Times," in the course of a long letter addressed to Lord GEORGE BENTINCK, suggesting various improvements on the present system of racing in England, thus alludes to American horses:—

America is making gigantic strides, and becoming, in its way, a racing country; if their time reports be correct, they heed nothing but clippers. They have as yet shown us nothing but trotters, but those have been extraordinary animals; they have also an equine performance called "racking."

The perfection of speed attained, and the enormous amount of betting practised upon the English Turf, as it is now constituted, has marred the real intentions of the first institutors of racing.

The truth of the speed of our greatest bygone horses can never be ascertained; but, because all is dark as to the past, shall we neglect the future? Is it too late to begin; or will it not, rather be an era in the history of racing, over which you now wield so great a control, to elect a Time-keeper, as we do a Judge, and create a record of the exact time to a fifth of a second, of all winners?

So, John Bull is to take a leaf out of Brother Jonathan's book, after all!

SAYINGS AND DOINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

"Dear Spirit"—Your compositor "knocked the centre pin out" of my paragraph about Dr. HOLLICK and the "privileged body" of Medicos.

Right glad am I to hear of "Acorn" again. He has had a long respite. What pleasure it would give "a fixed number" to kick shins with him in this city, he shall never know until he tries.

MURDOCH passed through here a few days ago, as fine as silk, and exceedingly pleased with his Southern friends. I am told there is a Broker in New Orleans who won't discount a man's note without he will acknowledge "Jim Murdoch" to be the best actor in the world!

Our city, at this present speaking, is rather lively—having in full blast two Theatres—one Vaudeville, and a Circus, together with Concerts, Balls, and Lectures by the "Monk of La Trappe" which are rather rich than otherwise.

There is one thing, however, Peale should correct. His orchestra is about the very worst I have ever heard, and as there are plenty of good musicians in this city, this can easily be remedied.

I have often laughed at the recollection of "Lew Richardson's" celebrated "Thermometer saw"—but I did worse the other day, when I witnessed its practical illustration.

Just say to "Tom Owen" that his friend, "the Doctor with the bad breath," left the country a short time since to consult the celebrated Doctor Carmichael, who preferred going below to being shaved twenty-five per cent on Mississippi money.

This letter is longer than was intended, but you needn't say anything about "the poor blind girl" without you choose.

Yours in claret, GINSENG & SONS.

A Lucky Penny.—At Stamford Hatfield, a lottery was lately founded for three cottages, valued at £20, and the tickets were £1 each. Twenty persons clubbed one shilling each, towards purchasing a ticket, and twelve boys contributed a penny each to make up one of these shillings.